

Week 22: June 2 (May 26—June 1)

- David brings Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son, into his house
- David sees Bathsheba, has her brought to his palace - bad decision
- Arranges the death of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband
- She bears a son, who dies; Nathan opens David's eyes to his sin
- Bathsheba bears another son: Solomon
- The horrifying story of Amnon, son of David, and Tamar, David's daughter, Amnon's sister
- Absalom decides to challenge his father for the throne; chases David out of Jerusalem
- Joab finds Absalom and kills him. David grieves for his son
- Joab angrily rebukes David: "You love those who hate you and hate those who love you"
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- Jesus: "I am the vine, you are the branches... bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples"
- "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends"
- "This is my command: Love each other"
- "I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father"
- Jesus completes his words to his disciples and then turns to God in prayer in John 17 - "because you loved me before the creation of the world" (Nicene Creed's focus on the word "begotten")
- Jesus is betrayed and arrested; Peter cuts off the ear of Malchus
- Jesus before Pilate: "the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." To which Pilate responds, "What is truth?"
- Note the timing: *Before* the Passover
- Jesus condemned; in John's gospel, Jesus carries the cross (no Simon of Cyrene)
- Crucified between two others, who say nothing
- At the base of the Cross: "his other, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene"
- "Woman, here is your son...Here is your Mother"
- "I thirst" and then, "It is finished"
- A soldier pierces Jesus side with a spear; not in the other gospels
- Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take Jesus' body down from the cross and put him in a tomb after preparing him for burial
- Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb on Sunday morning by herself; finds it empty and reports it to Peter and "the one Jesus loved"

- In the empty tomb Mary sees “two angels in white”, then Jesus appears behind her, though she thinks him the gardener
- Later that evening, Jesus appears to the gathered disciples, and “showed them his hands and side.” Breathes on them: “Receive the Holy Spirit”.
- Thomas misses this, and refuses to believe their story; wants to see the scars himself. Known forever after as “Doubting Thomas” Fair?
- “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.”
- Psalm 119:73 - “Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.”
- Psalm 119:105 - “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path”
- Proverbs 16:2 - “All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.”
- Proverbs 16:5 - “The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished”
- Proverbs 16:7 - “When the Lord takes pleasure in anyone’s way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them”
- Proverbs 16:9 - “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps”