

READ THE NEW TESTAMENT IN A YEAR - ANY YEAR! 5 Chapters a week. Any year. Every year! And keep in step with Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, Easter & Pentecost with an easy-to-use reading plan which also, as far as possible: (1) places the books in the order they were probably written; & (2) groups together books written by the same author or school of thought.
Why this reading plan? All other New Testament reading plans either mark Christian festivals & seasons, or go through the books methodically. This plan does both. How this reading plan works. This reading plan is like others that cover 5 chapters each week. Doing that in 52 weeks means that you will have read precisely all of the New Testament. But in this plan a few weeks have more than 5 chapters, which creates some flexibility. For instance space is made for the stories of Jesus' birth and childhood to be read (again) in the year's final 2 weeks of readings, beginning on December 23rd. The new year begins with the Gospel probably written first: <i>Mark</i>. Then comes <i>James</i>, which may be the first document of the New Testament to have been written. As far as possible, the rest of the books are then read in the order they were probably written, with authors and schools of thought grouped together. So <i>the letters of Paul</i> come next. Early in Lent comes <i>Matthew's Gospel</i>, so later on the readings then keep in step with Palm Sunday, day by day through Holy Week and Easter Day. <i>Matthew's Gospel</i> addresses Jewish-Christians, as do <i>The Letters of Peter and Jude</i>, which follow. Then <i>Luke's Gospel & The Acts of the Apostles</i> (both written by Luke) are read one after the other, with <i>Acts 2</i> tying in with Pentecost Sunday. After <i>Acts</i>, the readings pick up where they left off before <i>Matthew's Gospel</i>, and continue with most of the rest of <i>the Letters</i>. The writings of John, his <i>Gospel, Revelation and Letters</i>, come last, partly because they were among the latter books of the New Testament to have been written, and also because <i>Revelation</i> can be read in Advent. <i>Revelation</i> reminds us that, regardless of how things are, God is working to bring to fulfilment Jesus' prayer that, "[God's] will is done on earth as in heaven". For us to live for this, the 3 <i>Letters of John</i> then focus on our need to go back to the basics of love, truth, and faithfulness, as we go back to begin again with Jesus, starting with his coming among us.
• Love God, one another, and any others • As Jesus did • All the scriptures are built on this God, may I meet with you and others, to grow in receiving and giving your selfless, endless, reckless love. Amen. (See Note 1)

Week No	Week Starting	Book & Chapter	Church Week (RCL)
1	Sunday between January 1 and 7 inclusive	Mark 1 Mark 2 Mark 3 Mark 4 Mark 5	Christmas 2 or Epiphany or Ordinary 1
2	Sunday between January 8 and 15 inclusive	Mark 6 Mark 7 Mark 8 Mark 9 Mark 10	Ordinary 1 or 2
3	Sunday between January 16 and 21 inclusive	Mark 11 Mark 12 Mark 13 Mark 14 Mark 15	Ordinary 2 or 3
* 4	Sunday between January 22 and 28 inclusive	Mark 16 James 1 James 2 James 3 James 4 James 5	* Ordinary 3 or 4
5	Sunday between Jan 29 and Feb 4 inclusive	1 Thessalonians 1 1 Thessalonians 2 1 Thessalonians 3 1 Thessalonians 4 1 Thessalonians 5	Ordinary 4 or 5 or Sunday before Lent
6	Sunday between February 5 and 11 inclusive	2 Thessalonians 1 2 Thessalonians 2 2 Thessalonians 3 1 Corinthians 1 1 Corinthians 2	Ordinary 5 or 6 or Sunday before Lent or Lent 1
7 [†]	Sunday between February 12 and 18 inclusive	1 Corinthians 3 1 Corinthians 4 1 Corinthians 5 1 Corinthians 6 1 Corinthians 7	Ordinary 6 or 7 or Sunday before Lent or Lent 1 [†]
8 [†]	Sunday between February 19 and 25 inclusive	1 Corinthians 8 1 Corinthians 9 1 Corinthians 10 1 Corinthians 11	Ordinary 7 or 8 or Sunday before Lent or Lent 1 [†]
9 [†]	Sunday between 26/2 & 4/3 (or 3/3 in a leap year) inclusive	1 Corinthians 12 1 Corinthians 13 1 Corinthians 14 1 Corinthians 15 1 Corinthians 16	Ordinary 8 or Sunday before Lent [†] or Lent 1
† 10	Sunday between March 5 & 11 (or 4 & 10 in a leap year) incl.	2 Corinthians 1 2 Corinthians 2 2 Corinthians 3 2 Corinthians 4 2 Corinthians 5	Sunday before Lent or Lent 1 [†]
† 11	Sunday between March 12 & 18 (or 11 & 17 in a leap year) incl.	2 Corinthians 6 2 Corinthians 7 2 Corinthians 8 2 Corinthians 9 2 Corinthians 10	1st Sunday of Lent (Lent 1) [†]

[†] This week of readings is read here unless it is the week of the 2nd to 6th Sunday in Lent.

