



# Daily Devotions

## The 7 Arrows of Bible Reading



### Day 1

**John 20:19-20**

One look at the risen Savior and the disposition of the disciples changed immediately.

Knowing the truth of the resurrection and trusting Jesus to fulfill all of His promises results in peace and joy. These characteristics should be the marks of a Christian who fully understands the depths from which they have been saved and the victory that is sure in Jesus!

Christ is our peace and has secured our eternity (Eph. 2:14; 1 Pet. 1:3-5). There is nothing for us to fear because we trust that He is in control and powerful over all things. He is our joy because He is also our goal, as we fix our eyes on Him and enjoy a relationship with Him today that will be perfected in eternity. Death loses its sting and frustrations lose their pain in light of what He has promised for those who love Him.

We don't have to live as the world does with cynicism, chaotic busyness, negativity, and complaints. We can enjoy every breath God gives us with joy and rest in peace because Jesus is Savior and Lord, reigning over all and interceding on our behalf. We know that a day is coming when we will be with Him in the fullness of His kingdom.

- **What does your attitude reveal about your beliefs?**

### Day 2

**John 20:21-23**

Jesus was sent by the Father to reveal His plan to reconcile people to Himself. Jesus humbled Himself and willingly died on a cross to pay the penalty we deserved for our sin. Yet, as He was sent, so are we.

We are sent as lights into a dark world to announce God's plan of reconciliation, the good news of Jesus! This doesn't mean that every person should prepare for international missions as soon as they become a

Christian, but it does mean that every Christian is called to be a missionary in the context of their daily lives. Thankfully, this isn't an instruction we complete on our own. It is through the Holy Spirit's power that we may offer the good news of salvation through Jesus. Every believer is to live a "sent" life, proclaiming Jesus as Savior and forgiveness of sin offered through Him.

- **Are you living "sent"—intentionally seeking opportunities to share the gospel? Why or why not?**

### Day 3

**John 20:24-29**

Jesus didn't shun Thomas for his unbelief. Instead, He invited him to touch the wounds in His hands and side as proof of His resurrection. Thomas saw and had faith. Although we don't get to see and touch the wounds of Jesus as testimony to His resurrection, we don't trust blindly. Our faith is seeing faith through the eyes of those who saw the risen Savior like Thomas. He proclaimed the truth of the gospel message in his response, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus was indeed who He said He was: He was the Son of God who would die for sin and rise again, defeating it forever. This is the substance of our faith. We may not see with our eyes, but we live as those who trust in faith the same truths Thomas realized. Jesus is risen!

- **How does the historical reality of Jesus' resurrection affect your everyday faith?**

### Day 4

**John 20:30-31**

Don't you wish we had record of every sign and every statement of Jesus? Yet, as John 21:25 says, "If every one of them were written down, I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written."

The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) reveal to us the truth about Jesus: His life, death, resurrection, and ascension and are sufficient to reveal that He is the Son of God and is to be trusted as Savior and Lord.

John revealed why he chose to include what he did in verse 31. Believing the good news brings life in His name!

This was John's goal in writing and also should be our goal in living. May every moment of our lives point others to the One who can save and redeem.

- **What steps can you take to make your life more oriented to show others the truth about Jesus?**

### Day 5

**John 21:1-23**

Jesus revealed Himself to hundreds of people during the forty days between His resurrection and His ascension (1 Cor. 15:6), but one of the most moving moments is when Jesus restores Peter. Peter had denied knowing Jesus three times after He was arrested (Luke 22:54-62), a fact that surely brought shame on Peter. His name means "rock," but he was far from immovable in this account.

Yet, three times Jesus asked Peter if He loves Him. Jesus expressed to Peter that the way he could show his love was to feed Jesus' sheep. Of course, Jesus didn't have a flock of fluffy sheep to care for, but a growing group of followers who would need a shepherd.

Peter would need to be a wise shepherd. This is also a way we proclaim our love for Jesus today.

- **What does it look like practically for us to feed Jesus' sheep?**