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memory system



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How to Memorize Scripture:

From its beginnings, The Navigators has encouraged Bible memorization as an important tool for spiritual growth. NavPress created the Topical Memory System with verse packs that The Navigators has incorporated in its ministry strategy since its founder Dawson Trotman used verse cards with sailors. The ministry has developed packets of verse cards to enable people to learn verses that will help them share their faith and become more like Christ. These cards are grouped by subject or "topic" and comprise what we call the *Topical Memory System*. This article references these topics in its suggestions for effective memorization. Find out more on the <u>Topical Memory System</u> here, or go to navigators.org/tms.

As you start to memorize a verse...

- Read in your Bible the context of each verse you memorize.
- Try to gain a clear understanding of what each verse actually means. You
 may want to read the verse in other Bible translations or paraphrases or
 perhaps consult a commentary-after you've done your personal study!



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- Read the verse through several times thoughtfully, aloud or in a whisper.
 This will help you grasp the verse as a whole. Each time you read it, say the topic, reference, verse, and then the reference again.
- Discuss the verse with God in prayer, and continue to seek His help for success in Scripture memory.

While you are memorizing the verse...

- Work on saying the verse aloud as much as possible.
- Learn the topic and reference first.
- After learning the topic and reference, learn the first phrase of the verse. Once you have learned the topic, reference, and the first phrase and have repeated them several times, continue adding more phrases after you can quote correctly what you have already learned.
- Think about how the verse applies to you and your daily circumstances.
- Always include the topic and reference as part of the verse as you learn and review it.

After you can quote correctly the topic, reference, verse, and reference again...

- Writing the verse out can be helpful. This deepens the impression in your mind.
- Find a friend to check you on the verse. Better yet, memorize together!
- Review the verse immediately after learning it, and repeat it frequently in the next few days. This is crucial for fixing the verse firmly in your mind because of the tendency to forget something recently learned.
- Review! Review! Repetition is the best way to engrave the verses on your memory.



u must not tell me has not us replied. "My time has not

e;" is mother then told the serv-is motever he tells you." o mouner men tong the s o whatever he tells you. by whatever he tells you. Jews have rules about ritual Jews have rules about ritual and for this purpose six ater jars were there, each ge enough to hold between and thirty gallons. 7 Jesus ge enough to allons. 7 Jesus and thirty gallons. 7 Jesus Fill these jars and turney, "Fill these jars the servants, "Fill these jors ther," They filled them to the iter, then he told them, "Now and then he told them, ind then he told them, "Now me water out and take it to, n in charge of the feast." ook him the water, ⁹ which d turned into wine, and he the did not know where this d come from (but, of course. d come from (but, of course, ants who had drawn out the and said to him, "Everyone we the best wine first and ves the best wine first, and ves the best wine alot, he guests have drunk a lot, he the ordinary wine. But you the best wine until now!" pt the best wine until now! the best while and now: is performed this first mir-Cana in Galilee; there he re-his glory, and his disciples in him

or this, Jesus and his mother, or this, Jesus and his mother, or and disciples went to Ca-m and stayed there a few

esus Goes to the Temple 21.12-13; Mark 11.15-17; Luke 19.45-46) as almost time for the Passstival, so Jesus went to Jeru-A There in the Temple he en selling cattle, sheep, and and also the moneychang-15 So he ng at their tables. whip from cords and drove animals out of the Temple, e sheep and the cattle; he of the tables of the money-

back at him with a question miracle can you performing that you have the right to show "¹⁹ Jesus answered, 'Tear this Temple, and in three day uild it again." this Temple, and in three day det build it again." ²⁰ "Are you going to build in three days?" they asked hid has taken forty-six years him this Temple!" ²¹ But the temple Jesus was ing about was his body. ²² So he was raised from death. his

ing about was ins body. 2 as she he was raised from death, to whe ples remembered that his with this, and they believed the had and what Jesus had said.

