

WEEKS 1-12

Luke+



**A WEEKLY BIBLE READING PLAN
BASED ON THE BOOK OF LUKE.**

**As for that in the
good soil, they are
those who, hearing
the word, hold it
fast in an honest and
good heart, and bear
fruit with patience.**

–Luke 8:15

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The Gospel of Luke is a great place to start reading the Bible. It is the story of Jesus. His birth, ministry, teaching, miracles, death, and resurrection can all be found in this letter written by a physician named Luke.

However, there is even more to the story that we can find in other books of the Bible. As we study both the Old and New Testament—the Torah, the prophets, the other gospels, and the letters to the early church—the full story of Jesus is found woven throughout the scriptures.

We hope this simple reading plan based on the Gospel of Luke will help you discover the Good News and be transformed by the story of Jesus.

Week 1

Luke begins chapter one with the statement that he has “carefully investigated everything from the beginning,” and this week’s Bible reading helps us understand some of those beginnings. All throughout the Bible, prophecies and prophets alike point toward the arrival of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY

Luke 1

Today we’ll read about the priest Zechariah. He was serving God in the Temple when the angel of the Lord spoke to him; this was the first time the voice of the Lord had been heard in 400 years!

MONDAY

Leviticus 9

Leviticus gives us an account of the priestly duties that Zechariah may have been performing the day the angel of the Lord spoke to him.

TUESDAY

1 Kings 18

Zechariah was told that his son John would be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. 1 Kings gives us insight into the spirit and power of Elijah, recounting Elijah's encounter with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel.

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 11:1-10

This passage from Isaiah is a prophecy about the Messiah, Jesus foretold.

THURSDAY

Matthew 1

The first chapter of Matthew contains the genealogy of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY

John 1, Mark 1:1-11

Today we'll read the story of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for the arrival of Jesus.

SATURDAY

Psalms 1, 2, 3

Week 2

This week, we'll read prophecies and promises the Lord made to His people about the arrival of the Messiah. Start off by reading about the birth of Jesus, the fulfillment of these promises.

SUNDAY

Luke 2

Luke 2 tells us the story of Jesus' birth. Joseph, being in the line of David, travels to Bethlehem for a census.

MONDAY

2 Samuel 7

God promises David that "your throne will be established forever," a promise that's fulfilled when Jesus is born.

TUESDAY

Isaiah 7:14 & 9:6-7, Micah 5:1-2

Today, we read prophecies about the coming Messiah; that He will be of the line of David, and that He will be born in Bethlehem.

WEDNESDAY **Isaiah 42:1-9**

Isaiah 42 is another prophecy about the Messiah, and tells us more about His character.

THURSDAY **Matthew 2**

In Matthew 2, we read about the life of Jesus as a young child.

FRIDAY **Leviticus 23:5-8,
Deuteronomy 16:1-8**

Leviticus and Deuteronomy explain the celebration of Passover—pointing us back to Luke 2, when Jesus and His family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover.

SATURDAY **Psalm 4, 5, 6**

Week 3

This week we'll read about John the Baptist, and some more background surrounding Jesus' baptism.

SUNDAY

Luke 3

This chapter tells us about the ministry of John the Baptist.

MONDAY

Isaiah 40

Isaiah 40 is the prophecy John declares is the purpose of his ministry.

TUESDAY

Acts 2

John says that the One coming after Him will "baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Acts 2 shows us that Holy Spirit and fire.

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 3:13-17, John 1:29-34

Today we'll read Matthew and John's accounts of Jesus' baptism.

THURSDAY

Revelation 4

Revelation 4 tells us more about the voice in heaven that spoke during Jesus' baptism.

FRIDAY

Ezra 3, Ruth 2-4

In Ezra and Ruth, we'll read about Zerubbabel, Boaz, and Ruth, who are all in the lineage of Jesus.

SATURDAY

Psalm 7, 8, 9

Week 4

This week, we'll read about the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and some of the stories and prophecies Jesus references.

SUNDAY

Luke 4

Luke 4 opens with Jesus being led into the wilderness. He's tempted by the Enemy, and Jesus responds to the Enemy's temptation with tomorrow's reading from Deuteronomy. After resisting the Enemy's temptation, Jesus returns to Galilee filled with the Holy Spirit's power.

MONDAY

Deuteronomy 8

Like the Israelites in the desert, Jesus says that "man does not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord."

TUESDAY

John 2

Today we'll read about the beginning of Jesus' ministry of signs and wonders, starting with turning water into wine during the wedding at Cana.

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 61:1-11

Isaiah 61 is the same passage Jesus reads at the synagogue in Nazareth, which is essentially a description of the ministry that Jesus came to do.

THURSDAY

Mark 1:12-38

Mark shows us a different side of some of the healings and deliverances in Luke 4.

FRIDAY

1 Kings 17

In Luke 4, we read that Jesus spoke about Elijah and widow of Zarephath; today, we'll read the full story from 1 Kings 17.

SATURDAY

Psalms 10, 11, 12

Week 5

This week's reading shows us several different accounts of Jesus' ministry, and highlights some of the times Jesus challenged the way the Jews understood scripture.

SUNDAY

Luke 5

Luke shows us how Jesus demonstrates His power with a miraculous catch of fish, and calls His disciples to be fishers of men. Then, Jesus willingly heals a man with leprosy.

MONDAY

Matthew 4:12-25

Matthew 4 mirrors much of Luke 5.

TUESDAY

Leviticus 14:1-32

Leprosy was considered a disease that made people ceremonially unclean; anyone with leprosy could not be out in public or near others. This passage from

Leviticus tells us what the Jews were instructed to do if they contracted leprosy.

WEDNESDAY **Matthew 9**

Matthew mirrors much of Luke 5—we read again about the forgiveness and healing of the paralyzed man, Jesus eating with sinners, and a discussion about fasting.

THURSDAY **Mark 2**

Mark mirrors much of Luke 5 and Matthew 9.

FRIDAY **Isaiah 58**

Isaiah 58 is a reminder about how we should fast.

SATURDAY **Psalms 13, 14, 15**

Week 6

In this week's reading we see the way Jesus demonstrated His love, and read more about how we can show love to others.

SUNDAY

Luke 6

Luke 6 tells us about the controversy Jesus sparked by healing someone on the Sabbath.

MONDAY

Exodus 20:8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15

As we read in Exodus and Deuteronomy, the law of Moses required Jews to rest on the Sabbath, but the Pharisees had forgotten that the real reason for the Sabbath was to benefit human beings.

TUESDAY

Matthew 7

Matthew 7 mirrors much of Luke 6.

WEDNESDAY **Romans 12:3-21**

In Romans, Paul encourages believers to love and not judge others, just as Jesus did in Luke 6.

THURSDAY **Matthew 5:1-12, 38-48**

Matthew 5 mirrors much of Luke 6.

FRIDAY **2 Corinthians 9**

Luke 6:30 says “give to anyone who asks.” In his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul encourages the church to give without wanting anything in return.

SATURDAY **Psalms 16, 17, 18**

Week 7

This week focuses on faith, wisdom, and worship.

SUNDAY

Luke 7

Luke tells us the story of the miraculous healing of the Roman officer's slave. Jesus says, "I tell you, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!"

MONDAY

Hebrews 11

In this chapter of Hebrews, we read about the faith that pleases God.

TUESDAY

Matthew 8

Matthew 8 shows us a different perspective on the events in Luke 7.

WEDNESDAY

Malachi 3 & 4

In Luke 7, John the Baptist sends his disciples to Jesus to ask, "Are you the Messiah we have been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Jesus

replied to John, “I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.”

These verses are from Malachi 3 and 4.

THURSDAY

Proverbs 8:1-9:6

Luke 7:35 says, “But wisdom is proved right by all her children.” Proverbs is known for its wisdom, and this portion of it talks about the differences between wisdom and folly.

FRIDAY

John 11:1-12:11

John 12 shares many characteristics with the story of the sinful woman in Luke. They both anointed Jesus’ feet and wiped His feet with her hair. Both of these stories are beautiful portrayals of worship.

SATURDAY

Psalms 16, 17, 18

Week 8

Throughout all of this week's Bible reading, we see Jesus' authority demonstrated. We see that the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, hidden in the past, are now revealed through Jesus' words and actions.

SUNDAY

Luke 8

Luke tells us a little about some of the women following Jesus. Then we read the Parable of the Sower, which addresses the varied responses—or rejection—to Jesus' proclamation of God's Kingdom. Jesus calms a storm, demonstrating His authority over nature and strongly indicating His deity, since God is master of the seas.

MONDAY

Mark 15:40-16:11

Some of the women who faithfully followed Jesus during His ministry are present when Jesus is crucified. They are also the first to hear the news about the resurrection of Jesus.

TUESDAY

Matthew 13:1-29

Matthew gives us another look at the Parable of the Sower.

WEDNESDAY

Psalms 65:7, 89:9, 104:6-7, 107:23-32

The Psalms declare the Lord's majestic power and authority over the winds and the waves.

THURSDAY

Mark 4:35-5:43

We see the Lord's authority demonstrated over winds, waves, demons, and sickness.

FRIDAY

Isaiah 6

Luke 8:10 is a quote from Isaiah 6, a passage repeatedly used in the New Testament to explain Israel's rejection of the Gospel.

