

One Year with Jesus

Book 2

Psalms and the Gospels of Matthew, Luke & John

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Jesus said in Matthew 5:8

*"Blessed are the pure in heart
for they will see God."*

One Year with Jesus (Book 2)

In 2024, our church will embark on a second Biblical journey to spend a year with Jesus. Our focus will be on the book of Psalms and three of the four Gospels: Matthew, Luke and John, but not Mark because 90% of Mark's content is in Matthew or Luke.

Every part of our church's teaching ministry will be united from day to day and week to week throughout all of 2024.

- A specific gospel, either Matthew, Luke or John, is designated for each month with daily readings from that gospel.
- Each day of each week will have two Bible readings, one from the Psalms and the other from the gospel for that month.
- The sermon for each Sunday will be from one or more of the Bible readings for that week.
- The lessons for our Wednesday Share Life Bible study group will be from the readings of each week.
- Weeks 32-52 have single verses from the Psalms to meditate upon. The months of September, October and November have single verses from Matthew, Luke and John.

Everyone is encouraged to make these Bible readings a part of your daily lives. The goal is that every Christian will have the opportunity to grow in their Christian faith and seek to become more like the Lord Jesus as we apply His teachings to our lives.



"In Christ, Always Praising, Serving, Growing"

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

JANUARY: Gospel of Matthew *"When Jesus was baptized... a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:16-17)*

Week 1 New Year... New Hopes

Week 2 The Quality Of Mercy

Week 3 Jesus' Sermon (part 1)

Week 4 Jesus' Sermon (part 2)



FEBRUARY: Gospel of Matthew *Jesus: "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:12-13)*

Week 5 The Joys of Being Healed

Week 6 Evangelism for the Faint of Heart

Week 7 Big John's Struggles

Week 8 Standing Up to Bullies

MARCH: Gospel of John *Jesus: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)*

Week 9 "I am the Light of the world." -- John 8:12

Week 10 "I am the Gate." -- John 10:7-9

Week 11 "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." -- John 14:6

Week 12 "I am the Good Shepherd" -- John 10:11,14

Week 13 "I am the Resurrection and the Life." -- John 11:25

APRIL: Gospel of Luke Jesus: *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."* (Luke 6:37)

- Week 14 Meet the Risen Christ
- Week 15 Accept Your Mission
- Week 16 Bear Good Fruit
- Week 17 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus *(part 1)*

MAY: Gospel of John *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)

- Week 18 The First Disciples
- Week 19 Signs and Portents
- Week 20 Awakening Faith
- Week 21 Dig Deep!



JUNE: Gospel of John Jesus: *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in My name the Father will give you."* (John 15:16)

- Week 22 Is Jesus the Christ?
- Week 23 Perceiving the Light
- Week 24 Receiving the Light
- Week 25 The Holy Spirit in Us
- Week 26 Abiding in Christ

JULY: Gospel of Matthew *Jesus: "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you... This is why I speak to you in parables." (Matthew 13:11,13)*

Week 27 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (part 2)

Week 28 "Take Courage. It is I."

Week 29 Evidences of Strong Faith

Week 30 Symptoms of Weak Faith

AUGUST: Gospel of Matthew *Jesus: "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant... The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:26-28)*

Week 31 What's Fair is Fair

Week 32 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (part 3)

Week 33 Passing Through Gethsemane

Week 34 The Long, Twilight Struggle

SEPTEMBER: Key Verses from Matthew *Jesus: "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:43-45)*

Week 35 Christian Counter Culture

Week 36 Overcoming Hypocrisy

Week 37 Matters of Honor

Week 38 A Compassionate Heart

Week 39 Good and Faithful Servants



OCTOBER: Key Verses from Luke Jesus: *"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."* (Luke 4:18)

Week 40 Voices of Authority

Week 41 Abundant Living

Week 42 Scattering Seed

Week 43 Be On Your Guard!



NOVEMBER: Key Verses from John Jesus: *"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16)

Week 44 Full of Grace and Truth

Week 45 Like Father Like Son

Week 46 What Must We Do?

Week 47 Be Encouraged!

