

# CLOSER WALK THEE: WITH GOSPEL READING PROJECT

## READING SCHEDULE

For all the various views on who Jesus is, there is no more important view (outside of our own hearts) than the Gospels. In them we have our principle views about his life, his work, his death and resurrection. There are centuries of interpretations, commentaries and suppositions related to the life of Jesus Christ and there are many extra-canonical references (meaning outside of the Bible) that talk about him and his impact. But the Gospels—Matthew, Mark,

Luke and John—are the foundation upon which our experience of Christ is built.

So, we should read them.

At its heart, the Gospel Reading Plan (GRP) is simple: read the Gospels from beginning to end. The plan provides daily readings of the four Gospels starting November 26, 2017 through May 20, 2018.

*(parenthesis means that these passages go with the primary reading, but you have read these or you will read them on another day)*

Dates	story/pericope	Weekly theme
November 26 Christ the King	Matthew 1:1-17 Luke 3:23-38	Genealogy of Jesus
November 27	Luke 1:5-25	John the Baptist's birth Foretold
November 28	Luke 1:26-38	Jesus' birth foretold
November 29	Luke 1:39-56	Mary Visits Elizabeth; Mary Praises God
November 30	Luke 1:57-80	Birth of John the Baptist & Zechariah's prophecy

December 1	Mark 1:1 & Luke 1:1-4	Beginning of good news & Luke's Purpose
December 2	John 1:1-18	Story of the Word
December 3 Advent 1	Matthew 3:1-12	Ministry of John the Baptist
December 4	Mark 1:1-8	Ministry of John the Baptist
December 5	Luke 3:1-14	Ministry of John the Baptist
December 6	John 1:19-28	Ministry of John the Baptist
December 7	Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 3:15-20, 9:7-9	Imprisonment & Death of John
December 8	Matthew 11:1-19	Ministry to the people; Question from John the Baptist; Appeal of John's Ministry; Significance of John's Ministry; & This Generation
December 9	Luke 7:18-35	John the Baptist and Jesus
December 10 Advent 2	Luke 1:46-55 & 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Magnificat
December 11	Catch Up Day	
December 12	Micah 5:2, 2 Samuel 5:2, Hosea 11:1	
December 13	Isaiah 40:1-5; Malachi 3:1-6	
December 14	Isaiah 53:1-12	
December 15	Psalms 24:7-10	
December 16	Isaiah 49:5-13	
December 17 Advent 3	Revelation 15:3-4	Cantata

December 18	Isaiah 7:13-17	
December 19	Jeremiah 31:10-20	
December 20	Genesis 37:5-11; 45:1-5	
December 21	Exodus 1:8-22; Exodus 12:23-29	
December 22	Micah 5:1-4; 2 Samuel 5:1-5	
December 23	Hosea 11	
December 24 (Christmas Eve) Advent 4	Luke 2:1-7	Jesus' Birth
December 25 (Christmas Day)	Matthew 1:18-25	Birth of Jesus
December 26	Luke 2:8-20	Announcement to the Shepherds
December 27	Luke 2:21-38	Jesus' Circumcision, naming and temple presentation
December 28	Matthew 2	Coming of the Magi; Escape to Egypt; Murder of the Bethlehem Children & Return from Egypt
December 29	Luke 2:39-40 & Matthew 2:22-23 (Make note of extra canonical stuff)	Childhood of Jesus at Nazareth
December 30	Read Luke 1 & 2 in a sitting	
December 31	Best of	Jesus Childhood
January 1	Catch Up Day	
January 2	Matthew 3:13-17 & Mark 1:9-11	Baptism of Jesus
January 3	Luke 3:21-22 & John 1:29-34	Baptism of Jesus
January 4	Matthew 4:1-11 & Mark 1:12-13	Temptation of Jesus

