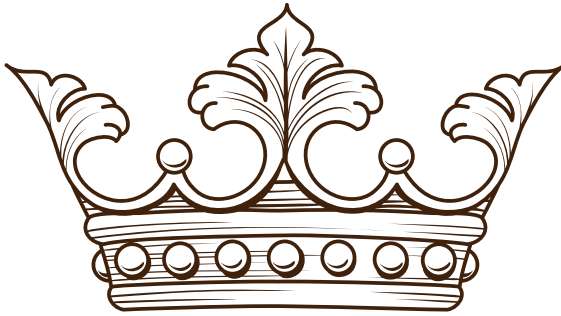


THE BREAD OF LIFE 2011



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Messiah of Eau Claire during 2007,
including:

Gospel
Old Testament/Epistle
& Sermon texts

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May our Lord Jesus bless you richly
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— JANUARY —

Date	Scripture	Thought prompted by the text	Hymn
1	Psalm 121	Jehovah is our Attendant throughout the year.	120
3	Isaiah 40:25-31	Let us truly wait on the LORD this year!	118
4	Matthew 2:13-23	The master Strategist outmaneuvers Herod.	131
5	Luke 2:21-40	Simeon and Anna are wonderful role-models.	122
6	Luke 13:6-9	Jesus, don't let us die on the vine this year!	119
7	Galatians 4:4-7	Jesus gets us back into God's family circle.	343
8	Psalm 90	So teach us to number our days...in wisdom.	433
10	Isaiah 2:2-5	Thwarting Satan, the Kingdom of God progresses.	341
11	Isaiah 60:1-6	We embrace His shining Light in our hearts.	126
12	Matthew 2:1-12	God has helpers to direct souls to Bethlehem.	281
13	Matthew 12:14-21	Popular fanfare sometimes distracted Him.	129
14	John 8:1-12	Take a good, long look! See the Savior!	361
15	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	God is still/always doing His miracles!	355
17	Psalm 84:1-12	Our Brother championed over Satan for us.	480
18	Luke 2:42-52	He persevered with His heavenly business.	408
19	Matthew 12:22-28	His heart was bonded to His Father's will.	345
20	John 7:14-18	If anyone wants to do God's will, he will know...	398
21	Romans 12:1-5	Just as lungs and bones belong to a body...	435
22	Hebrews 2:11-16	God works a total transfusion/reformation.	433
24	Luke 19:1-10	Is my home hallowed by Jesus within it?	394
25	John 2:1-11	Is Jesus an honored guest in my home?	624
26	John 4:5-26	He brought the Truth to bear on her life.	277
27	Romans 12:6-16	Our relationships, emotions, service. . . .	385
28	Ephesians 6:1-4	All the more reason to invite Jesus in. . .	325
29	2 Timothy 1:3-5	Christian nurture goes on and on and on.	631
31	Matthew 8:1-13	Lord, if You are willing, You can heal me.	415

— FEBRUARY —

1	Matthew 8:14-17	Come to Me, all you who are heavy laden!	415
2	John 4:27-42	She didn't need more men in her life, but LIFE!	502
3	Romans 12:17-21	How hearts work when warmed enough...	464
4	Thessalonians 2:13-17	This prayer could well be our own.	459
5	Hebrews 11:1-22	Take God at His Word, expecting. . . .	614
7	Matthew 8:23-27	God controls gravity, wind, and waves.	649
8	Matthew 14:22-33	Jesus reached out to rescue a sinker.	297

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9	John 6:63-69	Jesus is still with us in His words of life.	267
10	Romans 13:8-10	We bank on Jesus to carry our debt for us.	389
11	2 Timothy 1:7-10	Entrusting our souls to Jesus, we can relax.	209
<u>12</u>	Hebrews 11:23-40	Let's get acquainted with our relatives!	463
14	Mark 4:26-29	God gives growth and provides the harvest.	438
15	Matthew 13:24-30	Angels have superior skill/perceptivity.	610
16	Mark 9:38-41	We neither join nor hinder sectarian preachers.	489
17	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Seek to reflect your unity with Jesus!	462
18	Ephesians 4:11-16	We need all the help we can get.	470
<u>19</u>	Colossians 3:12-17	We work-out with practice partners.	481
21	Mark 13:32-37	Gone in a flash! Taken home! Reunion!	616
22	Matthew 25:1-13	It will get too late to start shopping.	609
23	Psalms 104:24-35	Our Creator supports His/our universe.	17
24	Genesis 21:22-34	The child of God settles disputes.	453
25	Genesis 22:1-14	In some ways Isaac is a type of Jesus.	409
<u>26</u>	Matthew 12:46-50	Jesus says we are His closest relatives.	400
28	Ephesians 5:22-33	Love has always been the cure-all.	351

