

Bible Readings Week 173 – w/c 1/3/20

Monday: John 3:1-21 John 3:16 has long been celebrated as a powerful, succinct, declaration of the gospel. The love of God is limitless; it embraces all mankind. No sacrifice was too great. The best that God had to give, he gave – his only Son. How can you use this verse today to share your faith with a non-Christian friend?

Tuesday: Numbers 29:1-40 The sacrifice of so many animals was a demonstration of the richness of God's provision to the Israelites through the years in the wilderness. Significantly, none of it was enough! Not one of these hundreds of thousands of sacrifices over the centuries could ever take away a person's sin; that had to wait until a perfect sacrifice was offered – the sacrifice of Jesus.

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 13:1-14 David's anger at the death of Uzzah was based in confusion. He couldn't understand why Uzzah's good intentions weren't enough. God had forbidden the Levites from touching the ark and Uzzah mistakenly thought that God couldn't take care of the ark himself. God is concerned with both our intentions and our actions. Examine your heart, are your intentions godly?

Thursday: Psalm 119:73-80 Do you wholeheartedly follow God's word (v80)? How many attributes of God can you find in this passage? Use these attributes to praise God today.

Friday: Ezekiel 39:1-29 In the end, when God defeats all the forces of the earth, everyone will know that He is the only true and living God. Knowing what Ezekiel tells us about the end of the world, what should we do to be ready?

Weekend: Philemon 1:1-25 This short book is a masterpiece of grace and tact. It is a demonstration of the power of Christ and of true Christian fellowship in action. Which individual do you identify with most? Do you need to seek forgiveness like Onesimus? Do you need to forgive like Philemon? Or do you need to act as a mediator like Paul? Pray for God's grace and help whatever your circumstances.