January 5	Luke 4:1-13	Temptation of Jesus
January 6	Matthew 4:12-17; Isaiah 9:2; Mark 1:14 - 15; Luke 4:14 - 30; Isaiah 61:1-2, 58:6	Move to Galilee; Jesus' message; Jesus Announces Good News to the Poor
January 7	John 1:35-51 & Luke 6:12-16	Jesus calls apostles
January 8	Matthew 4:18-22 & Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11	Call of the first Disciples
January 9	Matthew 4:23-Matthew 5:12; Mark 3:7-12; Luke 6:17-26	Ministry to the crowds; Happy People (Beatitudes Matthew Beatitudes Luke)
January 10	Matthew 5:13-16 (Mark 4:21, 9:49-50; Luke 8:16, 14:34-35)	Salt and Light <i>Talk about scholars view that Mark is primary source material - use 4:21 and 8:16 as examples</i>
January 11	Matthew 5:17-26 (Luke 16:16-17, 12:57-59)	Jesus and the Law & Law of Murder
January 12	Matthew 5:27-32 (Mark 10:1-12; Luke 16:18)	Law of Adultery & Law of Divorce
January 13	Matthew 5:33-48; Luke 6:27-38	Law of solemn pledges; Law of retaliation; Law of Love
January 14	Matthew 6:1-15 (Mark 11:25; Luke 11:1-4)	Showy Religion, Showy prayer, Proper prayer (The Lord's Prayer)
January 15	Catch Up Day	
January 16	Matthew 6:16-24 (Luke 11:34-36, 12:33-34)	Showy Fasting; Earthly and Heavenly Treasures; Seeing and serving

January 17	Matthew 6:25-34 (Luke 12:22-34)	Worry about necessities
January 18	Matthew 7:1-12 (Mark 4:24-25; Luke 6:31, 37-42, 11:9-13)	Judging; Asking, seeking, knocking; Golden Rule
January 19	Matthew 7:13-23 (Luke 13:22-30, 6:43-45)	Narrow Gate; Tree and Fruit; Entrance Requirements
January 20	Matthew 7:24-29 & Luke 6:39-49	Two Foundations; Crowd's response
January 21	Matthew 8:1-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16	A Man with a skin disease
January 22	Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10	Healing of the centurion's servant
January 23	Matthew 8:14-17; Mark 1:29-39; Luke 4:38-44	Healing of many people
January 24	Matthew 8:18-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25, 9:57-62	Discussion about Following; Calming a storm
January 25	Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39	Jesus Frees demon-possessed men
January 26	Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26	Healing of a man who was paralyzed
January 27	Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17 & Luke 5:27-32	Calling of Matthew
January 28	Matthew 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39	Question about Fasting
January 29	Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56	A Ruler's daughter and the woman who touched Jesus' clothes

January 30	Matthew 9:27-38	Healing of a man unable to speak & Compassion
January 31	Catch Up day	
February 1	Matthew 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43	Healing of two blind men
February 2	John 2:1-25	Wedding at Cana; Jesus in Jerusalem at Passover
February 3	John 3:1-21	Jesus and Nicodemus; John's final witness
February 4	John 4:1-42	Jesus leaves Judea & Jesus in Samaria
February 5	John 4:43-54	Jesus arrives in Galilee; Jesus second miraculous sign in Galilee
February 6	Matthew 10:1-15; Mark 6:7-13, 3:13-19	Mission of the Twelve; Commissioning of the Twelve
February 7	Luke 6:12-16, 9:1-6	Jesus Chooses apostles
February 8	Matthew 10:16-25, 24:9-14; Luke 21:12-19 (Mark 13:9-13; Luke 12:11-12)	Response to harassment
February 9	Matthew 10:26-39; Luke 51-53 (Luke 12:2-9)	Whom to Fear; Confessing Christ to People; Trouble in the family
February 10	Matthew 10:40-42; Mark 9:41; Luke 14:25-27	Rewards
February 11	Luke 9:10 - 17; Matthew 14:13-36	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
February 12	Mark 6:30-56; John 6:1-25	Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand
February 13	Luke 7:11-17	Jesus raises a widow's son

February 14 (Ash Wednesday)	Psalm 51	
February 15	Catch Up Day	
February 16	Luke 9:18-27; Matthew 16:13-28; Mark 8:27-9:1 (John 12:25)	Following Christ
February 17	Luke 9:28-36; Matthew 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13	Jesus Transformed
February 18	Luke 9:37-43a; Matthew 17:14-21; Mark 9:14-29	Jesus Heals a Boy
February 19	Luke 9:43b-45; Matthew 17:22-27; Mark 9:30-32	Jesus warns about his arrest
February 20	Luke 9:46-50; Matthew 18:1-5; Mark 9:33-41 (John 13:20)	Jesus Corrects the disciples
February 21	Luke 9:51 - 56	Jesus sets out for Jerusalem; Following Jesus
February 22	Luke 10:1-24 (Matthew 9:37-38, 10:7-16, 11:20-27, 10:40; 13:16-17)	Seventy-two sent out; Judgement against cities that reject Jesus; The seventy-two return
February 23	Luke 10:25-37 (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34)	Loving your neighbor
February 24	Luke 10:38-42	Jesus visits Martha and Mary
February 25	Luke 11:1-26 (Matthew 6:9-13, 7:7-11, 12:22-30, 12:43-45; Mark 3:22-27)	Teaching the Disciples to Pray; Controversy over Beelzebul