DECEMBER: Gospel of Luke Zechariah: *"Praise be to the Lord -- He has come to His people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He said through His holy prophets of long ago."* (Luke 1:68-69)

Week 48 Lost and Found

Week 49 The Promise of Paradise

Week 50 Zechariah, Elisabeth and John

Week 51 Mary, Joseph and Jesus

Week 52 The Value of a Good Home

January: The Gospel of MATTHEW

Week 1: NEW YEAR... NEW HOPES

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 1	Matthew 1:1-11
Psalm 2	Matthew 1:12-17
Psalm 3	Matthew 1:18-25
Psalm 4	Matthew 2:1-12
Psalm 5	Matthew 2:13-23
Psalm 6	Matthew 3:1-12
Psalm 7	Matthew 3:13-17

Robert Raines: "To go with the flow of your life is to live without a map and be vulnerable to having your mind and your plans changed, your heart broken and your dreams fulfilled. It is to trust that God is in the rapids of change as well as the rocks of continuity."

Week 2: THE QUALITY OF MERCY

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 8	Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 9	Matthew 4:12-17
Psalm 10	Matthew 4:18-22
Psalm 11	Matthew 4:23-25
Psalm 12	Matthew 8:1-3
Psalm 13	Matthew 8:4-13
Psalm 14	Matthew 8:14-17

Week 3: JESUS' SERMON (part 1)

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 15	Matthew 5:1-12
Psalm 16	Matthew 5:13-16
Psalm 17	Matthew 5:17-20
Psalm 18:1-15	Matthew 5:21-26
Psalm 18:16-29	Matthew 5:27-37
Psalm 18:30-42	Matthew 5:38-42
Psalm 18:43-50	Matthew 5:43-48

Wise 4-word Sentences:

In God we trust.

God first loved us. Hallowed be Your Name.

Blessed are the merciful. Seek first His kingdom.

Jesus died for me. Your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Week 4: JESUS' SERMON (part 2)

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 19	Matthew 6:1-4
Psalm 20	Matthew 6:5-15
Psalm 21	Matthew 6:16-18
Psalm 23	Matthew 6:19-24
Psalm 24	Matthew 6:25-34
Psalm 25:1-7	Matthew 7:1-14
Psalm 25:8-22	Matthew 7:24-29

February: The Gospel of MATTHEW

Week 5: THE JOYS OF BEING HEALED

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 26	Matthew 8:18-22
Psalm 27	Matthew 8:23-27
Psalm 28	Matthew 8:28-34
Psalm 29	Matthew 9:1-8
Psalm 30	Matthew 9:9-17
Psalm 31:1-13	Matthew 9:18-26
Psalm 31:14-24	Matthew 9:27-34

Billy Graham:

"Where are the tears for the lost? Where is our concern for men and women who are confused, frustrated, lost, sinful and destined for hell?"

Week 6: EVANGELISM FOR THE FAINT OF HEART

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 32	Matthew 9:35-38
Psalm 33	Matthew 10:1-4
Psalm 34:1-14	Matthew 10:5-16
Psalm 34:15-22	Matthew 10:17-25
Psalm 35:1-18	Matthew 10:26-33
Psalm 35:19-28	Matthew 10:34-39
Psalm 36	Matthew 10:40-42

Week 7: BIG JOHN'S STRUGGLES

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 37:1-13	Matthew 11:1-6
Psalm 37:14-26	Matthew 11:7-10
Psalm 37:27-40	Matthew 11:11-15
Psalm 38	Matthew 11:16-19
Psalm 39	Matthew 11:20-24
Psalm 40	Matthew 11:25-30
Psalm 41	Matthew 7:15-23

An Honest Christian's Prayer:

*"I have failed You again, Lord Jesus.
Despite my firm resolutions and determined efforts,
I have flopped, face first, yielding to temptation.
And it's not like it's the first time. And so, dear Lord,
I come limping back to You. Amen."*

Week 8: STANDING UP TO BULLIES

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 42	Matthew 12:1-8
Psalm 43	Matthew 12:9-14
Psalm 44:1-12	Matthew 12:15-21
Psalm 44:13-26	Matthew 12:22-29
Psalm 45	Matthew 12:30-37
Psalm 46	Matthew 12:38-45
Psalm 47	Matthew 12:46-50

March: *The Gospel of JOHN*

Week 9: "I am the LIGHT of the WORLD." -- John 8:12

Psalms	John
Psalm 48	John 8:1-11
Psalm 49	John 8:12-18
Psalm 50	John 8:19-24
Psalm 51	John 8:25-30
Psalm 52	John 8:31-41
Psalm 53	John 8:42-47
Psalm 54	John 8:48-59

From a Sermon:

*"He was just like us and yet He was nothing like us.
He walked among us, and yet He came from God above...
Little children love Him and yet He baffles the greatest minds.
He was called 'son of Mary' and yet He is the 'Son of God.'"*

Week 10: "I am the GATE." -- John 10:9

Psalms	John
Psalm 55	John 9:1-7
Psalm 56	John 9:8-12
Psalm 57	John 9:13-23
Psalm 58	John 9:24-34
Psalm 59	John 9:35-41
Psalm 60	John 10:1-6
Psalm 61	John 10:7-10

Week 11: "I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE."

