

Three Week Bible Challenge

Option 1—Read through the gospel accounts of Jesus' life. Reading just a chapter each day will allow you to finish Mark or John in 3 weeks, any gospel in 1 month, or all four gospels in 3 months.

Matthew—The gospel of Matthew includes 28 chapters and it was originally written to show that Jesus is the royal descendant of Abraham and David who fulfills the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming of the Christ. It includes the birth of Jesus from his father's perspective, the major events of his life, and some memorable collections of teachings (Sermon on the Mount).

Mark—The gospel of Mark includes 16 chapters and it reads as a fast-paced account of who Jesus was and what He came to do. It begins with the adult ministry of Jesus and continues its forward momentum without many extended teaching segments. For people who want to learn more about the good news of Jesus and the dramatic stories of his life, this book is a wonderful starting point.

Luke—The gospel of Luke includes 24 chapters and it was originally written with more of a non-Jewish audience in mind. In the introduction to this gospel, Luke declares that he wanted "to write an orderly account...so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught." This gospel also includes the birth of Jesus from his mother's perspective and it shows Jesus' concern for the outcast and sinner (i.e., the Prodigal Son in chapter 15).

John—The gospel of John includes 21 chapters and it focuses on the claims of Jesus to be the divine Son of God. In this gospel, specific miracles reveal more about Jesus' true nature and mission, and his teaching emphasizes the love that God has for us and the life that God offers to us (see John 3:16).

Option 2—A 3-week introduction to the life of Jesus

Day 1—"The Birth Of Jesus" Luke 1:1-4, 26-38, 2:1-20

Day 2—"The Baptism Of Jesus" John 1:19-34

Day 3—"Jesus Triumphs Over Temptation" Luke 4:1-13

Day 4—"Calling The First Disciples" John 1:35-51

Day 5—"Turning Water Into Wine" John 2:1-11

Day 6—"Teaching About The New Birth" John 3:1-21

Day 7—"Jesus Forgives 2 Sinners" Mark 2:1-17

Day 8—"The Sermon On The Mount Part I" Matt. 5:1-48

Day 9—"The Sermon On The Mount Part II" Matt. 6:1-34

Day 10—"Jesus Forgives A Sinful Woman" Luke 7:36-50

Day 11—"The Parable Of The Soil" Mark 4:1-20

Day 12—"Feeding 5,000 & Walking On Water" John 6:1-40

Day 13—"The Great Confession" Matt. 16:13-26

Day 14—"Jesus Reveals His Glory" Matt. 17:1-13

Day 15—"Jesus Raises Lazarus" John 11:1-44

Day 16—"The Plot Against Jesus" John 11:45-57

Day 17—"Jesus Anointed & Betrayed" Mark 14:1-11

Day 18—"The Last Supper & The Garden" Mark 14:12-41

Day 19—"The Arrest & Trial" Mark 14:43-15:15

Day 20—"The Death & Burial Of Jesus" Luke 23:26-56

Day 21—"The Resurrection Of Jesus" Luke 24:1-53

What Happened Next? The Story Of The Church

The Book Of Acts—The book of Acts includes 28 chapters and it is a historical account of how the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the lives of his followers and eventually changed the world. Beginning in Jerusalem and working towards Rome, this book follows the missionary work of the apostle Peter and a converted persecutor named Paul.

3 Week Overview Of Other Familiar New Testament Passages

Day 1—"Saved By Grace Through Faith" Romans 3:10-25

Day 2—"Peace With God" Romans 5:1-11

Day 3—"Victory In Jesus" Romans 8:28-39

Day 4—"Living In View Of God's Mercy" Romans 12:1-21

Day 5—"The Greatest Is Love" I Corinthians 13:1-13

Day 6—"The Hope Of Resurrection" I Corinthians 15:1-7, 12-26, 35-58

Day 7—"Our Eternal Home" II Corinthians 4:16-5:10

Day 8—"Reconciled To God" II Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Day 9—"Spiritual Blessings In Christ" Ephesians 1:1-23

Day 10—"Saved By Grace & For A Purpose" Ephesians 2:1-10

Day 11—"Imitating Christ" Philippians 2:1-11

Day 12—"Living As God's Chosen People" Colossians 3:12-4:1

Day 13—"Encouraging Words" I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Day 14—"People Of Faith" Hebrews 11:1-40

Day 15—"What Type Of Faith Is Saving Faith" James 2:14-26

Day 16—"Joy In Times Of Suffering" I Peter 1:3-9

Day 17—"Walking In The Light" I John 1:5-2:2

Day 18—"Knowing The Love Of God" I John 4:7-21

Day 19—"Assurance Of Eternal Life" I John 5:1-13

Day 20—"The New Heaven & New Earth" Revelation 21:1-22:6

Day 21—"The Return Of Jesus" Revelation 22:7-21