



## REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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Explore scriptures and daily devotionals that reflect on this Sunday's sermon message.  
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**January 19-25, 2026**

**Sermon Series: "The Time Has Come"**

**Sermon Title: "Jesus is Lord" by Bishop Tom Berlin**

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals,  
make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

### **Questions for small groups and individual reflection:**

1. We do all this as we follow the example of Jesus. Review the times in his life where Jesus put the interests of others above his own.
2. This week, we are speaking about what it means to say "Jesus is Lord." This passage from Philippians gives us a starting place. Jesus used his Lordship to kneel down and serve. Does this offer an example of ways you can lead in your workplace, family, and other locations?
3. Jesus sets the example for life in the Kingdom of God. He humbles himself, and God ultimately raises him up (Philippians 2:9-12). Describe what life in this world would look like if all the citizens of the kingdom acted like this.

### **Monday, January 19: Read Mark 2:5-11**

This Sunday, Reville welcomes Bishop Tom Berlin to deliver a vital message during our study of the Kingdom of God: the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In our sermons and small group studies for the past two weeks, we have started to explore the concept of the Kingdom of God as an imminent reality that promises hope – hope of joy, peace, justice, beauty, and love. It's the hope that things will get better. As Christians, we recognize Jesus as the ultimate authority on earth – a concept that got Jesus in trouble with the Jewish authorities, as we read in today's scripture, but the central position around which we stake our hope in a kingdom that reflects the character of its leader. This week, we will dive more deeply into the character of Jesus and the hope and power it can give us to know that Jesus is Lord of the kingdom to which we belong and will inherit.

➤ **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what it means to you that Jesus is Lord of the Kingdom of God.*

## **Tuesday, January 20: Read Philippians 2:1-11**

Today's scripture gives us a great foundation for our exploration of what it means to say "Jesus is Lord." Paul's description of the character of Christ – one of humility, obedience, and self-sacrifice – gives us the example to follow to aspire to a life of unity and love with one another, where we "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit," valuing others above ourselves, as Christ valued each of us over his own life. How are we doing with this today, as individuals and a society? How could placing Jesus more fully as our ultimate teacher, Lord, and savior help us grow into this ideal?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Take a personal inventory of your time, energy, and resources. How much of it is spent on "selfish ambition" as opposed to lifting others above yourself? What could be influencing you, for better and for worse?*

## **Wednesday, January 21: Read John 18:28-36**

We turn today to a part of the scripture we read on Good Friday, where Jesus is before Pontius Pilate, accused of blasphemy by the Jewish leaders who demand his execution. Perhaps the most damning accusation against Jesus was calling himself a "king." Yet Jesus uttered the now-famous words, "My kingdom is not of this world...but now my kingdom is from another place." What did Jesus mean by this? How does Jesus's lordship differ from those we see throughout history and around us today?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research more about the political structure of Roman Palestine and the Sanhedrin, looking for reasons why leaders would be so upset about Jesus being called "king."*

## **Thursday, January 22: Read Jeremiah 23:5-6**

Much has been said about the "state of the world today." Many find it hard to have hope that things will get better. However, today's troubles might have a hard time competing with the troubles facing the Jewish people during the life of the prophet Jeremiah – war, famine, exile, and terrible, terrible leadership. Yet Jeremiah offers hope: "The days are coming..." That hope begins with a King, a savior, who will be called "The Lord Our Righteous Savior." When have you felt hope with the coming of a new leader? How much more hope can we have with the coming of Christ and the Kingdom of God?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what you believe to be the relationship between hope and leadership. What does this have to do with Christ?*

## **Friday, January 23: Read Isaiah 61:1-6**

So what is our role in all of this, here and now? We are to proclaim hope. Proclaim love. Proclaim the Good News. It's so easy to get caught up in the negativity around us, sometimes propagated by people using Christ's name. By drawing close to the life, teachings, and person of Christ, we can proceed with the clarity and power of hope in the coming Kingdom of God led by Christ our Lord who sees the brokenhearted, cares for the poor, frees the captives, welcomes the stranger, and calls all of us God's children, equal under God and brought together in unity and love. This is the kingdom in which we shall live, now and forever, and this is the Lord we serve.

- **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss ways your family, small group, or study can play a more active role in spreading hope and light, staying out of the dark and despair plaguing so much of our country and world today.*

## **Saturday, January 24: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Isaiah 61:1**

"The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners."

**Sunday, January 25: Let us prepare our hearts and minds with our Prayer of Confession:** *Gracious Lord, forgive our sin. This day, we gather around the truth that Jesus is Lord, but we have given ourselves to so many lesser things. Instead of seeking your kingdom first, we seek our own. Instead of pursuing your righteousness, we strive to put our own needs first. Forgive our distractions. As we worship, draw our souls to you and you alone, for we are prone to wander. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.*