February 26	Luke 11:27-54 (Matthew 12:38-42, 5:15, 6:22-23; Mark 8:11-12, 4:21)	On seeking signs; Jesus condemns Pharisees and legal experts
February 27	Luke 12:1-12 (Matthew 16:5-6, 10:26-33, 12:31-32, 10:19-20; Mark 8:14-15, 3:28-30, 13:11)	Warnings to Jesus' friends; Acknowledging the Human One
February 28	Luke 12:13-34 (Matthew 6:25-34, 6:19-21, 24:42-51, 10:34-36, 16:2-3, 5:25-26)	Warning against greed; warning against worry;
March 1	Luke 12:35-59	Warning about being prepared; conflicts brought by Jesus; Learning and practicing good judgement
March 2	Luke 13:1-17, 22-35 (Matthew 7:13-14, 7:22-23, 8:11-12, 19:30, 23:37-39; Mark 10:31)	Demand for genuine change; Healing on a Sabbath; Who will be saved?
March 3	Luke 14:1-35 (Matthew 22:1-14, 10:37-38, 5:13, 18:12-14; Mark 9:49-50)	Healing on the Sabbath; Lessons on humility and generosity; Discipleship's demands
March 4	Luke 15:1-32 (Matthew 18:12-14)	Occasions for celebration
March 5	Luke 16:1-18 (Matthew 6:24, Matthew 11:12-13, Matthew 5:18, Matthew 19:9; Mark 10:11-12)	Faithfulness with money; Jesus responds to Pharisees
March 6	Luke 16:19-31, 17:1-19; Matthew 18:6-9; ; Mark 9:42-50 (Matthew 18:15, 17:19-21; Mark 9:28-29)	17:1-19 Faithful service; Jesus heals a Samaritan



March 7	Luke 17:20-37, 18:1-14 (Matthew 10:39, 24:17-18, 24:23, 24:26-28, 24:37-41; Mark 13:19-23; 13:14-16; John 12:25)	The kingdom is coming; Justice for the faithful; The Pharisee and the tax collector
March 8	Luke 18:15-30; Matthew 19:13-30; Mark 10:13-31	Jesus blesses children; A rich man's question
March 9	Luke 18:31-34; Matthew 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45	Jesus predicts his death and resurrection; A blind man is healed
March 10	Catch Up Day	
March 11	Luke 19:1-28 (Matthew 25:14-30; Mark 13:34)	A rich tax collector; Faithful service
March 12	John 11:1-46	Lazarus is Ill; Jesus with Mary & Martha
March 13	John 11:47-57	Caiphas Prophecies & The Passover draws near
March 14	John 12:1-11; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 8:1-3 (compare with March 19th readings)	Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet
March 15	Matthew 18:10-20 (Luke 15:3-7, 17:3)	The Parable of the Lost Sheep & Sinning Brother or Sister
March 16	Matthew 18:21-35 (Luke 17:4)	Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
March 17	Matthew 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12 (Luke 16:18)	Teaching About Divorce
March 18	Matthew 20:1-16	Workers in the vineyard
March 19	John 10:22-42	Jesus at the Festival of Dedication & Jesus at the Jordan

March 20	Matthew 21:18-27; Mark 11:12-33; Luke 19:47-20:8	Cursing the Fig tree; Jesus' authority questioned
March 21	Matthew 21:28-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19	Parable of the two sons, Parable of the tenant farmers
March 22	Matthew 22:1-14	Parable of the wedding party
March 23	Matthew 22:23-46; Mark 12:18-37; Luke 20:27-44	Question about resurrection; Great commandment; Question about David's son
March 24	Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26	Question about taxes
March 25	Matthew 21:1-17; Mark 11:1-11, 15-17; Luke 19:28-46; John 12:12-19	Entry Into Jerusalem; Cleansing the Temple
March 26	Matthew 26-27	Matthew Passion
March 27	Mark 14-15	Mark Passion
March 28	Luke 22-23	Luke Passion
March 29	John 13, 18-19	John Passion
March 30 (Good Friday)	No readings	
March 31	John 3:22-36	Within Jesus and Nicodemus
April 1 (Easter)	Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-10	Resurrection
April 2	Mark 16:9-20; John 20:11-18	Mark -Empty Tomb (later ending) John - Jesus Appears to Mary
April 3	Luke 24:13-35	Encounter on the Emmaus Road
April 4	Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-31 (John 11)	Jesus appears to the disciples

