

WEEKS 13-24

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 13

This week, we read about God calling His people to repent, and return to living the holy life He has called us to.

SUNDAY

Luke 13

Jesus calls His followers to repent of sin. The parable of the barren fig tree illustrates Jesus' ministry to Israel. Unless the nation produced the fruit of repentance, it would face judgement. The parable is open-ended; Israel is being offered the chance to respond.

MONDAY

Joel 2:12-17, John 9

Joel 2 is a clear call to the people of Judah and Jerusalem to repent of their sin, so that God may give them a blessing instead of destruction. John 9 is the story of a man who was blind from birth. Jesus' disciples asked Him if the man was blind because of his sin or the sin of his parents, but Jesus' response was that it was so that the Father may be glorified.

TUESDAY

Mark 12:1-12

Several times in scripture Israel was portrayed as an unfruitful fig tree or vineyard that God would judge. This passage in Mark is one of these instances.

WEDNESDAY

Ephesians 4:17-5:20

This passage in Ephesians talks about living a holy life.

THURSDAY

1 Peter 1:13-2:12

1 Peter talks about how we are called to be holy, as God is holy.

FRIDAY

Amos 3

Amos 3 is a chapter about Israel being God's special possession, but they must return to Him. Many of God's chosen people rejected the gospel. Other people from all over the world will respond to God's offer of salvation and attend the messianic banquet.

SATURDAY

Psalms 37, 38, 39

Week 14

There are many references to food, feasting, and banquets in Scripture, relating back to our relationship with the Father. This week's reading shows us several of these passages.

SUNDAY

Luke 14

Luke 14 opens with Jesus sharing a meal at the home of a Pharisee. Later in the chapter, it's said what a blessing it will be to attend a banquet in the Kingdom of God. Jesus also talks about the importance of inviting the poor, crippled, and blind to your table, because God will repay you.

MONDAY

Revelation 19:1-10

Revelation 19 is a prophecy about the banquet at the end of the age.

TUESDAY

Philippians 2:1-18, James 4:4-10, 1 Peter 5

In Luke 14, Jesus speaks of the importance of humility. Today's reading explains more about what it means to live in humility.

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 43

In Genesis 43 we see how Joseph sat with his brothers during the feast he threw for them. In their culture the most important guest would sit in the position of prominence and eat the finest food.

THURSDAY

Matthew 22:1-4, Romans 11

In Matthew, Jesus again uses the illustration of a feast to talk about how the Jews didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah. Romans 11 talks more about their refusal to follow Him.

FRIDAY

2 Corinthians 11-12:10, 1 Peter 4

Paul writes about the cost of being a disciple.

SATURDAY

Psalm 40, 41, 42

Week 15

This week focuses on God's love for us, and His desire that we are all connected to Him.

SUNDAY

Luke 15

In Luke 15, Jesus uses parables to illustrate God's love for the lost.

MONDAY

Ezekiel 34

This chapter in Ezekiel talks about God being the Good Shepherd of Israel.

TUESDAY

Psalm 23, Matthew 18:12-14

We see God's nature as a Good Shepherd reflected in Psalms. We read Matthew's record of the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

WEDNESDAY **John 3**

In this chapter of John, Jesus explains to Nicodemus that God so loved us that He sent His Son into the world so that every tribe, tongue, and nation would be able to worship at His throne.

THURSDAY **Revelation 5**

In this passage, John talks about the Day of the Lord.

FRIDAY **John 15**

This chapter of John uses a vine and branches to illustrate that we are connected to God.

SATURDAY **Psalm 43, 44, 45**

Week 16

This week's reading shows us that what we do on earth matters for all of eternity.

SUNDAY

Luke 16

Luke 16 begins with the parable of the shrewd manager, who takes actions that impact his future.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus shows us how important it is to care for the poor.

MONDAY

Matthew 25

The parable of the ten virgins and the separation of the sheep and the goats both illustrate preparing now for what will happen later.

TUESDAY

Deuteronomy 15:7-11, James 2:14-26

Deuteronomy and James both share more about how to care for the poor.

WEDNESDAY **Genesis 2**

This chapter of Genesis shows us how Adam tended the Garden of Eden, and paints a picture of how to care for what God has given us.

THURSDAY **Hebrews 13**

Hebrews 13 is full of practical instructions on how to live out your Christian life. There is encouragement on money, caring for the poor, and obeying your spiritual leaders.

FRIDAY **Romans 10**

In Luke 16:26-28, the rich man begs Father Abraham to warn his brothers. Paul asks in Romans 10:14-15 "How will they hear unless someone goes and tells them?" This reflects God's desire that everyone should spend eternity with Him.

SATURDAY **Psalm 46, 47, 48**

Week 17

This week, we focus on mercy, forgiveness, and giving glory to God.

SUNDAY

Luke 17

Luke 17 begins with Jesus' concern about not causing a brother to stumble. He heals ten men with leprosy, and He talks about the coming of the Kingdom of God.