— MARCH —

1	Genesis 22:15-24	God worked it all out, didn't He?	428
2	Genesis 23:1-20	No haggling over a cemetery plot	601
3	Daniel 6:10-23	Resist the Devil, the real danger!	427
4	Luke 4:38-44	Unbelievers are not God's witnesses.	482
<u>5</u>	John 4:1-14	Who thirsts for the Water of Life?	281
7	Matthew 14:22-33	Without Jesus life is a rough trip.	233
8	John 4:15-26	Jesus was surely getting personal!	276
9	Ash Wed: Matthew 24:32-44	Our world's final calendar date is??	611
10	John 16:12-15	We believe and teach verbal inspiration.	231
11	Romans 8:1-11	The Holy Spirit versus our human nature.	201
<u>12</u>	Psalms 139:1-12	Nobody needs to go to hell.	330
<u>14</u>	2 Peter 3:3-13	God is delaying so as to save more souls.	321
15	Revelation 22:10-20	Many drown in the deluge of worldliness.	264
16	Matthew 4:1-11	Why was Jesus always so self-sacrificing?	152
17	Luke 10:17-20	Pastors are salvaged from the garbage, too.	418

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18	Matthew 16:21-23	Suffering was His calling and His badge.	367
19	2 Corinthians 6:1-10	We are already IN God's salvation!	32
21	Hebrews 4:14-16	Jesus, please get me through this crisis!	531
22	James 1:12-15	Satan weakens us; God strengthens us.	532
23	Genesis 32:24-29	Life was never again the same for Jacob.	434
24	Matthew 15:21-28	She brought Jesus to the rescue.	348
25	Mark 9:14-32	Many problems are beyond our personal skills.	345
26	Luke 7:36-50	God's forgiveness precedes our thankfulness.	379
28	1 Thessalonians 4:1-7	This is God's will for our welfare.	400
29	Hebrews 5:5-10	Jesus' perfection compensates for our sins.	385
30	Psalms 116:1-19	Can we identify the psalm's three speakers?	600
31	Luke 22:31-38	Such self-assurance is Satan's workshop.	516

— APRIL —

1	Matthew 26:36-46	Don't sleep away your hours with Jesus.	163
2	Ephesians 5:1-10	We enjoy living in/with Jesus' love.	342
4	Psalms 42	Let us daily cross-examine our hearts.	150
5	Mark 14:43-50	When will Judas meet Jesus again?	604
6	Matthew 26:59-66	Our Substitute cares about our souls!	140
7	Romans 6:19-23	Jesus paid up and pulls us to heaven.	370
8	Galatians 4:21-31	In Jesus we avoid the legal nightmare!	374
9	John 18:15-27	Lord Jesus, bless our cross-examination!	390
11	Psalms 69:6-21	Thanks, Jesus, for Your integrity and devotion!	173
12	Luke 23:1-12	We share in degree and in substance.	326
13	Matthew 27:15-26	Jesus took our place on the cross.	141
14	John 19:1-16	How human Pilate was (and so are we)!	144
15	2 Corinthians 1:3-7	The Spirit puts in valuable overtime work.	225
16	Hebrews 9:11-15	We're not Jewish, but it works for us, too.	220
18	Hebrews 8:8-12	Which contract with God would you prefer?	371
19	John 6:32-35	Picture language: Jesus sustains our souls.	277
20	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Jesus DID what had to GET DONE!	153
21	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Remember what it cost Him!	164
22	Good Friday: Luke 23:32-43	Enough sacrifice to suffice.	177
23	Philippians 2:5-11	First the sacrifice; then the glory.	222
24	Easter Sunday: Matthew 27:62-66	Leave the cemetery!	192
25	Mark 16:1-8	Jesus/Easter has turned the world right-side up.	198
26	Matthew 28:1-15	Angel truth trumps human unbelief.	203