April 5	Matthew 28:11-20	Guards' report & Commissioning of the disciples
April 6	John 21:1-25	Jesus appears again to the disciples; Jesus and Peter; Jesus and the disciples whom he loved
April 7	Choose a Gospel and read through the Passion and resurrection in a sitting	
April 8	Luke 24:44-53	Second half of Jesus appears to disciples
April 9	Catch Up Day	
April 10	Luke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44	A poor Widow's offering
April 11	Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9;	A woman pouring perfume on Jesus
April 12	Matthew 12:22-30; Mark 3:20-27	Healing the crowd (demon-possessed man)
April 13	Matthew 12:31-37; Mark 3:28-30 (Luke 12:10)	Insulting the Holy Spirit; Trees and fruits
April 14	Matthew 12:38-42, 16:1-4; Mark 8:11-13 (Luke 11:29-32)	Request for a sign
April 15	Matthew 23:1-39	Ways of the legal experts and the Pharisees; Condemnation of the legal experts and the Pharisees; Crying over Jerusalem
April 16	Mark 12:35-40; Luke 20:45-47 (Luke 13:34-35)	Jesus corrects the legal experts
April 17	Luke 8:16-18; Mark 4:21-25 (Matthew 5:15, 7:2, 10:26)	Sharing the light

April 18	Luke 8:19-21; Matthew 12:43-50; Mark 3:31-35	Jesus' Family
April 19	John 14:1-31	The way, the truth, and the life; I won't leave you as orphans
April 20	John 15:1-16:4a	I am the tree vine; love each other; if the world hates you
April 21	John 16: 4b-33	I go away; I still have many things to say; I have conquered the world
April 22	John 17	Jesus prays
April 23	John 6:26-71	Bread of life
April 24	John 7:1-52	Jesus goes to Jerusalem; Jesus teaches in the temple
April 25	John 7:53-8:30	Pharisees test Jesus
April 26	John 8:31-59	Children of Abraham; Abraham and Jesus
April 27	John 9:1-41	Jesus heals a blind man; Disagreement about the healing; Conflict over the healing; Jesus finds the man born blind; Jesus teaches the Pharisees
April 28	John 10:1-21	I am the gate; I am the good shepherd
April 29	John 12:20-50	Jesus teaches about his death; Fulfillment of prophecy; Summary of Jesus' teaching
April 30	Catch Up day	

May 1	Matthew 24:36-51 (Mark 13:35; Luke 12:39-46; 17:26-36)	Day and hour; Faithful and unfaithful servants
May 2	Matthew 25:1-13 (Mark 13:34; Luke 19:11-27)	Parable of the ten young bridesmaids
May 3	Matthew 25:14-30	Parable of the valuable coins
May 4	Matthew 25:31-51	Judgement of the nations
May 5	Matthew 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5	Working on the Sabbath
May 6	Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11	Healing on the Sabbath
May 7	Matthew 12:15-21 (Mark 3:7-12)	Heals multitude by the Sea
May 8	Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:4-15	Setting for the parables; Parable of the soils; Why Jesus speaks in parables; Explanation of the parable of the farmer
May 9	Matthew 13:24-43; Mark 4:26-34; Luke 13:18-21	Parable of the weeds; Parable of the mustard seed; Parable of the yeast; Purpose of parables to the crowds; Explanation of the parable of the weeds
May 10 (Ascension)	Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19-20	Ascension of Jesus
May 11	Matthew 13:44-58; Mark 6:1-6a	Parable of the treasure; Parable of the merchant; Parable of the net; Treasure new and old; Jesus in his hometown
May 12	Matthew 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23	Rules from the elders

May 13 Mother's Day	Matthew 15:21-39; Mark 7:24-8:10	The Canaanite oman; Healing of many People; Feeding the four thousand
May 14	Matthew 16:1-12; Mark 8:14-21	Demand for a sign; Yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees
May 15	Mark 8:22-26; John 5:1-47	A blind man is healed
May 16	Matthew 11:20-30 (Luke 10:12-15, 21-22)	Condemnation of Bethsaida and Capernaum; The Father and the Son
May 17	Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37	Jesus throws a demon out
May 18	Matthew 24:1-14; Mark 13:1-8; Luke 21:5-11	The temple's fate; Beginning of troubles
May 19	Matthew 24:15-28; Mark 13:9-20; Luke 21:12-24	The great suffering
May 20 (Pentecost) Homecoming	Matthew 24:29-35; Mark 13:21-37; Luke 21:25-38	Coming of the Human One; A lesson from the fig tree