



A READING PLAN

designed to grow DEPTH &
excitement for God & His Word

4 Gospels
3 months

Leading up to Christmas – during ADVENT we did “The Journey of His arrival”

This series travels from the birth of Christ to His death on Good Friday and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

- Taking all of 4 Gospels and chronologically (for the most part) walking through them together
- Each Sunday morning we’ll take 1 of the passages from that week’s readings and dig into it in a deeper way

The 12th week is PALM Sunday – March 24

The 13th week is EASTER Sunday – March 31

THE 4 Gospels in 3 months...

<p>MATTHEW: AUTHOR: Matthew An eyewitness account – one of the 12 & former tax collector</p> <p>DATE: ~50 AD</p> <p>* Written specifically for a <u>Jewish audience</u>. He goes to great lengths to connect Jesus to Messianic prophecy of the OT.</p> <p>* Heavy emphasis on: Prophecy & Sermons</p>	<p>MARK: AUTHOR: Mark, a companion or Peter – a secondhand account</p> <p>DATE: ~65-70 AD Could have been written 1st but the early Church said the Gospels with genealogies were the 1st written.</p> <p>* Peter’s words were written down by Mark specifically for the benefit of a <u>Roman audience</u>, according to Clement of Alexandria.</p> <p>* Heavy emphasis on: Miracles</p> <p>* Some refer to Mark as the Readers Digest version of Matthew</p>	<p>LUKE: AUTHOR: Luke, a doctor & a companion of Paul, a Gentile convert (Col. 4:10-14) – a secondhand account.</p> <p>DATE: ~60 AD</p> <p>* Written specifically for a <u>Greek audience</u>.</p> <p>* Heavy emphasis on: Parables</p> <p>* Luke joined Paul at Traos (Acts 16:10), accompanied him to Jerusalem (Acts 20:5—21:15) & Rome (Acts 27:1-28:15).</p> <p>* Luke also penned the book of Acts.</p>	<p>JOHN: AUTHOR: John An eyewitness account – one of the 12 & former fisherman</p> <p>DATE: ~85-90 AD Could have been written pre-70 AD.</p> <p>* John’s Gospel is different than all the others and is written for <u>ALL</u>.</p> <p>* The Greek word pisteuo is used almost 100x’s. John wants his readers to know that Jesus is God, is Messiah and life is in Him (see 20:30-31)</p> <p>* Heavy emphasis on: Christ is God!</p>
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Week 1:

Readings for ***Jan. 1-6***; preparing yourself for Sunday January 7
Proclaimed, tested & confirmed

- Jesus arrives on the scene.

TEXTS: Matthew 3-4:17

Mark 1:1-13

Luke 2:21-4:15

John 1:1-34

Week 2:

Readings for ***Jan. 8-13***; preparing yourself for Sunday January 14
He's here! Who is this guy & initial response

- "He taught them as one who had authority..."

TEXTS: Matthew 4:18-7:29

Mark 1:14-45

Luke 4:16-44

John 1:35-2:25

Week 3:

Readings for ***Jan. 15-20***; preparing yourself for Sunday January 21

Who is this guy? ...favor, emotional response & leadership momentum

- People flock to Jesus and struggle to figure out who He is

TEXTS: Matthew 8:1-11

Mark 2:1-3:19

Luke 5:8:3

John 3:1-6:24

Week 4:

Readings for ***Jan. 22-27***; preparing yourself for Sunday January 28

Who is this guy? ...rejection & emotional response & leadership in hard

- “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

TEXTS: Matthew 12:1-13:23

Mark 3:20-4:20

Luke 8:4-11:28

John 6:25-8:12

Week 5:

Readings for **Jan. 29-Feb. 3**; preparing yourself for Sunday February 4
This guy is really different: Teaching & Miracles

- He did what...?

TEXTS: Matthew 13:24-15:39

Mark 4:21-8:13

John 8:12-8:59

Week 6:

Readings for **Feb. 5-10**; preparing yourself for Sunday February 11
Not to be liked but to bring truth & life

- But what about you? Who do you say I am?

TEXTS: Matthew 16

Mark 8:14-9:1

Luke 11:29-14:35

John 9

Week 7:

Readings for ***Feb. 12-17***; preparing yourself for Sunday February 18

LOST things are found in Christ

- Lost can ALWAYS be found in Christ.

TEXTS: Luke 15

John 10:1-21

Week 8:

Readings for ***Feb. 19-24***; preparing yourself for Sunday February 25

Revelation of: future Glory (to 3) and present order (for all)

- Greatness, importance, significance is...a little different in God's economy

TEXTS: Matthew 17:1-18:35

Mark 9:2-42

Luke 16:1-17

Week 9:

Readings for **Feb. 26-Mar. 2**; preparing yourself for Sunday March 3

HOT TOPICS: Do we really want to hear what God has to say?

- Many choose to hear what they want and explain away that which doesn't work for them. What do I do with hard teaching and truth?

TEXTS: Matthew 19:1-20:16

Mark 9:42-10:31

Luke 16:18-18:30

Week 10:

Readings for **Mar. 4-9**; preparing yourself for Sunday March 10

The WOW before the storm

- From Jericho to Jerusalem: Observe what happens just before the last week.

TEXTS: Matthew 20:17-34

Mark 10:32-52

Luke 18:31-19:27

John 10:22-12:11

Week 11:

Readings for **Mar. 11-16**; preparing yourself for Sunday March 17

The last teachings of Jesus

- This week fast-forwards to Jesus and His guys in the upper room BUT this, unique to John, teaching is worth a full week

TEXT: John 13-17

Week 12:

Readings for **Mar. 18-23**; preparing yourself for PALM Sunday March 24

The STRONG finish: The last 5 days

- Triumphal Entry TO just before Judas is a horrible friend

TEXTS: Matthew 21-26:13

Mark 11-14:10

Luke 19:28-21

John 12:12-12:50

Week 13:

Readings for **Mar. 25-30**; preparing yourself for EASTER Sunday March 31
The STRONG finish: The last hours, death and VICTORY

- Judas is a horrible friend TO Resurrection

TEXTS: Matthew 26:14-28

Mark 14:11-16

Luke 22:1-24

John 13-21