-- John 14:6

Psalms	John
Psalm 62	John 13:1-5
Psalm 63	John 13:6-11
Psalm 64	John 13:12-17
Psalm 65	John 14:1-4
Psalm 66	John 14:5-14
Psalm 67	John 14:15-21
Psalm 70	John 14:22-31

Karl Barth: "Jesus does not give recipes that show the way to God as other teachers of religion do. He Himself is the way."

Week 12: "I am the GOOD SHEPHERD" -- John 10:11,14

Psalms	John
Psalm 118:1-9	John 10:11-13
Psalm 118:10-18	John 10:14-18
Psalm 118:19-29	John 10:19-21
Psalm 22:1-2	John 10:22-30
Psalm 22:3-8	John 10:31-33
Psalm 22:9-18	John 10:34-39
Psalm 22:19-31	John 10:40-42

A. W. Tozer: "It is altogether doubtful whether any person can be saved who comes to Christ for His help but with no intention to obey Him; for Christ's saviorhood is forever united to His Lordship."

Week 13: "I am the RESURRECTION and the LIFE."

-- John 11:25

Psalms	John
Psalm 68:1-10	John 11:1-6
Psalm 68:11-23	John 11:7-16
Psalm 68:24-35	John 11:17-27
Psalm 69:1-12	John 11:28-37
Psalm 69:13-21	John 11:38-44
Psalm 69:22-36	John 11:45-53
Psalm 75	John 11:54-57

William Woodfin:

*"The proof of Christianity is not a book, but a life.
The power of Christianity is not a creed, but a Christian character.
And wherever you see lives transformed by the grace of God,
you see a witness to the resurrection of Jesus."*



Rev. Jay Weigel: My greatest moment of instantaneous joy was when the director of Bethany Christian Services called on April 16, 1988 and asked if we were ready to pick up our son. Just two weeks prior we had been told our wait to adopt a child would be at least six more months, but God intervened!

Can you imagine the desperate sorrow the women felt when they went to the tomb of Jesus after witnessing His crucifixion? Their deep, emotional darkness was instantly changed to complete astonishment and joy! Their crucified Savior was alive!

Read how the gospel of Matthew describes that first Easter: *"After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord came, rolled back the stone... and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He has risen.'"*

Matthew tells the result of the angel's message: *"So the women left the tomb quickly, deep in wonder and full of joy, and ran to tell His disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to Him... and worshipped Him."*



At the angel's words, the women were filled with deep wonder and abundant joy. Imagine how their feelings deepened when they actually SAW the risen Christ in the flesh standing in front of them.

Is there anything in your life that would have rivaled such an occurrence? As much wonder and joy as I felt at adopting our first child in 1988, I think it would have paled in comparison to witnessing Jesus' crucifixion and then His resurrection just three days later.

April: The Gospel of LUKE

Week 14: MEET THE RISEN CHRIST

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 71:1-13	Luke 24:1-12
Psalm 71:14-24	Luke 24:13-24
Psalm 72	Luke 24:25-27
Psalm 73:1-12	Luke 24:28-35
Psalm 73:13-28	Luke 24:36-44
Psalm 74:1-11	Luke 24:45-49
Psalm 74:12-23	Luke 24:50-53

Robert Raines:

"Because of God, I can accept everything that happens to me in the knowledge that somehow God has power to redeem it and make it some way all right... for my hope lies not in my virtue, but in His grace."

