

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Mark 12:35-37 and the Themes of Christ's Lordship, Incarnation, and Salvation

Day 1: The Question That Changes Everything

Reading: Mark 12:35-37 and Psalm 110:1

Devotional: Jesus asked the scribes a question they could not answer: How can the son of David also be David's Lord? The silence that followed was not a failure of intellect but a failure of revelation. The answer is found in the incarnation. Jesus is fully human, born of David's line, and fully God, Lord over all creation. This is not a theological puzzle to be admired from a distance. It is a truth that demands a response. Who is Jesus to you? A teacher? A historical figure? Or is he your Lord? Sit with the question today. Let it press upon you as it pressed upon those crowds in the temple.

Reflection: In what areas of your life have you admired Jesus from a safe distance rather than surrendering to him as Lord?

Practical Application: Write down one area of your life where you have not fully submitted to the lordship of Christ. Bring it before him in prayer today.

Day 2: The Inspired Word and the God Who Stands Behind It

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21

Devotional: Before Jesus quoted Psalm 110, he made a declaration that is easy to overlook. He said that David spoke in the Holy Spirit. Jesus was not merely citing a human poet. He was affirming that God himself was the author behind the words. This matters enormously. When we chip away at the authority of Scripture because a passage makes us uncomfortable, we are not being intellectually honest. We are sawing off the branch we are sitting on. Every word of the Bible carries the weight of the God who breathed it. Stand on it without apology, without embarrassment, and without compromise.

Reflection: Are there passages of Scripture you have quietly set aside because they are difficult or unpopular? What would it look like to trust God's word fully in those areas?

Practical Application: Identify one passage of Scripture you have avoided or minimized. Read it slowly and prayerfully today, asking the Holy Spirit to open your

understanding rather than your defensiveness.

Day 3: Seated at the Right Hand of Power

Reading: Acts 2:29-36 and Revelation 5:1-14

Devotional: When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not disappear into uncertainty. He took his seat at the right hand of the Father, exactly as Psalm 110 promised. Revelation 5 gives us a glimpse of that moment. Every created being fell on its face before the risen Lamb. The scroll of history, the title deed of creation, was placed into his hands because he alone was worthy. This is not a future hope waiting to be confirmed. It is a present reality. Jesus reigns right now. Whatever chaos surrounds your life today, your King is not pacing anxiously. He is seated, sovereign, and in full authority.

Reflection: How does the present, active reign of Jesus change the way you view the difficulties and uncertainties you are currently facing?

Practical Application: Throughout today, when anxiety or fear arises, speak aloud this simple declaration: Jesus is seated at the right hand of power. He reigns over this.

Day 4: Do Not Miss What Is Before You

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25 and Revelation 1:12-18

Devotional: The crowd in Mark 12 heard Jesus gladly but missed the magnitude of what stood before them. They enjoyed the spectacle without grasping the reality that God himself was in their midst. The same danger exists for the church today. We can attend services, sing songs, listen to sermons, and walk away having experienced nothing because we were not truly present before the Lord. Revelation 1 shows us the risen Christ walking among his churches. He is not absent from gathered worship. He is there. When the church assembles on the Lord's Day, something is happening that no livestream, nature walk, or private devotion can fully replicate. Do not waste it.

Reflection: When you gather with the church, are you truly present before God, or are you going through familiar motions?

Practical Application: Before your next church gathering, spend five minutes in quiet preparation. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to his presence and to make you genuinely attentive to what he wants to do among his people.

Day 5: Repent and Receive

Reading: Acts 2:37-41 and Romans 10:9-13

Devotional: When the crowd at Pentecost finally understood who Jesus was and what they had done, they were cut to the heart. Peter's response to their desperation was not condemnation but an open door. Repent and be baptized. Every sin forgiven. The Holy Spirit given. This is the generosity of a God who is rich in mercy. There is no sin too large for the cross to cover. There is no past too dark for the blood of Christ to cleanse. The only thing that closes the door is dying with that door refused. Jesus, seated at the right hand of power, has all authority to forgive you completely. He is offering it right now.

Reflection: Is there a sin or a season of your life you have believed is beyond God's forgiveness? What would it mean to truly receive the mercy he is extending to you today?

Practical Application: If you have never repented and placed your faith in Christ, today is the day. If you have, take time to thank him specifically for the sins he has already forgiven. Then ask him for the grace to extend that same forgiveness to someone who has wronged you.