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27	John 20:1-18	We too recognize Jesus by His voice/Word.	188
28	1 Corinthians 15:1-19	Our future is founded on Christ's past.	193
29	1 Corinthians 15:20-34	Jesus fixed everything Adam wrecked.	369
30	1 Peter 1:18-23	Not embalmed, but enshrined in our hearts.	158

— MAY —

2	John 20:19-31	Sight and touch must give way to His Word.	231
3	John 21:1-14	Jesus' agenda includes being our Companion.	200
4	John 21:15-23	Peter hit bottom before he could be useful.	648
5	Acts 3:12-20	Fast-forward: Peter minces no words.	228
6	Acts 13:32-41	Jesus is the Holy One of Psalm 16.	564
7	1 John 5:4-12	God saves souls one person at a time.	411
9	Psalm 23	We know our Shepherd, and He knows us.	368
10	Matthew 9:35-38	He knows all about sheep led astray, too.	320
11	John 10:1-10	The Kingdom of heaven is at hand for me, too.	318
12	John 10:11-16	Unbelievers will have to take it up with God.	608
13	Hebrews 13:20-21	From the valley of death up the other side.	51
14	1 Peter 2:21-25	Sheep should stay on the only safe path.	144
16	John 14:1-12	His destinations: first to Galilee, then to heaven.	5
17	John 16:16-23	"I will see you again, and we will live together."	24
18	John 17:1-8	Jesus was authorized by the highest Authority.	34
19	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	What persecution do we suffer?	44
20	1 Peter 1:3-9	Do you lack any of these blessings?	51
21	1 Peter 2:11-20	We owe our children godly leadership.	630
23	John 15:9-17	We hold each other close while Jesus is away.	37
24	John 16:5-15	Oh, Friend from heaven, keep us straight!	227
25	John 17:9-17	Sanctify us by our faithful use of Your Word!	283
26	Hebrews 13:11-16	Bonded to Jesus, we love to please Him.	399
27	James 1:16-21	We have documentation for our adoption.	397
28	1 John 3:18-24	We rely on God giving us a good standing.	395
30	Numbers 6:22-27	Both His blessing and our prayer.	50
31	Luke 11:1-13	God's business first; our welfare second.	454

— JUNE —

Date	Scripture	Thought prompted by the text	Hymn
1	John 16:24-33	No good reason to be a stranger to Jesus.	21
2	Ascension Psalm 110:1-3	Preview of the historical event.	223
3	Romans 8:31-39	WITH Jesus in control, all systems are GO!	47
<u>4</u>	Hebrews 7:20-28	Fully qualified as our great High-Priest.	220
6	Acts 16:6-10	God has saving, sanctifying priorities.	495
7	Acts 16:11-15	The Lord opened doors and hearts.	493
8	John 17:20-26	We are proud to be God's children.	428
9	1 John 1:1-10	We have not seen/touched, but we have heard.	371
10	Rev. 22:6-11	We are proud to keep the words of this Book.	266
11	Rev. 22:12-21	Jesus has His hand on the doorknob!	343
12	Pentecost Acts 2:37-47	His promise to you and your children.	231
13	John 7:37-39	Jesus can rescue souls from mummification.	230
14	John 14:15-21	We thrive in His sunlight.	234
15	John 14:23-31	His Word is our connecting linkage to Him.	264
16	Acts 2:1-15	A good place for fast, solid growth is . . . ?	296
17	Acts 2:16-28	Every day of the year is a day of salvation.	227
18	Acts 2:29-37	How can such crookedness become straight?	362
19	Trinity Sunday Romans 1:7	Grace and peace to you!	251
20	Genesis 1:1-25	Is the Universe Trinitarian? (Cf. John 1:1-5)	9
21	Genesis 1:26-31	God stamped humankind with His genetics.	21
22	Acts 2:38-41	The Holy Spirit is coaxing/urging us also.	27
23	1 Corinthians 2:6-11	God copes with doped-up humanity.	31
24	2 Corinthians 13:14	The Trinity is working on us/for us.	248
<u>25</u>	1 John 4:12-16	God's love has made our lives livable.	537
27	Genesis 2:1-7	The week closed with a day special to Himself.	20
28	Genesis 2:15-25	With Eve human society was born.	622
29	Psalms 78:1-7	Godly parents and children are co-heirs.	626
30	Luke 17:20-21	Is the Kingdom of God among us? Yes!	336