Week 15: ACCEPT YOUR MISSION

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 76	Luke 4:1-13
Psalm 77	Luke 4:14-30
Psalm 78:1-8	Luke 4:31-44
Psalm 78:9-16	Luke 4:38-44
Psalm 78:17-39	Luke 5:1-11
Psalm 78:40-55	Luke 5:12-16
Psalm 78:56-72	Luke 5:27-32

Week 16: BEAR GOOD FRUIT

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 79	Luke 6:1-11
Psalm 80	Luke 6:12-22
Psalm 81	Luke 6:23-26
Psalm 82	Luke 6:27-36
Psalm 83	Luke 6:37-42
Psalm 84	Luke 6:43-45
Psalm 85	Luke 6:46-49

A Parable:

*Once upon a time a lion ate a bull and he felt so good that he roared and roared and roared. A hunter heard the roaring lion and killed him with one shot. The moral to the story:
When you are full of bull keep your mouth shut.*

Week 17: TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS *(part 1)*

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 86	Luke 10:25-37
Psalm 87	Luke 11:5-8
Psalm 88	Luke 13:6-9
Psalm 89:1-13	Luke 14:7-17
Psalm 89:14-29	Luke 18:1-8
Psalm 89:30-45	Luke 18:9-14
Psalm 89:46-52	Luke 19:11-27

May: The Gospel of JOHN

Week 18: THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Psalms	John
Psalm 90	John 1:1-14
Psalm 91	John 1:15-18
Psalm 92	John 1: 19-28
Psalm 93	John 1:29-34
Psalm 94	John 1:35-42
Psalm 95	John 1:43-50
Psalm 96	John 3:22-36

Robert Munger:

"We usually need to be broken in order to shift our confidence from ourselves to our Savior. Jesus said, 'Without Me you can do nothing.' But we don't believe it until God shows us we can do nothing. Only then will we have hope."

Week 19: SIGNS AND PORTENTS

Psalms	John
Psalm 97	John 2:1-11
Psalm 98	John 2:12-25
Psalm 99	John 17:1-5
Psalm 100	John 17:6-12
Psalm 101	John 17:13-19
Psalm 102:1-11	John 17:20-23
Psalm 102:12-28	John 17:24-26

Week 20: AWAKENING FAITH

Psalms	John
Psalm 103	John 4:1-15
Psalm 104:1-9	John 4:16-20
Psalm 104:10-23	John 4:21-26
Psalm 104:24-35	John 4:27-38
Psalm 105:1-15	John 4:39-42
Psalm 105:16-36	John 4:43-54
Psalm 105:37-45	John 5:1-15

Father Andrew:

*"There cannot be at the same time
acceptance of sin and acceptance of God;
and so the soul, despairing or defiant,
goes on its way in the darkness
of its own distress."*

Week 21: DIG DEEP!

Psalms	John
Psalm 106:1-12	John 6:1-15
Psalm 106:13-27	John 6:16-24
Psalm 106:28-39	John 6:25-29
Psalm 106:40-48	John 6:30-40
Psalm 107:1-16	John 6:41-51
Psalm 107:17-32	John 6:52-59
Psalm 107:33-43	John 6:60-71

June: *The Gospel of JOHN*

Week 22: IS JESUS THE CHRIST?

Psalms	John
Psalm 108	John 7:1-9
Psalm 109:1-15	John 7:10-13
Psalm 109:16-31	John 7:14-24
Psalm 110	John 7:25-31
Psalm 111	John 7:32-36
Psalm 112	John 7:37-44
Psalm 113	John 7:45-52

Elisabeth Elliot:

*"We have ample evidence that the Lord is able to help.
His promises cover every imaginable situation.
All we need to do is to take His outstretched hand."*

Week 23: PERCEIVING THE LIGHT

Psalms	John
Psalm 114	John 12:1-8
Psalm 115:1-8	John 12:9-11
Psalm 115:9-18	John 12:12-19
Psalm 116:1-6	John 12:20-33
Psalm 116:7-11	John 12:34-36
Psalm 116:12-19	John 12:37-41
Psalm 117	John 12:42-50

Week 24: RECEIVING THE LIGHT

Psalms	John
Psalm 119:1-8	John 3:1-15
Psalm 119:9-16	John 3:16-21
Psalm 119:17-24	John 5:16-23
Psalm 119:25-32	John 5:24-30
Psalm 119:33-40	John 5:31-47
Psalm 119:41-48	John 5:16-23
Psalm 119:49-56	John 5:24-30

Hall of Fame Baseball Pitcher Satchel Paige:

"Never let your head hang down.

Never give up and sit and grieve.

Find another way.

And don't pray when it rains

if you don't pray when the sun shines."

