

Daily Prayer Guide

Sunday—give thanks that the Lord is still adding new students and the uptake of our courses is increasing.

Monday—please pray that in the year ahead the Trustees will be given wisdom in growing the work of Emmaus.

Tuesday—please pray that new openings may be given to us, in our prison ministry and elsewhere.

Wednesday—give thanks for the new markers who have recently started with us, and for those in training. The fact that they are young gives us confidence for the future.

Thursday—join us in giving thanks for those who have supported us faithfully over the past year—in prayer and financially.

Friday—please pray for all the office staff, for their spiritual and physical wellbeing.

Saturday—give thanks to the Lord. He is such a faithful God and is worthy of all our praise. We can never thank Him enough as we consider all the lovely pictures of Him, painted by Luke.



Do you use facebook? Why not follow us and share our news with your friends? This month we have tried to encourage as many as possible to take up our 3 year Bible Study Course and make 2018 a year of spiritual change!

We are starting a monthly competition—give it a go and let your friends know:
<https://emmausuk.com/online-courses.php>

Would you like me to come and give an update on the work of Emmaus Bible school? Please contact me and I will be happy to pay your local church a visit.

It was with real sadness that we heard of the homecall of our brother John Grice in November. John had served faithfully as the chairman of Trustees for Emmaus over many years and was still actively interested in, and supporting, the work of Emmaus right up to his death. For John, it is of course “far better”, and we can give thanks for a life well lived in the service of the Master.

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Saviour of the World.

450,312,500 dollars or 376,583,735 euros or 336,564,013 pounds is a huge sum of money in whatever currency you use! That was the world record shattering price recently paid for Leonardo da Vinci's picture entitled “Saviour of the World”. OK, call me a Philistine but I don't even think it looks all that good a picture—somewhat faded man crossing his fingers and holding a giant marble! If I was looking for a picture for my living room wall I would much rather have a landscape of the Ogwen valley in North Wales or a sunset over Holy Island, Northumbria! Is the picture worth it? Not in my book!

Now we have in stock a book with a similar title—Saviour of the World! It is a short introduction to the Gospel of Luke. It will take an hour or two to read and complete and the answers can even be returned to us for free via our website. This book is currently free to all students, on the understanding that it will be read and the exams returned to us. Is this worth it? Definitely, in my opinion!

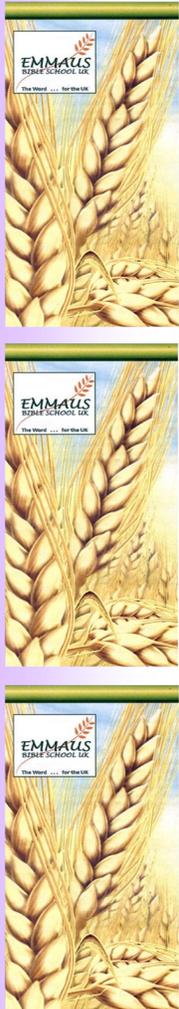
I'm not saying I would rather have the book than the picture if both were offered to me, but whilst one would make me rich in this life, one will help make me rich for eternity and that has far greater value.

The Gospel of Luke shows us pictures of Jesus as the Son of Man, detailing events in His life as He identifies with us in His humanity. One of my favourite pictures Luke paints of the Lord Jesus is in chapter 7 where we read about the two debtors. Neither had anything with which to pay, so we read that the master “frankly forgave them both” (Luke 7:42).

Then we have a wonderful picture in the story of the good Samaritan. What truth is summed up in the words “as he journeyed” (Luke 10:33). Jesus's coming into this world was no mistake of history but was part of a wonderful divine plan, conceived from before the foundation of the world! (1 Peter 1:20) And the Samaritan “came where he was” (v.3). Now what a wonderful Saviour we have who came where we were to lift us out of death and distance and to bring us eternal life.

It is also in Luke's Gospel that we have the picture of the good shepherd painted for us in chapter 15. What depth of suffering and endurance is summed up in those simple words “until he finds it” (v.4). How eternally grateful we shall be that nothing could distract the Lord Jesus from His work of salvation. There was no price too great that He would not pay so that I could be saved!

Three simple pictures, amongst many, painted in words by Luke of the true Saviour of the world. What is He worth? He is priceless!



Jumping In Keeping On Standing Firm

Can you help?

Over the past few months we have produced three invitation cards (half the size of a postcard) to invite new students to get in touch with us and try out studying with Emmaus. Currently we have about 150 courses and looking through the prospectus can be quite intimidating. Where to start?

‘Jumping In’ is suitable for those who have not made a commitment to the Lord but are searching for spiritual answers. ‘Keeping On’ is for those who are young in the faith and will help promote spiritual growth. ‘Standing Firm’ is for those who have been saved for many years and yet have never studied with Emmaus.

We would love it if all our BTW readers would be prepared to take a few each of these cards and distribute them to friends, neighbours and colleagues to encourage them to start studying their Bibles with Emmaus.

If you know of those who might benefit from regular Bible study then please get in contact with us and we will be more than happy to send you some cards!

Happy New year!?

All of us in the office at Emmaus would just like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very happy 2018. Of course, none of us knows how the year ahead will develop. For some already, it may be anything but happy. However, like Samuel in 1 Samuel chapter 7 we can mark our Ebenezer stone and say, “Thus far has the Lord helped us.” The right way to look back is to see how God has always been faithful to His promises and this should give us confidence as we look forward!

STUDENTS’ COMMENTS

“Now I am learning more of God’s word through study and prayer and also asking God to make His word clear to me so I can take it in better. I feel I am closer to Him and therefore finding the study more beneficial by giving me answers and encouragement in daily living. God’s word has all the answers if we are prepared to look for them. I find I am wanting to study more and getting a lot out of it now. There would have been a time when I would not have thought I could have done this.”

Anne, on Women of the Old Testament.

“I love this lesson! It is an absolute gem of a presentation of the Gospel—and so concise! It’s better than many sermon attempts at presenting the Gospel in the churches I’ve been to :) I love the simple distinction between ‘new birth’ and ‘salvation’ which is new to me.”

Jason, a converted atheist on What the Bible Teaches

“This last booklet was timely to say the least! I’m embarrassed about how little I knew about prayer and have been struggling to even know where to begin. So I have enjoyed this book immeasurably. I’ve had a lot of ‘now I get it moments’.”

Mick, on Sense and Nonsense about prayer

“I have a great interest in the Jews and Old Testament prophecy. Having just finished all the prophets some weeks ago, I decided I knew little about the offerings and feasts, so thought I’d get into Leviticus and did so with little interest. However, it is becoming quite intriguing, the detail and differences.....”

Isabel, on Leviticus

“This study has been excellent and to point out just one thing that has helped me, in my case, is impossible. Thanks for such an inspiring study—it has been a constructive and pleasurable one to do.”

Basil, on James

“Thank you so much for sending me two Bible studies. I enclose ‘In the Beginning’ - a very interesting and thorough explanation of the wonderful creation. Every Christian should be encouraged to do this course. I am truly staggered by the diversity of this world.”

Teresa, on In the Beginning