MONDAY

Romans 14, 1 Corinthians 8:9-13

Romans and 1 Corinthians talk more about living so you don't cause someone else to stumble.

TUESDAY

2 Corinthians 7:5-13

If someone sins, repentance and forgiveness should follow. 2 Corinthians talks about repentance.

WEDNESDAY

1 Chronicles 16

In Luke 17:18 Jesus says, "Has no one returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 1 Chronicles 16 tells us how David returned the Ark to Jerusalem. This is an incredible account of giving God glory.

THURSDAY

Matthew 24

At the end of Luke 17, Jesus talks about the return of the Son of Man. Matthew 24 helps us understand the return of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY

Genesis 6-8

In Luke 17, Jesus compares the days of the Son of Man to the days of Noah. These chapters in Genesis tell us the story of Noah.

SATURDAY

Psalms 49, 50, 51

Week 18

This week's reading focuses on prayer and the attitude of our hearts.

SUNDAY

Luke 18

This chapter of Luke tells us the story of the woman and the judge, which teaches us about persistent prayer. The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector teaches about humility. Jesus likens the hearts of little children to those who will receive the kingdom of God. We also read the story of the rich young ruler, Jesus foretelling His death and resurrection, and finally the story of the healing of blind Bartimaeus.

MONDAY

Nehemiah 1:1-11 & 2:1-5

In this passage, we see Nehemiah petitioning the Lord to grant him favor with King Artaxerxes, so that he can go rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. As we read further, we see that God granted Nehemiah that request and much more.

TUESDAY

Matthew 6

In Matthew 6, we read about the posture of our hearts in prayer, giving, and fasting.

WEDNESDAY

Mark 10:13-52

Mark 10:13-52 parallels Luke 18, and adds some more details to the story.

THURSDAY

John 17

Theologians describe John 17 as the true Lord's Prayer. This passage shows that the true purpose of prayer is to glorify the Son (Jesus) and the Father (God). We see Jesus praying for His disciples and for the believers yet to come. These prayers are still being answered today, after 2000 years.

FRIDAY

1 John 5:14-17; Philippians 4:4-9

Both 1 John 5:14-17 and Philippians 4:4-9 teach us more about how to pray.

SATURDAY

Psalms 52, 53, 54

Week 19

This week we'll read about God's heart for salvation, and several different perspectives of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

SUNDAY

Luke 19

Luke 19 tells us about the transformation of Zacchaeus, teaching us about Jesus' heart for sinners. We also read the parable of the ten minas the king entrusted to his servants, and Jesus riding in to Jerusalem. The chapter closes by telling us about Jesus' cleansing of the temple, revealing Jesus's zeal for His house to be a house of prayer.

MONDAY

Isaiah 55

Isaiah 55 is an invitation for everyone to participate in the covenant of grace which is birthed out of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is also a passage of hope to the Jews for freedom from captivity.

TUESDAY

Isaiah 56:1-8

Isaiah 56 is an Old Testament prophecy that reveals God's heart to bring salvation to the Gentiles and for His house to be a house of prayer.

WEDNESDAY

Jeremiah 7:1-27

Today we read a story about the temple of the Lord being defiled—much like in Luke 19—which is utmost sin to God.

THURSDAY

Matthew 21:1-13

Today we read Matthew's perspective of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and cleansing of the temple.

FRIDAY

John 12:12-19

This portion of John tells us about Jesus' triumphant entry from yet another perspective.

SATURDAY

Psalms 55, 56, 57

Week 20

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 20

This chapter of Luke covers the chief priests' questioning of Jesus' authority, and the parable of the vineyard. We read Jesus' answer to the question proposed to Him concerning the lawfulness of paying tribute to Caesar, Jesus' dialogue with the scribes on multiple topics within the Jewish culture, and how He cautioned His disciples about the scribes.

MONDAY

1 Samuel 8

In this chapter, we see Israel reject God's authority over them as King. This chapter parallels Luke 20, as both groups of people reflect stubbornness of the heart.

TUESDAY

Isaiah 5:1-7

In these verses, we read about the picture of the vineyard Jesus talked about in Luke 20. God parallels the idea of working to plant and grow a vineyard only to produce very little with His love and care for Israel, only for them to be unrighteous.

WEDNESDAY

John 10

John 10 is a passage revealing the authenticity of Jesus as the true Messiah. However, there is still conflict over who Jesus says He is.

THURSDAY

Romans 13:1-7, Ephesian 6:1-9

Both Romans and Ephesians speak about authority and their place in our lives, echoing Jesus' words in Luke 20.

FRIDAY

1 Peter 2

This chapter of 1 Peter talks a little more about Jesus being the living stone from Luke 20.

SATURDAY

Psalm 58, 59, 60

Week 21

This week, we'll read several passages about the last days.