Week 25: THE HOLY SPIRIT IN US

Psalms	John
Psalm 119:57-64	John 16:1-4
Psalm 119:65-72	John 16:5-11
Psalm 119:73-80	John 16:12-15
Psalm 119:81-88	John 16:16-20
Psalm 119:89-96	John 16:21-24
Psalm 119:97-104	John 16:25-28
Psalm 119:105-112	John 16:29-33

Week 26: ABIDING IN CHRIST

Psalms	John
Psalms 119:113-120	John 15:1-4
Psalms 119:121-128	John 15:5-8
Psalms 119:129-136	John 15:9-12
Psalms 119:137-144	John 15:13-15
Psalms 119:145-152	John 15:16-17
Psalms 119:153-160	John 15:18-25
Psalms 119:161-168	John 15:26-27

British Evangelist and Pastor Alan Redpath:

*"Many Christians have a distorted view about prayer.
Much of our praying is just asking God
to bless some folks who are ill,
and to keep the rest of us plugging along.
But prayer is not mercy prattle but spiritual battle."*



All Christians have been blessed abundantly. But with God's blessings comes the call of Christ to serve. Too often, the lion's share of a church's work falls upon a minority of people. Conversely, there are many people in a congregation who do not want to serve at all. "Let someone else do it," they say.

Years ago, the editors of the Kansas City Star newspaper were each asked to write an article on, "*What My Religion Means to Me.*" The Sports editor, Ernie Mehl, said that writing that article brought on a profound change in his life. As he assessed his life and God's place in it, he realized his attitude toward God and his Christian faith could be summarized by, "**What is in it for me?**"

He went to church asking, "What is in it for me?" and "How will the minister inspire me?" and "How will the church serve me?" When Mr. Mehl realized the fallacy of his thinking, he desired change.

He wrote: "*When this truth dawned on me, I realized that it is not the minister's place to inspire me anymore than it was my place to inspire the minister. It was not my place to have the church serve me anymore than it is my place to serve the church. It was not my place to expect God's blessing in the worship service as much as it is my place to give God worship and praise.*"

Mehl wrote: "*In the same way, I would not only serve God and my church, but also my job, my city and my state. My new slogan changed from, 'What is in it for me?' to, 'What is in it for God?'*"

If all Christians had a service mentality of "what is in it for God?" then there would be an abundance of people serving and the church would thrive! If not, the few will eventually burn out and the church will struggle! When considering what you can do, ask yourself, "What is in my life for God?" and "How can I best serve Christ through the ministries of my church?"

July: *The Gospel of MATTHEW*

Week 27: **TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS** *(part 2)*

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 119:169-176	Matthew 13:1-23
Psalm 120	Matthew 13:24-30
Psalm 121	Matthew 13:31-35
Psalm 122	Matthew 13:36-43
Psalm 123	Matthew 13:44-46
Psalm 124	Matthew 13:47-52
Psalm 125	Matthew 13:53-58

Peter Devries: "God did not put us on earth to see through one another, but to see one another through."

Week 28: **"TAKE COURAGE. IT IS I."** *(Matthew 14:27)*

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 126	Matthew 14:1-12
Psalm 127	Matthew 14:13-21
Psalm 128	Matthew 14:22-33
Psalm 129	Matthew 14:34-36
Psalm 130	Matthew 15:1-9
Psalm 131	Matthew 15:10-14
Psalm 132	Matthew 15:15-20

A considerate husband is one who remembers to put gas in the lawnmower for his wife before he goes out to play golf.

Week 29: EVIDENCES OF STRONG FAITH

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 133	Matthew 15:21-28
Psalm 134	Matthew 15:29-39
Psalm 135:1-12	Matthew 16:1-4
Psalm 135:13-21	Matthew 16:5-12
Psalm 136	Matthew 16:13-20
Psalm 137	Matthew 16:21-23
Psalm 138	Matthew 16:24-28

St. Anselm (11th century)

"Teach me to seek You, O Lord.

For I cannot seek You unless You show Yourself to me.

Let me seek You in my desire. Let me desire You in my seeking.

Let me find You by loving You. Let me love You when I find You."

Week 30: SYMPTOMS OF WEAK FAITH

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 139:1-12	Matthew 17:1-8
Psalm 139:13-24	Matthew 17:9-13
Psalm 140	Matthew 17:14-21
Psalm 141	Matthew 17:22-23
Psalm 142	Matthew 17:24-27
Psalm 143	Matthew 18:1-6
Psalm 144	Matthew 18:7-9

August: *The Gospel of* MATTHEW

St. Anselm (11th century) "O Lord, I long to understand in some degree Your truth... For I do not seek to understand that I may believe, but I believe that I may understand."