— JULY —

1	Acts 2:42-27	Can Satan be thwarted in our congregation?	332
<u>2</u>	Hebrews 10:22-25	We know how it works! Praise the Lord!	412
4	Genesis 3	Discrediting God's Word is the primal sin.	261
5	Genesis 4	What makes the world a better place to live in?	292
6	Jeremiah 7:17-29	Was Israel any better than the heathen?	461
7	John 5:18-24	Note: Jesus gives pre-eminence to His Word!	265

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8	Acts 3:1-10	Jesus stands powerfully behind His Name!	346
<u>9</u>	2 Corinthians 13:8	Nothing against, but always for the Truth!	296
11	Genesis 5	All were born and all died in the image of Adam.	269
12	Genesis 6	From bad to worse; then God salvaged some.	530
13	John 5:39-47	Moses said enough to identify Jesus.	284
14	Matthew 5:13-16	Are you a good, old-fashioned preservative?	536
15	Acts 4:8-22	Peter sprinkled salt and struck sparks.	260
<u>16</u>	2 Timothy 3:14-17	Parents/grandparents bring us blessings.	625
18	Genesis 7	The Ark provided refuge for air-breathing creatures.	121
19	Genesis 8	for over a year; then they repopulated the planet.	123
20	Matthew 7:24-27	Don't skimp on your soul's foundations!	335
21	John 6:47-51	Our souls feed on heavenly nutrition/Jesus.	36
22	Acts 5:12-21	The apostles became Jesus' hand-tools.	492
<u>23</u>	1 Timothy 1:12-20	God's grace is deep enough to salvage.	374
25	Genesis 9	Our world is a shadow of its former self.	430
26	Genesis 10	These are the forefathers of today's races.	497
27	Matthew 5:43-48	God cares about the ungodly, too.	657
28	John 10:22-30	Jesus is still superior to world and Satan.	246
29	Acts 6:1-7	Love finds a way to deal with racial diversity.	468
<u>30</u>	1 John 1:8-10	God's faithfulness is big enough to include us.	373

— AUGUST —

1	Genesis 11	A nationalist social agenda vs. God Almighty.	581
2	Genesis 12:1-9	Courage arises from trust in God's promises.	417
3	Matthew 6:22-25	The world enslaves, but the Lord liberates.	141
4	John 8:31-36	Out of jail via the Word of the Lord Jesus.	350
5	Acts 5:34-42	Fence-sitters are in an awkward position.	278
<u>6</u>	Hebrews 13:11-17	Our daily living IS living in His Word.	262
8	Genesis 12:10-20	An honorable heathen shamed Abram.	48
9	Genesis 13	God deals with Bethel, Sodom, and Hebron.	40
10	Matthew 6:1-8	Selfish deeds serve a selfish heart.	446
11	Matthew 16:13-20	Not seeking information, but commitment.	396
12	Acts 7:54-59	Jesus to the rescue! Stephen was delivered!	257
<u>13</u>	Hebrews 13:7-9	Some memorials have hearts and hands.	116
15	Genesis 14	Wars and strife come from wicked hearts.	7
16	Genesis 15	Trust in God provides access to His holiness.	437

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17	Matthew 6:19-21	Where is your treasure, dear reader?	48
18	Matthew 9:9-13	Matt's social blunder brought him salvation.	3
19	Acts 8:13-25	God is a giver, not a bargainer.	23
<u>20</u>	Romans 8:5-11	God wants us to know where we belong.	372
22	Genesis 16	The Arabs have a checkered past.	500
23	Genesis 17	God's contract had generous terms,	403
24	Genesis 37:4-11	but some heirs were not so generous.	328
25	Luke 12:42-48	To whom much has been committed...	398
26	Acts 8:26-38	A Bible searcher is given a Bible teacher.	16
<u>27</u>	Romans 6:15-23	Sin-slavery pays off with death!	334
29	Genesis 18:1-15	His promise was nothing to snicker at.	339
30	Genesis 18:16-33	Prayer can extend the time of grace.	504
31	1 Samuel 19:1-7	We can speak up for others, too.	519