SUNDAY

Luke 21

The first part of this chapter teaches about giving. The remaining verses cover the second coming of Christ and the events leading up to it. Jesus warns that deception, wars, persecution, and desolation are some signs of the coming age.

MONDAY

Isaiah 65

Isaiah 65 gives us a picture of what is to come. The passage reveals God's righteous judgement on the earth, and talks about the new heaven and new earth.

TUESDAY

Daniel 9

This passage from Daniel speaks about the second coming of Christ, including the desolation of Jerusalem, which is talked about in Luke 21.

WEDNESDAY **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

This passage talks about the tension we experience as believers here on earth while we eagerly wait for the return of Christ.

THURSDAY **2 Timothy 3**

2 Timothy 3 is another passage written by the apostle Paul to Timothy. Paul warns Timothy about signs of the times, particularly in the human race. However, Paul also gives Timothy tools to live well in these times.

FRIDAY **Revelation 1:9-20**

John's revelatory experience begins with Christ. He encounters Jesus, who tells John that He is the first and last, He is the one who will live forever, and He is the one who holds the keys to death and Hades. The picture painted here is the return of Jesus.

SATURDAY **Psalms 61, 62, 63**

Week 22

This week, we'll read about the events leading up to Jesus' arrest.

SUNDAY

Luke 22

This chapter includes the plot to kill Jesus, Judas' betrayal, the Passover meal, Peter's denial, Jesus' agony over His coming death, and His arrest and torture.

MONDAY

Isaiah 63:1-6

Luke 22 was the beginning of God's promise of vengeance and redemption. Theologians parallel the beginning of Luke to the promise in Isaiah chapter 63.

TUESDAY

Daniel 7

At the end of Luke 22, Jesus is asked if He is the Son of Man. This reference comes from Daniel's dream in this chapter. Daniel describes the Son of Man as someone who will come and take dominion over all the earth.

WEDNESDAY **John 6:25-58**

In Luke 22, during the Passover meal, Jesus says the bread is His body, given for us. In this chapter of John, Jesus teaches that the true bread of life is Him; His life gives us eternal life.

THURSDAY **1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

These passages reflect the heart of God for sharing communion. The reason we take communion is to be one with Jesus, and to remember that in Him is life eternal. When we take communion, we remember what He did on the cross for us.

FRIDAY **1 John 2:18-29**

In this chapter, John warns us about denying Jesus as the Son. This is a reflection of Judas' betrayal in Luke 22, as well as Peter's denial. John is encouraging us to stay steadfast so we don't fall into the same temptation.

SATURDAY **Psalm 64, 65, 66**

Week 23

This week's reading shows us the story of Jesus' crucifixion from a few different perspectives.

SUNDAY

Luke 23

Today, we read about the trial of Jesus by Pilate and Herod, leading to His crucifixion and burial.

MONDAY

Genesis 3

This passage is the story of the temptation and fall of man, the consequences of which leads eventually to Jesus dying on the cross. In this story, God promises a seed that will destroy Satan—that seed is Jesus. At the end of this chapter, we also see the first glimpse of God's grace to us, even in our sin.

TUESDAY

Matthew 27

Today we read about the trial and death of Jesus told through the lens of Matthew.

WEDNESDAY **John 19**

This chapter tells the story of Jesus' trial and death from John's perspective.

THURSDAY **Romans 3**

This passage from Romans reflects on God's faithfulness to mankind regardless of our sin nature. The passage reflects on the reality that neither the law or our deeds will save us. The death and resurrection of Jesus is what will save us from all unrighteousness.

FRIDAY **Hebrews 5:1-11**

This passage acknowledges the priestly role of Jesus Christ through His suffering on the cross.

SATURDAY **Psalm 67, 68, 69**

Week 24

This week, we'll read a few of the promises of redemption God made. We'll read about Jesus' resurrection, and what that means for us as believers.

SUNDAY

Luke 24

The last chapter of Luke tells us about Jesus' last days on earth. This includes His resurrection, reappearance to the disciples, and His ascension. He also commissions all believers to take the good news to every nation, popularly known as the Great Commission.

MONDAY

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hosea 6:1-3

Jeremiah talks about the new covenant God promises in the Old Testament, the covenant that is fulfilled by the death and resurrection of Christ. Hosea 6:1-3 is a call to repentance, our response to what God has done.

TUESDAY

Ezekiel 36:16-38

Today's reading also reflects the prophesy of the new covenant as promised by God, fulfilled by the death and resurrection of Jesus.

WEDNESDAY

Mark 16

Mark 16 parallels Luke 24, talking about the resurrection, appearance to the disciples, and ascension of Jesus.

THURSDAY

1 Corinthians 15

This chapter in 1 Corinthians talks about the realities of Christ's resurrection, and what it means for us as believers.

FRIDAY

Ephesians 1

Today's reading emphasizes our redemption and guaranteed inheritance through Jesus Christ.

SATURDAY

Psalm 70, 71, 72

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