

Scripture Reading

Matthew 7:24-27 (PassionNTPsa)

²⁴ “Everyone who hears my teaching and applies it to his life can be compared to a wise man who built his house on an unshakable foundation. ²⁵ When the rains fell and the flood came, with fierce winds beating upon his house, it stood firm because of its strong foundation. ²⁶ “But everyone who hears my teaching and does not apply it to his life can be compared to a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ When it rained and rained and the flood came, with wind and waves beating upon his house, it collapsed and was swept away.”

Act 1 – The Good Creation

Genesis 1:31 (NIV)

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning--the sixth day.

Act 2 – The Rebellion of Humans against God’s good purposes for creation

Genesis 3:6-7 (NIV)

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Act 3 – The Call of Israel to be the Tabernacle People

Exodus 25:8-9 (NIV)

⁸ "Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Act 4 – Jesus

John 1:14 (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Act 5 – From the Resurrection to the Second Coming

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NIV)

¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

Revelation 21:1-3 (NIV)

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God."