5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Jesus: Greater Than Everything

Day 1: The Bread That Never Runs Out Reading: John 6:30-40

Devotional: Jesus declared himself the bread of life, calling back to the manna God provided Israel in the wilderness. That daily provision was miraculous, but it was temporary. What Jesus offers is eternal sustenance. Many people move through life perpetually hungry, filling themselves with achievement, approval, and comfort, only to find those things never satisfy for long. Jesus is not offering a supplement to your life. He is offering himself as the source of it. Ask yourself today: where are you feeding from? Sit with this question honestly, and bring your hunger to the one who alone can fill it permanently.

Day 2: Light That Exposes and Saves Reading: John 8:12-20; Isaiah 9:1-2

Devotional: When Jesus declared himself the light of the world, he was not speaking casually. His Jewish listeners understood the weight of that claim. The prophets had foretold a coming light that would pierce deep darkness and bring forgiveness of sin. Jesus stood before them and said plainly: that is me. Light does two things simultaneously. It reveals what is hidden, and it makes a safe path forward possible. The darkness in our lives, whether sin, fear, grief, or confusion, is not stronger than the light Jesus brings. Walk toward him today rather than managing your darkness on your own terms.

Day 3: The Shepherd Who Lays Down His Life Reading: John 10:11-18; Psalm 23

Devotional: Psalm 23 begins with a declaration that has echoed through centuries of human suffering: the Lord is my shepherd. When Jesus stood before his listeners and said he is the good shepherd, he was not borrowing a pleasant metaphor. He was identifying himself as the Lord of that beloved psalm. And then he went further. He said the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. This is not the posture of a great moral teacher. This is the posture of God himself, entering into sacrifice for those he loves. You are not a project he is managing. You are a sheep he died for. Rest in that today.

Day 4: The Resurrection Stands or Everything Falls Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-22

Devotional: Paul wrote with striking directness: if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. There is no softened version of this. Christianity does not function as a philosophy or a moral framework if the resurrection is removed. It collapses entirely. But Paul anchors his argument not in feeling or tradition alone, but in witnesses, more than five hundred of them, most still living at the time of his writing. The resurrection is the hinge on which every claim Jesus made either holds or shatters. It held. Because it held, every promise he made holds with it. Build your day on that foundation.

Day 5: Lord of Every Area Reading: John 14:1-14; Colossians 1:15-20

Devotional: Jesus did not say he was one way among many. He said he is the way, the truth, and the life. That exclusivity is not cruelty. The invitation is open to every person who will come. What closes the door is rejection, not limitation. Colossians describes Jesus as the one in whom all things hold together, the firstborn over all creation, the one in whom the fullness of God dwells. This is not a Jesus who offers good advice for difficult seasons. This is a Jesus who holds authority over every corner of existence, including the corners of your life you have not yet surrendered. Bring those to him today.