

Reading The Story of the New Testament

From Epiphany to Easter: January 6 - April 12

The Life and Teaching of Jesus

January

- 6) **Luke 1** *The births of John the Baptist and Jesus are foretold*
- 7) **Luke 2** *The birth and childhood of Jesus*
- 8) **Matthew 1:18–2:23** *The birth and childhood of Jesus*
- 9) **John 1:1-18** *The miracle of Jesus' coming*
- 10) **Matthew 3** *John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus*
- 11) **Luke 4:1-13** *Jesus overcomes the devil's temptations*
- 12) **Luke 4:14-44** *Jesus is rejected by his hometown and begins his ministry*
- 13) **Mark 1:14-20; Luke 5:1-11** *Jesus calls his first disciples*
- 14) **John 2:1-12** *Jesus' first miracle*
- 15) **Mark 1:21–2:12** *A summary of Jesus' early miracles, showing his power over everything*
- 16) **John 3:1-21** *Jesus teaches about the need to be born again*
- 17) **Matthew 5** *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (pt. 1)*
- 18) **Matthew 6** *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (pt. 2)*
- 19) **Matthew 7** *Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (pt. 3)*
- 20) **Matthew 10** *Jesus sends out his twelve disciples*
- 21) **Matthew 13** *Parables about God's Kingdom*
- 22) **Mark 6:30-56** *Jesus demonstrates his power by feeding five thousand and walking on water*
- 23) **John 6:25-70** *Jesus, the bread of life*
- 24) **Luke 15** *Three parables on God's love for the lost*
- 25) **Matthew 18:15-35** *Jesus' teaching about forgiveness*
- 26) **Luke 19:1-10; John 4:1-42** *Jesus welcomes outsiders*
- 27) **John 11** *The raising of Lazarus from the dead and its consequences*
- 28) **Matthew 16:13-28** *Jesus predicts his death*
- 29) **Matthew 21** *Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem and conflicts with the religious leaders*
- 30) **Mark 12:28-34** *The greatest commandment*
- 31) **Matthew 24** *Jesus teaches about troubles to come and his return at the end of the age*

February

- 1) **Matthew 25** *Jesus teaches about the importance of always being ready for his return*
- 2) **John 13:1-30** *Jesus washes his disciples' feet and predicts his betrayal*
- 3) **Mark 14:12-31** *The Last Supper and Jesus' prediction of Peter's denial*
- 4) **John 14** *Jesus warns the disciples he is leaving but promises the Holy Spirit will come in his place*
- 5) **John 17** *Jesus prays*
- 6) **Mark 14:32-72** *Jesus is arrested, and Peter denies knowing him*
- 7) **Matthew 27** *Jesus is put on trial, crucified, and buried*
- 8) **Luke 24** *The risen Jesus appears to his followers*
- 9) **John 20:19–21:25** *More resurrection appearances*
- 10) **Acts 1:1-11** *Jesus returns to his Father in heaven*

The Story of the Early Church

- 11) **Acts 2** *The coming of the Spirit and the birth of the church*
- 12) **Acts 4** *Despite opposition, the church continues to be blessed*
- 13) **Acts 6:8–7:60** *The church's first martyr*
- 14) **Acts 8** *The gospel begins to spread*
- 15) **Acts 9:1-31** *The conversion of Saul (Paul)*
- 16) **Acts 10** *Peter realizes that the gospel is for people of all nations and backgrounds*
- 17) **Acts 12** *Peter's miraculous escape from prison*
- 18) **Acts 15** *The apostles and elders affirm that following the Jewish Law is not necessary for salvation*
- 19) **Acts 16:6-40** *Paul takes the gospel to Europe*
- 20) **Acts 19** *Paul's preaching provokes severe opposition*
- 21) **Acts 21–22** *Paul's arrest is prophesied and takes place*
- 22) **Acts 27–28** *Paul is taken as a prisoner to Rome but still keeps preaching about Jesus*

