

#### **4. The Final Week and Resurrection of 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' washing of the disciples' feet– John 13:1-30 (13:2-11)
3. Jesus' comforting of the disciples– John 13:31-14:14 (14:1-7)
4. Jesus' promise of 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's meeting with Jesus– John 20:1-18
5. Two on the road to Emmaus– Luke 24:13-35

##### **Week 15**

1. Jesus' first meeting with 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' promise kept– Acts 2:1-21 (2:1-13)
5. Jesus' living in his church– Acts 2:22-47 (2:42-47)

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## ***15-week reading plan***



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The starting place of discipleship is to believe in Jesus. But we can believe in him without knowing much about him. So the Lord anointed four authors to each write a *gospel*— an account of Jesus' life and teachings to explain who he was and what it meant to follow him. The seventy-five readings that follow have been selected from the four gospels according to a generally agreed upon outline that divides the adult life of Jesus into three years of ministry. This period began with events in the life of John the Baptist (his preaching, imprisonment, and death), but information was arranged differently by the authors, and the precise sequence of events is difficult to determine. A longer portion has been selected for personal reading, but we often suggest a briefer reading (in parentheses) for those who would like to use this resource 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.

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## **1. 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 as followers of Jesus— John 1:29-51 (1:35-42)
1. 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 (4:1-14)
4. Hometown rejection— Luke 4:14-30
5. Jesus' move to Capernaum— Luke 4:31-44

## **2. The Year of Popularity**

### **Week 3**

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

### **Week 4**

1. Sermon on the Mount: The Beatitudes— Matthew 5:1-16
2. Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Law— Matthew 5:17-30 (5:17-20)
3. Sermon on the Mount: Jesus and the Law (continued)— 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. Exhortation not to 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. Jesus' 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' calming of the storm— Mark 4:35-41
2. Healing of the Gadarene demoniac— Mark 5:1-20
3. A dead girl and sick woman— Mark 5:21-43 (5:24-34)
4. Jesus rejected again— Matthew 13:47-58 (13:53-58)
5. Sending out of the disciples; death of John— Luke 9:1-9

## **3. The Year of Opposition**

### **Week 8**

1. Feeding the five thousand— Luke 9:10-17
2. Jesus' walk 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 Beelzebub— 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 (18:9-17)
5. The raising of Lazarus— John 11:1-44 (11:32-44)