Grace Episcopal Church Read the Bible in a Year – **Bible in Time** – Chronological Bible Reflection Class: Sunday, 1 November 2015; 9:10 am – 9:40 am, Grace Parish Hall. Thoughts, Reflections, Insights, Questions of readings to date: Days 298 - 304

**Prayer:** Open our hearts and minds to do your will and seek out what you want us to do to advance the Kingdom of God, today. Amen

## Readings

October 25 | Tax collectors and prostitutes will be saved if they believe; Jesus told more stories - evil farmers - made chief priests, teachers of the law, and elders begin to plot to arrest him but they were afraid of the people, wedding banquet - proper faith needed to enter the Kingdom of God; paying what is due to God and the government; Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, ask Jesus a foolish question - know scriptures and know God.

October 26 | One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.a Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' and the second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." | Who is the Messiah? David's line - no; God's line - yes; warning to religious leaders; Jesus cries for Jerusalem; great offering.

October 27 | the future; false messiahs, end times, the Temple will pass away, rumors, but Jesus and the Kingdom of God will come; heaven and earth will pass away, but not my words...; do not worry.

October 28 | Christ will come again! When? God only knows!; kingdom of heaven is like 10 virgins waiting; man asks servants to invest their talent and their response when he returns; the final judgement will be in the context of how you served Jesus and his children the poor, the naked, the hungry, the thirsty. How are you being called to serve the Kingdom of God and the least of these?

October 29 | Plot to kill Jesus hatched during the Festival of Passover; Judas will betray Jesus; Last Supper in the leftovers of Passover; Jesus washes the feet of disciples; Jesus says he will be betrayed; Jesus tell Judas to do what he must do.

October 30 | Last Supper continued; Jesus predicts Peter's denial; do not let your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Jesus; I am the way, the truth, the life; the Holy Spirit - the Advocate - will come to you; Jesus is the true vine and God the vine dresser; Love each other!

October 31 | If the world hates you remember that it hated me first; you belong to me; the Holy Spirit is coming; sadness turned to joy; prayer of Jesus – Father, protect them.

## Prayer +++ Check out : <u>http://bibleintime.org</u>