



What's The Story?

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FINAL ISSUE



The End ...

It is hard to believe that 31 weeks have nearly come to an end, and that we have just one more month of "The Story" at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is never too late to invite family, friends, and associates to experience the Bible through Bethany's worship, Sunday School and weekly Bible readings, not to mention the small groups that meet for discussion. Last month, God's "upper story" (the overall plan to restore the relationship with His people) and "lower story" (the people, places and events God works through to accomplish His plan) came together when God's Son, Jesus, died and came back to life. The sin nature of humankind can no longer separate us from God. Now, all that is left is to share this wonderful news with the rest of the world.

Cover and below: Tintoretto, Jacopo "Conversion of St. Paul" Venetian, 1518 - 1594. Above: "The hymn in adoration of the Lamb" by Albrecht Durer, 1498.



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Weekly Reading

Option 1:
The Story: Chapter 28

Beginning April 4

Option 2:
Monday - [Acts 1:1-2:47](#)
Tuesday - [Acts 3:1-4:36](#)
Wednesday - [Acts 5:1-6:15](#)
Thursday - [Acts 7:1-8:40](#)
Friday - [Acts 9:1-10:47](#)
Saturday - [Acts 12](#)
Sunday - Catch up day, if needed

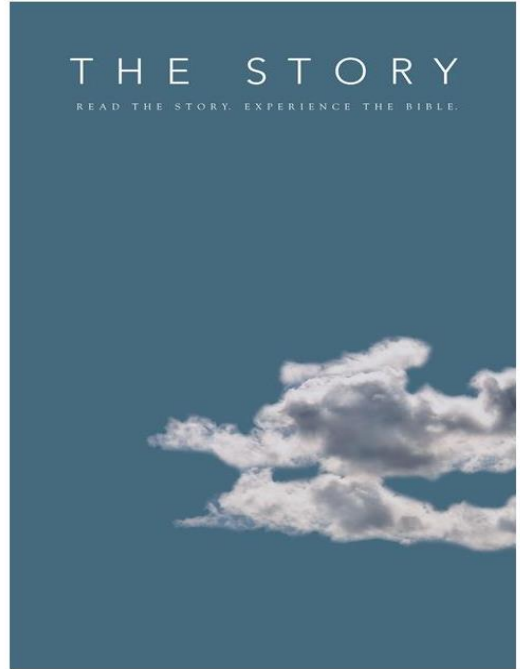
Study Notes for Week 28: How did the church begin? What was the core message that was heard? How did people react? How did the religious leaders react? What would you do if there were groups of people who did not want you to talk about Jesus or go to church?



Study Notes for Week 29: What did Paul and his companions do as they came into a city? What was the main message? What obstacles did they face? How was the mission accomplished? Highlight the words of Paul's letters that direct your prayers for the church, today.

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.



Weekly Reading

Option 1:
The Story: Chapter 29

Beginning April 11

Option 2:
Monday - [Acts 13-14, 16-20](#)
Tuesday - [Romans 1, 3-6, 8, 12, 15](#)
Wednesday - [1 Corinthians 1, 3, 5, 6, 10](#)
Thursday - [1 Corinthians 12-16](#)
Friday - [Galatians 1-6](#)
Saturday - [1 Thessalonians 1-5](#)
Sunday - Catch up day, if needed



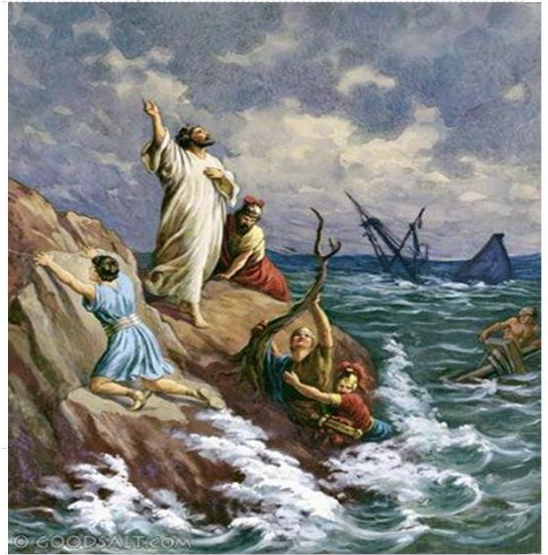


Weekly Reading

Option 1:
The Story: Chapter 30

Option 2:
Monday - [Acts 20-24](#)
Tuesday - [Acts 25-28](#)
Wednesday - [Ephesians 1-3](#)
Thursday - [Ephesians 4-6](#)
Friday - [2 Timothy 1-2](#)
Saturday - [2 Timothy 3-4](#)
Sunday - Catch up day, if needed

Study Notes for Week 30: As Paul neared the end of his ministry, he wrote about how he lived. What stands out for you? What legacy do you hope to leave behind to your family? To your church?



Weekly Reading

Option 1:
The Story: Chapter 31

Option 2:
Monday - [Revelation 1-3](#)
Tuesday - [Revelation 4-5](#)
Wednesday - [Revelation 19-20](#)
Thursday - [Revelation 21-22](#)
Friday - [Revelation 6-12](#)
Saturday - [Revelation 13-18](#)

Study Notes for Week 31: "I saw a new heavens and a new earth" - what are the differences between the old and the new? In the book of Revelation, what characterizes the worship of the redeemed? What parallels can you see to the beginning of "The Story"?

