

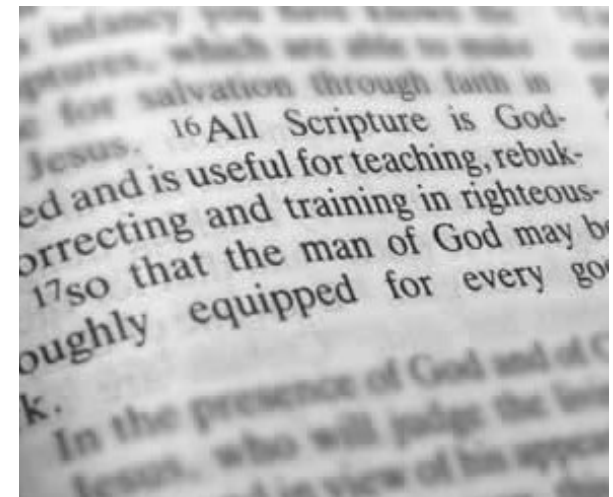
## THE CONCEPT

The most basic truth of discipleship is that we are called to follow Jesus. But we can believe in him and follow him without knowing much about him. So the Lord anointed four authors to each write a Gospel--four accounts of Jesus' life and teachings to explain who he was and what it meant to follow him. The readings have been selected from the Gospels according to an outline that divides the adult life of Jesus into three years of ministry. Each year was marked by events in the life of John the Baptist.

- Year One – Inauguration, started when John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River
- Year Two – Popularity, started when John was put into prison
- Year Three – Opposition, started with the report of John's death

## THE PLAN

We have selected five readings for 15 weeks (75 readings) that will basically take you from the start of the New Year to Easter, but it can be read at any time, taking as long as you need. A longer portion has been selected for personal reading, but we often suggest a briefer reading (in parenthesis) for those who would like to use this for family worship and teaching that includes younger children. Regularly consulting a map of Palestine in the time of Jesus will make the readings much more meaningful. We suggest putting a check after each reading when you complete it and staying with the readings even if you get behind. Later you should go back and read through the entire New Testament, but this is a way to start meeting Jesus. If you need a modern language version of the Bible, we will be happy to provide you with one.



### "SIRS, WE WOULD SEE JESUS"

A 15-Week Reading Plan  
to Introduce the Life and Teachings  
of Jesus Christ



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# DAILY READING PLAN

## I. The Year of Inauguration

### Week 1

1. The ministry of John the Baptist - Luke 3:1–18 (Mark 1:1–8)
2. The baptism of Jesus - Matthew 3:13–17
3. The temptation of Jesus - Matthew 4:1–11
4. John's disciples follow Jesus - John 1:29–51 (1:35–42)
5. The first miracle - John 2:1–11

### Week 2

1. Jesus' first ministry in Jerusalem - John 2:12–25
2. Teaching about the new birth - John 3:1–21 (3:1–8)
3. Witness to the Samaritan woman - John 4:1–42 (4:1–13)
4. Rejected in his home town - Luke 4:14–30
5. Jesus moves to Capernaum - Luke 4:31–44

## II. The Year of Popularity

### Week 3

1. Calling of the first disciples - Matthew 4:12–25
2. Power to heal and forgive - Luke 5:12–26
3. The call of Levi (Matthew) - Luke 5:27–39 (5:27–32)
4. First conflict about the Sabbath - Luke 6:1–11
5. The twelve apostles named - Luke 6:12–16

### Week 4 - Read through the Sermon on the Mount

1. The Beatitudes - Matthew 5:1–16
2. Jesus and the Law - Matthew 5:17–30 (5:17–20)
3. Jesus and the Law - Matthew 5:31–48 (5:43–48)
4. Giving and prayer - Matthew 6:1–15
5. Fasting, treasure in heaven - Matthew 6:16–24