Week 31: WHAT'S FAIR IS FAIR

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 145:1-13	Matthew 18:10-20
Psalm 145:14-21	Matthew 18:21-35
Psalm 146	Matthew 19:1-15
Psalm 147	Matthew 19:16-30
Psalm 148	Matthew 20:1-19
Psalm 149	Matthew 20:20-28
Psalm 150	Matthew 20:29-34

Weeks 32-52 have single verses from the Psalms to meditate upon each day.

Week 32: TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS *(part 3)*

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 1:1	Matthew 21:28-32
Psalm 3:3	Matthew 21:33-46
Psalm 4:3	Matthew 22:1-14
Psalm 4:11	Matthew 25:1-13
Psalm 5:3	Matthew 25:14-30
Psalm 7:9	Matthew 25:31-40
Psalm 8:3-4	Matthew 25:41-46

Week 33: **PASSING THROUGH GETHSEMANE**

Psalms	Matthew
Psalms 9:16	Matthew 26:1-16
Psalms 11:3	Matthew 26:17-30
Psalms 11:7	Matthew 26:31-35
Psalms 13:5	Matthew 26:36-46
Psalms 14:6	Matthew 26:47-56
Psalms 15:1-2	Matthew 26:57-67
Psalms 16:2	Matthew 26:68-75

Robert Raines:

"When we come to believe deep down that the flow of our lives, the underlying currents that are moving in and about us, are not against us but for us, that the Holy Spirit is literally in the flux and movement of our lives, then it becomes possible for us to go with the flow of our lives in the confidence that God is literally with us in everything."

Week 34: **THE LONG, TWILIGHT STRUGGLE**

Psalms	Matthew
Psalms 16:8	Matthew 27:1-10
Psalms 16:11	Matthew 27:11-26
Psalms 17:8	Matthew 27:27-31
Psalms 18:1	Matthew 27:32-44
Psalms 18:28	Matthew 27:45-56
Psalms 19:14	Matthew 27:57-61
Psalms 20:7	Matthew 27:62-66

September: Key Verses from MATTHEW

Meditating on and memorizing specific Bible verses enables Christians to grow in their faith. The September, October and November readings are some of the verses that stand out in the Psalms and the gospels of Matthew, Luke and John.

Week 35: CHRISTIAN COUNTER CULTURE

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 23:1	Matthew 5:3
Psalm 23:2	Matthew 5:4
Psalm 23:3	Matthew 5:5
Psalm 23:4	Matthew 5:6
Psalm 23:5	Matthew 5:7
Psalm 23:6	Matthew 5:8
Psalm 25:7	Matthew 5:9

A Modern Beatitude: "Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused." (Anonymous)

Week 36: OVERCOMING HYPOCRISY

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 25:8	Matthew 6:1
Psalm 25:21	Matthew 6:5
Psalm 26:3	Matthew 6:6
Psalm 27:1	Matthew 6:12
Psalm 27:4	Matthew 6:21
Psalm 27:13	Matthew 6:24
Psalm 28:9	Matthew 7:1

Week 37: MATTERS OF HONOR

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 29:2	Matthew 8:8
Psalm 29:11	Matthew 8:10
Psalm 30:4	Matthew 9:13
Psalm 31:19	Matthew 9:37
Psalm 32:1	Matthew 9:38
Psalm 32:5	Matthew 10:28
Psalm 32:10	Matthew 11:28

Charles Spurgeon:

*"Jesus died for me,' are four words I have lived by,
and they are the words I am going to die by."*

Week 38: A COMPASSIONATE HEART

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 33:12	Matthew 13:16
Psalm 34:3	Matthew 13:52
Psalm 34:8	Matthew 14:14
Psalm 34:14	Matthew 14:35
Psalm 35:28	Matthew 15:30
Psalm 36:9	Matthew 15:31
Psalm 37:4	Matthew 16:28

Linn Carlson:

*"Believe you can and you're half way there.
Believe God can and the race is won."*

Week 39: GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

Psalms	Matthew
Psalm 37:25	Matthew 18:21
Psalm 37:26	Matthew 18:22
Psalm 39:4	Matthew 22:37-39
Psalm 40:1	Matthew 24:44
Psalm 40:3	Matthew 25:21
Psalm 41:4	Matthew 25:40
Psalm 42:1	Matthew 28:19-20

Harold Kushner

"A church that admits only saints would be like a hospital that admitted only healthy people. It would be a lot easier to run, and a more pleasant place to be, but I'm not sure it would be doing the job it was here to do."



