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Day 21	John 11	<i>Jesus' Power over Death</i>
Day 22	John 15	<i>The Christian Life Defined</i>
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Day 24	Matthew 26-27	<i>The Arrest and Crucifixion of Jesus</i>
Day 25	John 20	<i>The Resurrection of Jesus</i>
Day 26	Luke 24	<i>The Ascension of Jesus</i>
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Day 30	Acts 26	<i>Paul's Defense of the Christian Faith</i>
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