

## Bible Readings Book by Book week 21 – w/c 27/3/22

### Week 21

**Monday: Matthew 11:1-19.** Prison raised some doubts for John but Jesus stirs his faith. In times of discouragement and doubt, what renews your faith?

**Tuesday: Matthew 11:20-30.** In verses 28-30 Jesus reveals that living as a Christian should relieve our stress and not add to it! Are you carrying his “light and easy yoke” or bearing burdens he never intended you to carry alone?

**Wednesday: Matthew 12:1-21.** In declaring himself Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus was declaring himself as equal with God. Healing the man was a demonstration of this. There are many other truths about Jesus revealed in today’s reading. Find some you can praise and give thanks for!

**Thursday: Matthew 12:22-50.** In verses 43-45 Jesus tells a parable about the spiritual state of his generation. By his message of healing, he had swept out the demon, but the Holy Spirit was not invited in, so evil returned in greater power. Pray for our generation that we would see lives changed.

**Friday: Matthew 13:1-23.** In this famous parable, only one out of four types of “soil” become genuine disciples. Two others appear to do so but do not produce fruit. All disciples produce fruit but not all to the same extent. What are you doing to increase your fruitfulness as a disciple?

**Weekend: Matthew 13:24-43.** In each of these parables, seeds and yeast are examples of things that work often out of sight to produce important results. In what ways have you seen this principle at work in your own life or the life of others – something small and apparently insignificant making a major impact?