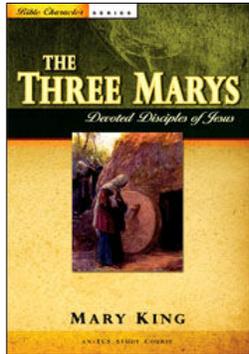


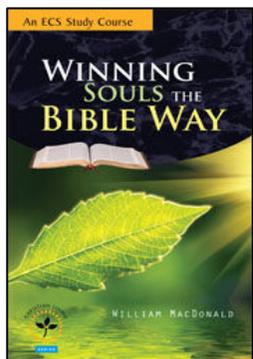
## KEEP GOING

There are so many demands on our time these days that it is essential to set aside time for the study of God's word. If you have not kept up with your Bible Study for a while, could we encourage you to keep going, for time spent with God is time well spent.



£3.00  
inc. p&p.

Perhaps you are not doing an Emmaus course at the moment and you may, therefore, like to use one of these to help and challenge you in your life for the Lord.



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# Daily Prayer Guide

## Sunday

Pray for the Lord's over-ruling in relation to the future of our premises.

## Monday

Pray for Emmaus worldwide, that the Lord will bless the many students who are studying His word, often in difficult conditions.

## Tuesday

Pray for the efforts being made to expand the prison work, that more Chaplains will allow the courses into the prisons.

## Wednesday

Continue to pray for Emmaus Centres around the country that they may increase and be used of the Lord to interest others in the study of the scriptures.

## Thursday

Pray for Makar in Bulgaria that he may continue to be encouraged in the work.

## Friday

Remember John Heron, one of our Trustees, and his deputation work in Silloth and Maryport (Cumbria) and also in Longhorsley (Northumberland) and Dumfries during April and May.

## Saturday

Pray for wisdom for those who mark the courses and correspond with students.



# By the Way

Emmaus Bible School Newsletter and Prayer Guide  
March 2013

## KEEP RUNNING

*'let us run with patience the race that is set before us'* Heb 12.1

**Rules** - keep to the teachings of scripture and so avoid disqualification.

**Athletes** - run with, not against others and so encourage them onwards.

**Course** - can be steep and winding so depend on divine resources.

**End** - keep your eyes on the goal; finish well and so obtain the prize.

## THE PRISON WORK

It was in 1981 that Harold Catlow, the Director of Emmaus Bible School invited me to help at the School. This was an invitation that was to change my life. I was first introduced to the Emmaus courses by an Army Scripture Reader, John Baker, whilst my husband was in the army in Scotland. In time we used the courses amongst the soldiers and in the Sunday School work as well as amongst the wives when we were in Germany.

It was in 1984 that I began to mark courses for prisoners and visited HMP Preston with Michael Hemming and Alan Salisbury and I began to see that those who were imprisoned for many reasons were people not just numbers. After this Michael and I visited HMP Strangeways every 3 months for many years whilst Noel Proctor was the chaplain there. It has been a real privilege to have been 'a link in the chain' in many lives over the years and to see lives transformed by the power of God.

Whenever possible I have gone to many prisons to present the students with their special certificates. For many it is the only award they have ever received. This month I have been able to visit HMP Wymott and HMP Moorland. Over the past year it has been wonderful to see the interest amongst young offenders, especially in HMYOI Hindley.

At the moment I have students who have completed over 100 courses, for some it has taken 10 years for others 3-4 years - some released and some still in prison. As we continue to sow the Word of God we know that souls will be saved.

Muriel Rimmer

## COMMENTS FROM STUDENTS

**Sandra** (Birkenhead) *Now Hear Peter*, says 'I found this course very thought provoking, some questions very hard, but it really made me think deeply into my relationship with God.'

**Stephen**, (HMP) *Men Who Met the Master*, writes 'The dying thief at his last moment gave his heart to the Lord and the power of the Lord saved him. So the only way for me is to repent.' (Before, he thought only good people went to heaven)

**Elizabeth**, *Lessons for Christian Living*, 'It is an excellent course, clearly expressed with relevant references - one also learns from the multi-choice questions.'

## FACTS and FIGURES

**In 2011, 1,454,380 Emmaus courses were distributed in 97 countries with 1,046,199 (72%) returned for marking.**

CONTINENT	COURSES DISTRIBUTED	% RETURNED
Africa	810,000	82
North America	390,000	61
Central America	82,000	70
Europe	80,000	39
Asia	54,000	63
South America	25,500	58
Oceania	7,600	55

These figures illustrate the contrast between the explosive growth in Africa and the hardened post-Christian culture in Europe.

Source: The ECS Connection, Spring 2013

## TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

Find the name of -

- Noah's father.
- the slave who ran away
- the last king of Judah
- the island of Paul's shipwreck
- the first of the judges
- Moses' sister
- a son of Seth
- a ruler of the synagogue
- the father of James and John
- the first river in Eden

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m	o	r	n	e	t	u	s	e
e	e	d	e	b	e	z	s	z
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## NEW STUDY PROGRAMME

As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we now have to charge for all courses but we have been able to greatly reduce the cost. Courses which go into prisons remain free and this is where most of our work is done.

We are working on a new Prospectus which will give full details of what we can offer. Meanwhile here is a brief summary of what is intended.

### 1. The Study Programme

There will be four levels of study with six courses in each. Three of these six will be compulsory and the other three will be the student's own choice from a given list. Courses will be taken from all of the present areas of study ie Salvation Studies, Foundation Studies, Christian Living Studies, Biblical Studies, Doctrinal Studies and Topical Studies.

### 2. The 'Associate Diploma' Programme

This will remain in its present form of four parts, covering the books of the Old and New Testaments.

### 3. The Study Series

These are made up of courses which are grouped together. For example a series on Prophecy would include Bible Prophecy, Messianic Psalms, Daniel, Thessalonians and Revelation. A series on Bible Survey would include Summary of the Bible, O/T Law and History, O/T Poetry and Prophecy and New Testament Survey.

### 4. Individual Course Study

Outside of the above programmes, students can take any individual course of their choice.

We also anticipate introducing new courses which will cover topics not already covered.

### HELPFUL WEBSITES

There are numerous websites available with helpful material for Bible study. Here are three.

[www.creation.com](http://www.creation.com)  
[www.GotQuestions.org](http://www.GotQuestions.org)  
[www.jstl.org.uk](http://www.jstl.org.uk)

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