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Jesus and Nicodemus

There was a Jewish leader med Nicodemus, who is named Nicodemus, Who 3 named to the party of the pho b longed to the party of the pho b night he went to Jest 2 One night he went to Jesus aid to him, "Rabbi, we know a are a teacher sent by our a said to finn, you are a teacher sent by God could perform the miraod you are a perform the miracles one could perform God macles to are doing unless God were with

n." 3 Jesus answered, "I am telling the truth: no one can see in you the truth: no one can telling you the truth: no one can telling you the truth. In only see the is boom

ain."^d 4 "How can a grown man be bond 4 "Nicodemus asked. "He bond

bu Do that you must all be born you the wind blows wherever it you the wind the sound it makes, you hear the sound it makes, you hear the where it come elf, s The hear the sound it makes, where it comes hear the sound it makes, hear thear the sound it makes, hear the sound it makes, hear the so but Do

has spirit. can this be?" asked Nico-demus. ^{nolvesage}, lyou about the things of ^{nolssage}, left how will you ever believe when vorld; when I tell you about the ^{nole} world; when I tell you about the ^{nols} world; when I and no one has ^{nols} then heaven? ¹³ And no one has ^{nols} then heaven? heaven except the ^{nols} for up to came down from ^{nols} for Man, ^{ever} of ... ^{sol} on ...

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the words. the savior. the savior believes in the Son is the savior but whoever does not the savior but whoever does not ¹⁵⁵⁶Whoever believes in the Son is ¹⁶¹⁶Whoever does not ¹⁰¹⁶¹⁶ Judged, already been judged, be ¹⁰¹⁶ Judged, bas not believed judged; put wnoever does not pot judged; already been judged, be-polieve he has not believed in God, polieve he 19 This is how ^{pol ive} has already been judged, be-believe he has not believed in God's ^{poliev} he ¹⁹ This is how the judg-^{cause} Son. ¹⁹ The light has come into ^{cause} Norks: the light has come into ^{polit} work, but people love the dark ^{polit} world, but people light ^{011,1} works: the fight has come into ^{101,1} world, but people love the dark-¹⁰² world, than the light, because ¹⁰² rather are evil 20 Å Mew world, but people love the dark-ble rather are evil. ²⁰ Anyone who hes rateds are hates the light and their evil come to the light and heir evil come to the light, because again?" Nicodemus asked, be bon tainly cannot enter his mother womb and be born a second ther again?" Nicodemus asked, be bon the rate of the safe hates the light, because their evil come to his evil deeds to be dos not come to his evil deeds what dos not come to his evil deeds what

²² After this, Jesus and his disc ples went to the province of Jud-where he spent some time with the and baptized. ²³ John also was b tizing in Aenon not far from Sa tizing in Aenon, not far from Sa because there was plenty of wate that place. People were goin that place. People were goin him, and he was baptizing t him, and he was baptizing t (²⁴ This was before John had

 ^{(2*} This was before John had put in prison.)
 ²⁵ Some of John's disciples arguing with a Jew' about the of ritual washing. ²⁶ So they John and told him, "Teacher, member the man who was member the man who was v on the east side of the Jor one you spoke about? We baptizing now, and eve going to him!" ²⁷ John answered, "No baptizing

have anything unless God him. ²⁸ You yourselves a nesses that I said, 'I am r siah, but I have been se him.'²⁹ The bridegroom to whom the bride b the bridegroom's friend by and listens, is g hears the bridegroom is how my own happ complete. ³⁰ He m more important w less important.

He Who Comes

³¹ He who come greater than all. H earth belongs t speaks about eart who comes from ³² He tells what heard, yet no o sage. 33 But w message confirm truthful. 34 The sent speaks (God gives hi Spirit. 35 The and has put e

The Topical Memory System (TMS) and Topical Memory System: Life Issues were developed by NavPress and utilized by The Navigators ministry to help believers memorize key verses that point to basic truths and important instruction. If you want to memorize Scripture but aren't sure what to memorize or how, this system is the perfect launching point to begin hiding God's Word in your heart. Below is a list of the 5 pivotal topics addressed in the original Topical Memory System.



Living The New Life Christ the Center	2 Corinthians 5:17	Galatians 2:20
Proclaiming Christ All Have Sinned	Romans 3:23	Isaiah 53:6
Reliance On God's Resources His Spirit	1 Corinthians 3:16	1 Corinthians 2:12
Being Christ's Disciple Put Christ First	Matthew 6:33	Luke 9:23
Growth In Christlikeness Love	John 13:34,35	1 John 3:18

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The TMS focuses on how to live a life of Christ-

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