

One Year Bible Challenge

Read the whole Bible in one year

Week 17, April 30, 2011: "Obedience"

This week's Reading:

April 23 to 29

Old Testament: Judges 1:1 - 10:18

New Testament: Luke 21:29 - 24:53

Psalms: Psalm 90:1 - 100:5

Proverbs: Proverbs 13:24 - 14:12

Old Testament

During the time of the Judges, the Israelites continued in their cycle of turning from God, suffering the consequences of rebellion; and finally returning to God. Why did the Israelites behave this way? Why did God continue to forgive their serious sins?

Judges 10:6-16 (NASB): [6] Then the sons of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Aram, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the sons of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; thus they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him. [7] The anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Philistines and into the hands of the sons of Ammon. [8] They afflicted and crushed the sons of Israel that year; for eighteen years they afflicted all the sons of Israel who were beyond the Jordan in Gilead in the land of the Amorites. [9] The sons of Ammon crossed the Jordan to fight also against Judah, Benjamin, and the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was greatly distressed. [10] Then the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD, saying, "We have sinned against You, for indeed, we have forsaken our God and served the Baals." [11]

The LORD said to the sons of Israel, "Did I not deliver you from the Egyptians, the Amorites, the sons of Ammon, and the Philistines? [12] "Also when the Sidonians, the Amalekites and the Maonites oppressed you, you cried out to Me, and I delivered you from their hands. [13] "Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will no longer deliver you. [14] "Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your distress." [15] The sons of Israel said to the LORD, "We have sinned, do to us whatever seems good to You; only please deliver us this day." [16] So they put away the foreign gods from among them and served the LORD; and He could bear the misery of Israel no longer.

New Testament

Jesus was tried during the day. The crowd shouted to crucify him during the day. And Jesus was crucified in a public place during daylight. So why did the Jewish Leaders have Jesus arrested at night?

Luke 22:47-53 (ESV): [47] While he was still speaking, there came a crowd, and the man called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He drew near to Jesus to kiss him, [48] but Jesus said to him, "**Judas, would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?**" [49] And when those who were around him saw what would follow, they said, "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?" [50] And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. [51] But Jesus said, "**No more of this!**" And he touched his ear and healed him. [52] Then Jesus said to the chief priests and officers of the temple and elders, who had come out against him, "**Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs? [53] When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**"