

Scripture Readings

*The first scripture reading is from **Ruth 2:1-12**, which can be found on page **299** in the **old testament** of your pew bible....*

¹Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a well-to-do man of the family of Elimelech, his name was Boaz. ²Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi, 'May I go out to the cornfields and glean behind anyone who will grant me that favour?' 'Yes, go, my daughter', she replied. ³Ruth went gleaning in the fields behind the reapers. As it happened, she was in that strip of the fields which belonged to Boaz of Elimelech's family, ⁴and there was Boaz coming out from Bethlehem. He greeted the reapers, saying, 'The LORD be with you'; and they replied, 'The LORD bless you.' ⁵Then he asked his servant in charge of the reapers, 'Whose girl is this?' ⁶'She is a Moabite girl', the servant answered, 'who has just come back with Naomi from the Moabite country. ⁷She asked if she might glean and gather among the swathes behind the reapers. She came and has been on her feet with hardly a moment's rest from daybreak till now.' ⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, 'Listen to me, my daughter: do not go and glean in any other field, and do not look any further, but keep close to my girls. ⁹Watch where the men reap, and follow the gleaners; I have given them orders not to molest you. If you are thirsty, go and drink from the jars the men have filled.'
¹⁰She fell prostrate before him and said, 'Why are you so kind as to take notice of me when I am only a foreigner?' ¹¹Boaz answered, 'They have told me all that you have done for your mother-in-law since your husband's death, how you left your father and mother and the land of your birth, and came to a people you did not know before. ¹²The LORD reward your deed; may the LORD the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, give you all that you deserve.'

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*The last scripture reading is taken from **Mark 2**, verses **1-12**, which can be found on page **44** in the **new testament** of your pew bible.*

¹When after some days he returned to Capernaum, the news went round that he was at home; ²and such a crowd collected that the space in front of the door was not big enough to hold them. And while he was proclaiming the message to them, ³a man was brought who was paralysed. ⁴Four men were carrying him, but because of the crowd they could not get him near. So they opened up the roof over the place where Jesus was, and when they had broken through they lowered the stretcher on which the paralysed man was lying. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralysed man, 'My son, your sins are forgiven.'

⁶Now there were some lawyers sitting there and they thought to themselves, ⁷'Why does the fellow talk like that? This is blasphemy! Who but God alone can forgive sins?' ⁸Jesus knew in his own mind that this was what they were thinking, and said to them: 'Why do you harbour thoughts like these? ⁹Is it easier to say to this paralysed man, "Your sins are forgiven", or to say, "Stand up, take your bed, and walk"? ¹⁰But to convince you that the Son of Man has the right on earth to forgive sins'—he turned to the paralysed man— ¹¹'I say to you, stand up, take your bed, and go home.' ¹²And he got up, took his stretcher at once, and went out in full view of them all, so that they were astounded and praised God. 'Never before', they said, 'have we seen the like.'