### Week 5

1. Do not worry - Matthew 6:25–34
2. True judgment - Matthew 7:1–12
3. Entering at the narrow gate - Matthew 7:13–29
4. Second ministry in Jerusalem - John 5:1–15
5. Discourse on his divinity - John 5:16–47 (5:19–27)

### Week 6

1. The faith of the centurion and widow - Luke 7:1–17
2. Questions from John the Baptist - Luke 7:18–35 (7:18–23)
3. Jesus and a sinful woman - Luke 7:36–50 (7:36–43)
4. The Parable of the Sower - Luke 8:1–15
5. Other parables of the kingdom - Matthew 13:24–43 (13:31–35)

### Week 7

1. Jesus calms the storm - Mark 4:35–41
2. Healing of the Gadarene demoniac - Mark 5:1–20
3. A dead girl and a sick woman - Mark 5:21–43 (5:24–34)
4. Jesus rejected again - Matthew 13:47–58 (13:53–58)
5. The disciples sent out and death of John - Luke 9:1–9

## III. The Year of Opposition

### Week 8

1. Feeding the five thousand - Luke 9:10–17
2. Jesus walks on water - Matthew 14:22–36
3. Jesus the Bread of Life - John 6:25–71 (6:35–40)
4. Clean and unclean - Matthew 15:1–28 (15:21–28)
5. Peter's confession - Matthew 16:13–28 (16:13–20)

### Week 9

1. The mount of Transfiguration - Matthew 17:1–23 (17:1–9)
2. The character of the kingdom - Matthew 18:1–20 (18:15–20)
3. The parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25–37
4. Teaching about prayer - Luke 10:38–11:13 (11:9–13)
5. Jesus and Beelzebul - Luke 11:14–28 (11:14–20)

### Week 10

1. Jesus the Good Shepherd - John 10:1–42 (10:7–16)
2. Counting the cost - Luke 14:25–35
3. Parables of finding the lost - Luke 15:1–32 (15:3–10)
4. Entering the kingdom - Luke 18:9–30 (18:9–16)
5. The raising of Lazarus - John 11:1–44 (11:32–44)

## IV. The Final Week and Resurrection Life

### Week 11

1. Plots against Jesus - John 11:45–12:10 (12:1–10)
2. The triumphal entry - Matthew 21:1–17
3. Debates about authority - Matthew 21:23–46 (21:28–32)
4. Debates about priorities - Matthew 22:1–46 (22:34–40)
5. The Olivet Discourse - Luke 21:1–38 (21:1–4)

### Week 12

1. The Last Supper - Matthew 26:14–35
2. Jesus washes the disciples' feet - John 13:1–30 (13:2–11)
3. Jesus comforts the disciples - John 13:31–14:14 (14:1–7)
4. Jesus promises the Holy Spirit - John 14:15–31 (14:15–21)
5. The vine and the branches - John 15:1–27 (15:1–8)

### Week 13

1. Jesus' high priestly prayer - John 17:1–26 (17:20–26)
2. Jesus in Gethsemane - Matthew 26:36–56 (26:36–46)
3. Jesus at the house of Caiaphas - Matthew 26:57–75 (26:69–75)
4. Jesus before Pilate - Matthew 27:1–26 (27:1, 2, 19–26)
5. Jesus beaten and crucified - Matthew 27:27–53 (27:32–44)

### Week 14

1. Jesus on the cross - Luke 23:26–43
2. Jesus' death and burial - John 19:28–42
3. Resurrection morning - Matthew 28:1–20 (28:1–10)
4. Mary meets with Jesus - John 20:1–18
5. Two on the road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13–35

### Week 15

1. Jesus meets the disciples - John 20:19–31
2. Jesus on the shore of Galilee - John 21:1–25 (21:15–19)
3. Final days with Jesus - Acts 1:1–11
4. Jesus keeps his promise - Acts 2:1–21 (2:1–13)
5. Jesus lives in his church - Acts 2:22–47 (2:42–47)