Prayer inspired by Psalm 23 and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, may Your name be praised.

In You, our Shepherd, we lack nothing.

When the stresses of life threaten to overwhelm,

You've made us to lie quietly in green pastures of peace;

You've led us beside still waters of joy;

You've refreshed our souls.

We pray Your kingdom would come and Your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. Guide us along straight paths for Your name's sake.

Especially when times are dark, when we face the shadows of death, strengthen us to fear no evil, to rest in Your abiding presence, to trust Your rod and Your staff to comfort us.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who've hurt us. You've prepared a sumptuous table of daily grace for us, even when our enemies draw near.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. May Your goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives that we may dwell in the house of our Lord forever.

Anoint us with Your blessings that our cups of gratitude may overflow. For Yours is the Kingdom and the power and the glory. Forever. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



October: Key Verses from LUKE

Luke has the most verses dedicated to Jesus' birth, tells unique parables like the Good Samaritan and ends with detailed encounters with the risen Christ.

Week 40: VOICES OF AUTHORITY

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 42:8	Luke 3:4,6
Psalm 43:5	Luke 3:8
Psalm 46:1	Luke 3:16
Psalm 46:2	Luke 4:4,8
Psalm 46:4	Luke 4:12
Psalm 46:10	Luke 4:36
Psalm 49:20	Luke 5:27

*To know God's will is God's greatest treasure.
To do God's will is life's greatest pleasure.*

Week 41: ABUNDANT LIVING

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 51:1	Luke 6:27-28
Psalm 51:10	Luke 6:36
Psalm 51:11	Luke 6:37
Psalm 51:12	Luke 6:38
Psalm 52:8	Luke 6:43
Psalm 53:1	Luke 6:44
Psalm 55:22	Luke 6:45

Week 42: SCATTERING SEEDS

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 56:4	Luke 8:12
Psalm 57:7	Luke 8:13
Psalm 62:1	Luke 8:14
Psalm 62:2	Luke 8:15
Psalm 63:1	Luke 8:39
Psalm 63:3	Luke 9:23
Psalm 63:8	Luke 10:2

C.S. Lewis:

*"I did not go to religion to make me happy.
I always knew a bottle of Port would do that.
If you want a religion to make you feel really comfortable,
I certainly don't recommend Christianity."*

Week 43: BE ON YOUR GUARD!

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 66:5	Luke 12:1
Psalm 66:18	Luke 12:8-9
Psalm 66:20	Luke 12:15
Psalm 68:19	Luke 13:3
Psalm 68:20	Luke 18:8
Psalm 73:24	Luke 18:14
Psalm 73:26	Luke 18:25

November: Key Verses from JOHN

John's gospel, in many and various ways, presents Jesus Christ as the Messiah. People are challenged to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of sinners.

Week 44: FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH

Psalms	John
Psalm 75:1	John 1:1
Psalm 80:17	John 1:14
Psalm 80:18	John 1:29
Psalm 80:19	John 3:16
Psalm 82:3	John 3:17
Psalm 82:4	John 3:18
Psalm 82:8	John 3:36

Thomas Taylor:

"We are not saved for believing but by believing."

Week 45: LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Psalms	John
Psalm 86:11	John 5:19
Psalm 90:12	John 5:21
Psalm 91:9	John 5:24
Psalm 91:10	John 4:10
Psalm 91:11	John 4:14
Psalm 97:10	John 4:34
Psalm 99:5	John 4:50

Week 46: WHAT MUST WE DO?

Psalms	John
Psalm 103:2	John 6:28
Psalm 103:3	John 6:29
Psalm 103:4	John 6:35
Psalm 103:5	John 6:39
Psalm 103:8	John 6:40
Psalm 103:10	John 6:47
Psalm 103:17	John 6:68-69

St. Augustine (4th century):

"God is all to thee: If thou be hungry, He is bread; if thou be thirsty, He is water; if thou be in darkness, He is light; if thou namest Him Savior, He is the Robe of immortality."

Week 47: BE ENCOURAGED!