— SEPTEMBER —

1	Luke 13:31-35	Jesus favored an enemy with the Truth.	340
2	Acts 9:1-8	We want to know how to serve Jesus.	401
<u>3</u>	1 Peter 3:13-17	We want what Jesus wants, even backlash.	393
5	Genesis 19	Many don't escape from a low-life-style.	383
6	Genesis 21:1-21	"God was with the lad" says a lot.	337
7	1 Samuel 24:16-22	"The LORD judge between you and me."	46
8	Luke 13:22-30	See Jesus from your kitchen window?	360
9	Acts 9:17-30	A 180° turn-around; praise the Lord!	322
<u>10</u>	Romans 14:12-19	Offense = causing harm to someone.	395
12	Genesis 22	Self-sacrifice = the way of redemption.	170
13	Luke 15:11-20	Drawn home by the Father's generous love.	280
14	James 2:8-13	Just one pin-point will burst a balloon.	382
15	Luke 9:57-62	Ready and willing, but not committed.	365
16	Acts 12:1-11	Special training for staying the course.	529
<u>17</u>	1 Corinthians 7:17-24	With God you should be yourself!	24
19	Genesis 26	God refreshed the Covenant.	26
20	Daniel 5	In spite of God's handwriting on the wall, . . .	642
21	Matthew 11:16-19	Our children can enjoy greater wisdom.	629
22	Luke 17:11-19	Serve God from a converted heart.	447
23	Acts 13:42-49	God be with you till we meet again!	643
<u>24</u>	James 1:2-8	God does not begrudge us His attention.	562
26	Genesis 29-30	What goes around comes around.	358

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27	Genesis 31	Reconciliation after a painful separation.	279
28	2 Samuel 12:18-23	The baby's soul was safe with God.	595
29	John 9:1-5	More purpose than punishment.	523
30	Acts 14:19-23	It is easy to slip from life to death...to life.	448

— OCTOBER —

<u>1</u>	James 4:7-10	We avoid whatever will throw dirt on Jesus.	405
3	Genesis 32	Jacob wrestled the Champion to a draw.	455
4	Genesis 33	True reconciliation gives generous terms.	439
5	Exodus 2:16-25	God does work in mysterious ways!	524
6	Luke 12:54-57	Hypocrisy stifles the voice of conscience.	421
7	Acts 15:6-12	Are we convinced how sinners are saved?	380
<u>8</u>	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12	Godly love is not a fuzzy abstraction.	349
10	Genesis 34	Enough blame to go around for everyone.	317
11	Genesis 35	Death holds a strong hand on this sinful Earth.	552
12	1 Samuel 3:10-14	The LORD struck a spark with this lad.	628
13	Matthew 5:33-37	God has strong feelings about His Name.	287
14	Matthew 10:16-22	We may crawl or fly from danger.	236
<u>15</u>	Acts 17:16-28	Testify to Creation and the God of Creation!	13
17	Genesis 37	Envy • hatred • revenge • murderous intent!	215
18	Genesis 39	Enter the devil in Mrs. Potiphar's corner.	318
19	Mark 9:38-41	All shall receive a reward as Jesus sees fit.	410
20	Acts 19:1-11	They got an adult instruction course.	485
21	James 3:5-10	Let's tame our voice to serve Jesus!	537
<u>22</u>	Proverbs 3:1-8	Solomon was wise on worthwhile matters.	43
24	Genesis 40	Bad things happen in jail, but God can bless.	449
25	Genesis 41	The mills of God grind slowly but very fine.	413
26	Proverbs 16:1-9	God-given insights into human affairs.	472
27	Matthew 5:21-30	Create in me a clean heart, O God!	325
28	Matthew 19:3-8	If you want God's opinion, here it is.	621
<u>29</u>	Acts 19:23-40	We don't go to court on religious issues.	466
31	Genesis 42	Conscience is a sharp saw in a deft hand.	317