SATURDAY

Psalms 19, 20, 21

Week 9

This week shows us the consistent nature of God throughout scripture, from prophecies to miracles in both the New and Old Testament.

SUNDAY

Luke 9

Today we'll read about Jesus sending out the 12 disciples, giving them the power and authority to drive out demons and cure diseases.

MONDAY

Exodus 16, 2 Kings 4

In Exodus, God provides the Israelites with manna and quail. In 2 Kings, and Elisha provides for a widow. In the same way, Jesus multiplied fish and loaves to feed the 5,000 in Luke, showing us that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

TUESDAY

Matthew 10, Mark 8:1-10

Matthew and Mark give us different perspectives on the sending out of the 12 disciples, and the feeding of the 5,000.

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 42:1-9

Isaiah 42 is a prophecy or description of the chosen One, who is appointed and anointed to be the Messiah. This prophecy is reflected in Luke 9:35 when God says, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him."

THURSDAY

John 12:20-50

John tells us about another time Jesus predicted His death.

FRIDAY

Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53 is a prophecy of Jesus' humility, beating, and death—and of our redemption from sin.

SATURDAY

Psalms 22, 23, 24

Week 10

This week gives us context for one of Jesus' most well-known parables.

SUNDAY

Luke 10

In Luke 9, Jesus sent out 12 disciples, and now He sends 72. It is believed that there were 72 nations at the time Jesus sent them; this is symbolic of taking the Good News to every tribe, tongue, and nation.

MONDAY

Genesis 10-11:9

Today we'll read about the 72 nations listed after the flood and the Tower of Babel.

TUESDAY

Genesis 18:16-19:29

In Genesis, we read about the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

WEDNESDAY

Isaiah 14:12-16, Revelation 12:7-12

Both passages tell us about Satan's fall from heaven.

THURSDAY

Ezra 4, Esther 3:5-15

In Luke 10, Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan. Samaritans were despised by the Jews because the Assyrians conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel. The Assyrian colonists intermarried with the Israelites, and these people became known as Samaritans. After the Judeans returned from Babylon, conflict arose between the Jews and the Samaritans, as you'll read in Ezra 4. The Samaritans built a rival temple on Mount Gerizim and used their own version of the Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) as their Scripture. In that context of mutual animosity, no first-century Jew would expect a despised Samaritan to help a wounded Jew. But in God's Kingdom, a despised foreigner becomes a helping neighbor.

FRIDAY

John 11:1-44, 12:1-11

Today we'll read John's account of Jesus' history with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

SATURDAY

Psalms 25, 26, 27

Week 11

This week we'll read Jesus' teaching on prayer. We'll also read about temptation, forgiveness, and living a life led by the Holy Spirit.

SUNDAY

Luke 11

In this chapter of Luke, Jesus teaches the disciples to pray.

MONDAY

Matthew 6

Matthew gives us another perspective on Jesus' teaching about prayer.

TUESDAY

James 1

When Jesus teaches about prayer, He talks about temptation and forgiveness. James elaborates on temptation.

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 18:21-35, Colossians 3:12-17

Matthew and Colossians tell us more about forgiveness.

THURSDAY

Romans 8

In Luke 11:13, Jesus says "...how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Romans 8 is about living a life led by the Spirit.

FRIDAY

Jonah 1-3

Luke 11:29-32 talks about the "Sign of Jonah." Jonah, like Jesus, spent 3 nights in a tomb or a place of death. They both preached the message to follow God.

SATURDAY

Psalm 28, 29, 30

Week 12

This week we'll read from several different books in the Bible that explain more of Jesus' teaching in Luke 12.

SUNDAY

Luke 12

Luke 12 is teaching and preparation for crisis along the way.

MONDAY

Exodus 12:1-23

Jesus compares the hypocrisy of the Pharisees to that of yeast (or leaven) that permeates a whole batch of dough. This portion of Exodus tells about the Passover, the Festival of Unleavened Bread.

TUESDAY

Proverbs 1

In Luke 12:5, Jesus tells the disciples to fear God. Proverbs 1, along with many other chapters, tells us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

WEDNESDAY **Matthew 12:22-37, Mark 3:22-30**

Matthew and Mark both talk about the unpardonable sin, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

THURSDAY **1 Timothy 6, James 5:1-5**

In Luke 12, Jesus teaches about money and possessions; He tells His disciples to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth. 1 Timothy and James both deal with greed.

FRIDAY **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

At the end of Luke 12, Jesus tells His disciples to be ready for the Lord's coming. 1 Thessalonians tells us more about the Day of the Lord.

SATURDAY **Psalm 31, 32, 33**
