

# Good News Daily

April 23-29, 2017

## Sunday, April 23

John 14:1-7 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me." (v.1 NIV)

Do not be troubled, trust in me.  
I hear the Savior tenderly,  
inviting me to rest in him  
when I will leave this world of sin.  
He's gone to heaven to prepare  
a life for me that's free from care.  
He'll come again to rescue me  
and give me peace eternally.  
He is the life, the truth and way  
out of the hopeless stressful fray.  
Beyond this world I have a place  
because of God's amazing grace.

(tune: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)  
Isaiah 43:8-13; Psalms 146, 147; 1 Peter 2:2-10

**Birthdays:** Terence Lee

**Anniversaries:** None

## Monday, April 24

John 17:1-11 "They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word." (v.6)

Lord, I am amazed that I belong to Jesus.  
You have given me to him because You love me so.  
That is no small wonder as I think about it.  
Jesus, Your Son, is fully one with You.  
Lord, I am most grateful life is found in Jesus.  
He who claims the throne Your own will never be denied.  
Guide me as I serve him, as I seek to please him.  
Jesus, Your Son, who's fully one with You.  
Lord, this world reminds me I am far from heaven.  
Just as Jesus didn't fit, I know I don't belong.  
I need Your protecting arms to wrap around me.  
I need Your presence as I carry on.  
(tune: Holy, Holy, Holy)  
Daniel 1:1-21; Psalms 1, 2, 3; 1 John 1:1-10

**Birthdays:** Rosemarie Demmons, Tiann Jaide Harris, Wanda Kitchens, Florence Russell, Fahah Tippenhauer/Khan and Kevin Walford

**Anniversaries:** None

## Tuesday, April 25

John 17:12-19 "I have given them your words and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world." (v.14)

I am prone to be discouraged in a world I don't belong.  
But my Lord has asked my Father to protect my soul from wrong.  
In His Word I find my compass. I will never lose my way.  
I will reach my destination in a land of endless day.  
I've been called to be a blessing among those who think I'm odd.  
But I know that I will fail unless my courage comes from God.  
From His Word I'll gain the power to reach out with acts of grace  
as I make the time to serve Him meeting people face to face.  
(tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee)  
Daniel 2:1-16; Psalms 5, 6; 1 John 2:1-11

**Birthdays:** John Howe and Norma Townsend

**Anniversaries:** John & Patricia Howe and Douglas & Beverley Shanahan

## Wednesday, April 26

John 17:20-26 "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me..." (v.23)

O God, the words of Jesus leave me wondering,  
if what he prayed for will be ever true.  
Will Christians join as one and be united?  
Or will we always seek what "we" must do?  
Our world is waiting for what Jesus asked for.  
But it will never come except for You.  
If we could let our differences be sidelined,  
if what we all agree upon was key,  
our non-believing world would seek our answers.  
While seeking truth, our friends would finally see  
that in Christ Jesus sin can be forgiven,  
that in the Savior they can be set free.  
(tune: Be Still My Soul The Lord Is On Thy Side)  
Daniel 2:17-30; Psalm 119:1-24; 1 John 2:12-17

**Birthdays:** Ronald Carey and John Quinn

**Anniversaries:** None

## Thursday, April 27

Luke 3:1-14 He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (v.3)

One dressed in camel skin came preaching all have sinned.  
His name was John.  
Just as Isaiah said, this one who'd lose his head,  
would make all sinners dread but point to Christ.  
He called a spade a spade refusing bribes some paid  
to still his tongue.

This one kept preaching on, from late night until dawn.

There was no stopping John. He knew his call.  
I would be more like John, steadfast and focused on pointing to Christ.

Lord, take my fear away. Help me to just obey  
as I would show the way  
to God's own Son.

(tune: My Country Tis of Thee)

Daniel 2:31-49; Psalm 18:1-20; 1 John 2:18-29

**Birthdays:** Norma Belgrave, Gabriel Belnavis, Jason Hopper and Winnifred Howell

**Anniversaries:** None

### Friday, April 28

Luke 3:15-22 *"I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come..."* (v.16)

Some thought that John was Israel's messiah,  
Preaching repentance, judging the king.

He was arrested. His faith was tested  
after he baptized the Holy One.

The true one baptizer is God's Beloved.

Taking John's water, adding his flame.

Giving the Spirit to all who'd share it.

He is the Father's most precious Son.

If you've been baptized, then you've been marked by  
the Holy Spirit sent from above.

God will equip us if we will just trust  
for like our Savior, He favors us.

(tune: Morning Has Broken)

Daniel 3:1-18; Psalms 16, 17; 1 John 3:1-10

**Birthdays:** Sharon Lacey, Simeon Roach, Raymond Russell and Lucy Whitelocke

**Anniversaries:** None

### Saturday, April 29

Luke 4:1-13 *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert...* (v.1)

Christ was led into the desert, fully God but fully  
man.

Fasting forty days, he wandered in accordance with  
God's plan.

Satan tried to trick our Savior.

But he would not be deceived.

Tested, tried and terribly hungry, Jesus longed to  
savor food.

But he knew that his survival was derived from God's  
own Word.

Ploys for power failed. Refusing to be hailed,  
Jesus would not sell his soul.

We like Christ are often tempted by the very Evil  
One.

Satan knows our point of weakness and most likely  
has begun

to beguile our trust and that is why we must  
focus always on the Lord.

(tune: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

Daniel 3:19-30; Psalms 20, 21; 1 John 3:11-18

**Birthdays:** Errol Champagnie, The Very Reverend Albert Cutie', Linda Spillers, Gloria Sprung and Andrea Trotman

**Anniversaries:** None

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