— NOVEMBER —

Date	Scripture	Thought prompted by the text	Hymn
1	Genesis 43	It is godly work to awaken a dull conscience.	384
2	Ruth 1:1-18	The LORD got through to her heart.	338
3	Matthew 12:46-50	Kingdom water is thicker than blood ties.	298
4	Acts 20:17-38	In the Kingdom we listen to His ambassadors.	442
<u>5</u>	Ephesians 5:22-33	Jesus, Head and Husband of the Church.	357
7	Genesis 44	God guided the brothers back into His flock.	388
8	Genesis 45	God turned sin to serve His good purposes.	434
9	Psalms 57	Let us trust God to deliver us from calamities.	435
10	Matthew 21:28-32	God's Spirit trumps human devilry.	29
11	Matthew 23:27-36	How to escape the condemnation of hell?	372
<u>12</u>	Acts 21:8-14	Man proposes, but God disposes.	425
14	Genesis 46	When God gives a clear directive, we follow it.	533
15	Genesis 47	God blessed Egypt for His people's sake.	540
16	Exodus 5:1-9	Don't ever underestimate God.	580
17	Mark 12:41-44	She put no cash value on her blessings.	443
18	Acts 24:10-16	Serve the God of Scripture and Resurrection.	416
<u>19</u>	James 4:1-6	Who's our best friend?	424
21	Genesis 48	Jacob blessed his sons and grandsons.	599
22	Genesis 49	Blessings come to those who serve God.	48
23	Isaiah 55:8-11	God's Word works like rain and snow.	41
24	Thanksgiving: Matthew 15:29-38	Jesus shares His supplies.	568
25	Acts 24:24-27	Some folks toy with their eternal opportunities.	278
26	Philippians 1:20-30	Glory be to God for His mercies!	527
27	Advent: John 8:48-59	Abraham rejoiced to see Jesus' day.	64
28	Genesis 50	We anticipate our reunion with all of them.	615
29	Exodus 1	It was sinful but legal to kill babies.	299
30	Ecclesiastes 12:13-14	There's no way God can be fooled.	15

— DECEMBER —

1	Acts 28:16-31	Paul's Kingdom work went on and on.	66
2	2 Thessalonians 2:16-17	We love our brothers and sisters.	464
<u>3</u>	Revelation 21:5-7	We hold these words precious.	72
5	Philippians 2:5-11	Jesus gave up His regency for us.	104
6	Genesis 49:8-12	Jacob previews Jesus as Shiloh.	77 7
	Numbers 24:15-19	Balaam sees Jesus as Star of Jacob.	99
8	Micah 5:2-5	Micah sees Bethlehem as His birthplace.	647

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9	Jeremiah 33:14-16	THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.	2
10	John 1:1-5,14-18	The Word became flesh.	101
12	Luke 2:21-24	And Jesus was His name.	114
13	Luke 2:25-38	These believers were ready and waiting.	137
14	Matthew 2:1-12	Again, man proposes, but God disposes.	127
15	Matthew 2:13-23	Jacob's Heir arrived on schedule.	71
16	Luke 2:39-52	Jesus excelled in all human attributes.	133
17	Psalms 24	Questions and Answers for you and me.	73
19	Matthew 3:13-17	Praise the Spirit for these testimonies!	74
20	Matthew 4:1-11	Self-sacrifice was His constant purpose.	142
21	John 1:19-28	John did not compete with Jesus.	63
22	John 1:29-34	John's insight came by divine revelation.	165
23	John 1:35-51	Revelations to download in our future, too.	270
24	John 3:22-36	Blessed are we to have Jesus as Savior!	88
25	Christmas Day	Enjoy Jesus' birthday with Him and His family!	90
26	John 4:3-26	Her Christmas gift came as a surprise.	279
27	John 4:27-38	No water-pot needed for the water of Life.	502
28	John 4:39-45	Christmas with missionary out-reach.	67
29	John 4:46-54	Conversion, new life, and sharing Christ.	70
30	Romans 10:1-15	Our heart's desire and prayer for others.	507
31	Mark 1:21-34	Jesus is working 24/7 all year long, forever.	110