Psalms	John
Psalm 115:1	John 8:12
Psalm 116:7	John 10:10
Psalm 116:8	John 12:26
Psalm 116:9	John 14:6
Psalm 116:12	John 14:19
Psalm 116:13	John 14:27
Psalm 116:14	John 21:25

Christopher Nesse:

"Assurance is the fruit that grows out of the root of faith."

December: The Gospel of LUKE

Week 48: LOST AND FOUND

Psalms	Luke
Psalms 118:14	Luke 15:1-7
Psalms 118:24	Luke 15:8-19
Psalms 121:1	Luke 15:11-24
Psalms 121:2	Luke 15:25-32
Psalms 122:1	Luke 13:1-5
Psalms 125:4	Luke 13:22-30
Psalms 125:5	Luke 13:31-35

Eva K. Logue:

*"A Christmas candle is a lovely thing;
It makes no noise at all,
But softly gives its light away,
while selflessly growing small."*

Week 49: THE PROMISE OF PARADISE

Psalms	Luke
Psalms 127:1	Luke 23:26-31
Psalms 128:1	Luke 23:32-43
Psalms 130:3	Luke 19:1-10
Psalms 130:4	Luke 21:1-4
Psalms 130:5	Luke 21:5-19
Psalms 130:7	Luke 21:20-33
Psalms 130:8	Luke 21:34-38

Week 50: ZECHARIAH, ELISABETH AND JOHN

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 138:8	Luke 1:1-4
Psalm 139:1	Luke 1:5-7
Psalm 139:13	Luke 1:8-17
Psalm 139:14	Luke 1:18-25
Psalm 139:23	Luke 1:57-66
Psalm 139:24	Luke 1:67-75
Psalm 141:7	Luke 1:76-80

Richard Bauckham & R. D. Williams

*"Jesus is sheer, absolute gift of God...
He is the humanity of God who graciously
identifies with us and shares our human condition...
But human as God's gift to us is,
He is 'Immanuel' -- God with us."*

Week 51: MARY, JOSEPH AND JESUS

Psalms	Luke
Psalm 144:15	Luke 1:26-37
Psalm 145:13	Luke 1:38
Psalm 145:18	Luke 1:39-45
Psalm 145:20	Luke 1:46-56
Psalm 145:21	Luke 2:1-7
Psalm 147:5	Luke 2:8-14
Psalm 147:6	Luke 2:9-20

Week 52: THE VALUE OF A GOOD HOME

Psalms	Luke
Psalms 100:1	Luke 2:21-24
Psalms 100:2	Luke 2:25-32
Psalms 100:3	Luke 2:33-35
Psalms 100:4	Luke 2:36-38
Psalms 100:5	Luke 2:39-40
Psalms 149:4-5	Luke 2:41-45
Psalms 150:6	Luke 2:46-50

Jesus declared at the Bible's end:

*"Now the dwelling place of God is with His people
and God Himself will be with them and be their God..."*

*Whoever is thirsty, let them come and take
the free gift of the water of life."*

(Revelation 21:3; 22:17)



My Father's Bible by Rev. Jay Weigel

When my father passed in 2021 at the age of 90, I was given his Bible. It is always interesting to see what things have been kept in a person's Bible over the years and it was the same for my father.

My father, Thomas Joseph Weigel, was Lutheran. His parents baptized him as a child and he lived his entire life in relation to Jesus Christ and the church. In His Bible I found five things:

1. A certificate of completion of a Lutheran Leadership Course, *The Life and Work of Paul*, dated July 1945. My father would have been 14 years old at that time.
2. A quote by Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower, "I'm convinced from what I know of the world's conditions that the only hope of our day is a religious revival."
3. A Statement of Doctrine from Calvary Church in Santa Ana, CA.
4. An article by the American Bible Society on how to use the Bible.
5. An article by Judge Learned Hand "*I Did My Best*" from the Cincinnati Enquirer (8/23/1959) on life's lessons from which was written:

"Man is a projector, a designer, a builder, a craftsman. His reward is not so much in the work as in its making; not so much in the prize as in the race. We may win when we lose, if we have done what we can for by so doing we have made real at least some part of that finished product in whose fabrication we are most concerned: ourselves. And if at the end some critic shall pass by and say, 'My friend, how good a job do you think you have made of it all?' we can answer, 'I know as well as you that it is not of high quality; but I did put into it whatever I had, and that was the game I started out to play.'"

Those 5 items told a story of who my father was and what he valued. It lined up with the picture of the man I was blessed to call, "Dad."

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