Letters from Early Church Leaders

- 23) **Romans 3:21–4:25** *Getting right with God through faith*
- 24) **Romans 5–6** *The blessing of being right with God*
- 25) **Romans 8** *Life in the Holy Spirit*

- 26) **Romans 14:1–15:13** *Learning to accept other Christians who do things differently from us*
- 27) **1 Corinthians 3** *The foolishness of divisions in the church*
- 28) **1 Corinthians 12** *Using God's gifts for the good of one another in the church*

March

- 1) **1 Corinthians 13** *The importance of love*
- 2) **1 Corinthians 15** *Teaching about the resurrection*
- 3) **2 Corinthians 4:1–5:10** *God's treasure in clay jars*
- 4) **2 Corinthians 8–9** *Teaching about generous giving*
- 5) **2 Corinthians 11:1–12:10** *Suffering: the mark of a true servant of Jesus*
- 6) **Galatians 3:1–4:7** *Living by the Spirit and not by the Law*
- 7) **Galatians 5** *Freedom and fruit*
- 8) **Ephesians 2** *Reconciled to God and one another through Christ*
- 9) **Ephesians 4:17–5:20** *The importance of living a holy life*
- 10) **Ephesians 6:10-20** *Putting on all of God's armour*
- 11) **Philippians 2:1-18** *A call to imitate Christ*
- 12) **Philippians 3:1–4:1** *A call to press on in our walk with Jesus*
- 13) **Colossians 1:9-23** *The supremacy of Christ*
- 14) **Colossians 3:1–4:6** *A call to holy living*
- 15) **1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:24** *Living in light of Christ's return*
- 16) **2 Thessalonians 3:1-18** *A challenge not to be idle*
- 17) **1 Timothy 4** *The value of spiritual training*
- 18) **2 Timothy 1:1–2:13** *Encouragements to be faithful*
- 19) **Titus 2:1–3:11** *Teaching about godly Christian living*
- 20) **Philemon 1** *Paul appeals for mercy on behalf of a runaway slave*
- 21) **Hebrews 4:14–5:10; 7:1–8:2** *Jesus, our great High Priest, gives us free access to God*
- 22) **Hebrews 11:1–12:3** *Examples of faith that encourage us*
- 23) **James 2:1-13** *There is no room for favouritism in the church*
- 24) **James 3** *Learning to control our words*
- 25) **1 Peter 1:3–2:3** *Christians should be characterized by hope and holiness*
- 26) **1 Peter 3:8–4:19** *Christians should be ready to suffer for their faith*

- 27) **2 Peter 3** *Teaching about the return of Jesus*
- 28) **1 John 1:5–2:17** *Walking in the light*
- 29) **1 John 4:7-21** *Since we are loved, we should be loving*
- 30) **2 John 1** *Living in truth and love*
- 31) **3 John 1** *A call to stay faithful even in the face of difficulties and opposition*

April

- 1) **Revelation 2–3** *Jesus both encourages and challenges the church*
- 2) **Revelation 4–5** *A vision of heaven*
- 3) **Revelation 19:11–20:15** *Jesus' final victory over evil*
- 4) **Revelation 21:1–22:6** *A vision of God's new creation*

Readings for Easter Week

- Palm Sunday, April 5** **Mark 11** *The Triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus clearing the temple*
- Monday, April 6** **Mark 13** *Signs of the end of the age*
- Tuesday, April 7** **Mark 14:1-31** *Jesus is anointed, the Passover meal with his disciples*
- Wednesday, April 8** **Mark 14:32-72** *Jesus is arrested and tried by the Sanhedrin, Peter disowns him*
- Thursday, April 9** **Mark 15:1-15** *Jesus on trial before Pilate and condemned to death*
- Good Friday, April 10** **Mark 15:16-41** *The crucifixion and death of Jesus*
- Saturday, April 11** **Mark 15:42-47, Matthew 27:57-66** *The burial of Jesus*
- Easter Sunday, April 12** **Mark 16** *The resurrected Jesus appears to the women and to the disciples*