			Sunday Before Lent
			Lent 1
7 - 12		Matthew 1 Matthew 2 Matthew 3 Matthew 4 Matthew 5	Lent 2
8 - 13		Matthew 6 Matthew 7 Matthew 8 Matthew 9 Matthew 10	Lent 3
9 - 14		Matthew 11 Matthew 12 Matthew 13 Matthew 14 Matthew 15	Lent 4
10 - 15		Matthew 16 Matthew 17 Matthew 18 Matthew 19 Matthew 20	Lent 5
* 11 - 16	Palm Sunday	Matthew: 21	* Holy Week & Lent 6
	Monday	22-23	
	Tuesday	24	
	Wednesday	25:1-26:16	
	Maundy Thursday	26:17-75	
	Good Friday	27:1-61	* Easter 1
	Saturday	27:62-65	
* 12 - 17	Easter Day	Matthew 28 1 Peter 1 1 Peter 2 1 Peter 3 1 Peter 4 1 Peter 5	Easter 2
13 - 18		2 Peter 1 2 Peter 2 2 Peter 3 Jude 1	
14 - 19		Luke 1 Luke 2 Luke 3 Luke 4 Luke 5	Easter 3
15 - 20		Luke 6 Luke 7 Luke 8 Luke 9 Luke 10	Easter 4

16 - 21		Luke 11 Luke 12 Luke 13 Luke 14 Luke 15	Easter 5
17 - 22		Luke 16 Luke 17 Luke 18 Luke 19 Luke 20	Easter 6
18 - 23		Luke 21 Luke 22 Luke 23 Luke 24 Acts 1	Easter 7
19 - 24	Pentecost	Acts 2 Acts 3 Acts 4 Acts 5 Acts 6	Pentecost Sunday
20 - 25	Trinity	Acts 7 Acts 8 Acts 9 Acts 10 Acts 11	Trinity Sunday
* 21 - 26		Acts 12 Acts 13 Acts 14 Acts 15 Acts 16 Acts 17	* Ordinary 8-13
22 - 27		Acts 18 Acts 19 Acts 20 Acts 21 Acts 22	Ordinary 9-14
* 23 - 28		Acts 23 Acts 24 Acts 25 Acts 26 Acts 27 Acts 28	* Ordinary 10-15
25 - 29	When a year has 53 Sundays the extra week appears here.	In a 53 Sunday year, the week of readings in Lent 1 are repeated again here after Acts 28.	Ordinary 11-15

† 24	Sunday between June 12 and 18 inclusive	1 Corinthians 3 1 Corinthians 4 1 Corinthians 5 1 Corinthians 6 1 Corinthians 7	Ordinary 11 [†]
† 25 or 26	Sunday between June 19 and 25 inclusive	1 Corinthians 8 1 Corinthians 9 1 Corinthians 10 1 Corinthians 11	Ordinary 12 [†]
† 26 or 27	Sunday between June 26 and July 2 inclusive	1 Corinthians 12 1 Corinthians 13 1 Corinthians 14 1 Corinthians 15 1 Corinthians 16	Ordinary 13 [†]

† 27 or 28	Sunday between July 3 and 9 inclusive	2 Corinthians 1 2 Corinthians 2 2 Corinthians 3 2 Corinthians 4 2 Corinthians 5	Ordinary 14 [†]
† 28 or 29	Sunday between July 10 and 16 inclusive	2 Corinthians 6 2 Corinthians 7 2 Corinthians 8 2 Corinthians 9 2 Corinthians 10	Ordinary 15 [†]

† This week of readings is read here unless
it appears before Lent 2.

29 or 30	Sunday between July 17 and 23 inclusive	2 Corinthians 11 2 Corinthians 12 2 Corinthians 13 Galatians 1 Galatians 2	Ordinary 16
30 or 31	Sunday between July 24 and 30 inclusive	Galatians 3 Galatians 4 Galatians 5 Galatians 6	Ordinary 17
* 31 or 32	Sunday between July 31 and August 6 inclusive	Romans 1 Romans 2 Romans 3 Romans 4 Romans 5 Romans 6	* Ordinary 18
32 or 33	Sunday between August 7 and 13 inclusive	Romans 7 Romans 8 Romans 9 Romans 10 Romans 11	Ordinary 19
33 or 34	Sunday between August 14 and 20 inclusive	Romans 12 Romans 13 Romans 14 Romans 15 Romans 16	Ordinary 20
34 or 35	Sunday between August 21 and 27 inclusive	Colossians 1 Colossians 2 Colossians 3 Colossians 4 Philemon 1	Ordinary 21
35 or 36	Sunday between Aug 28 and Sept 3 inclusive	Philippians 1 Philippians 2 Philippians 3 Philippians 4	Ordinary 22
* 36 or 37	Sunday between September 4 and 10 inclusive	Ephesians 1 Ephesians 2 Ephesians 3 Ephesians 4 Ephesians 5 Ephesians 6	* Ordinary 23
* 37 or 38	Sunday between September 11 and 17 inclusive	1 Timothy 1 1 Timothy 2 1 Timothy 3 1 Timothy 4 1 Timothy 5 1 Timothy 6	* Ordinary 24

38 or 39	Sunday between September 18 and 24 inclusive	2 Timothy 1 2 Timothy 2 2 Timothy 3 2 Timothy 4	Ordinary 25
39 or 40	Sunday between Sept 25 and Oct 1 inclusive	Titus 1 Titus 2 Titus 3 Hebrews 1 Hebrews 2	Ordinary 26
* 40 or 41	Sunday between October 2 and 8 inclusive	Hebrews 3 Hebrews 4 Hebrews 5 Hebrews 6 Hebrews 7 Hebrews 8	* Ordinary 27
41 or 42	Sunday between October 9 and 15 inclusive	Hebrews 9 Hebrews 10 Hebrews 11 Hebrews 12 Hebrews 13	Ordinary 28
42 or 43	Sunday between October 16 and 22 inclusive	John 1 John 2 John 3 John 4 John 5	Ordinary 29
43 or 44	Sunday between October 23 and 29 inclusive	John 6 John 7 John 8 John 9 John 10	Ordinary 30
44 or 45	Sunday between Oct 30 and Nov 5 inclusive	John 11 John 12 John 13 John 14 John 15	Ordinary 31
45 or 46	Sunday between November 6 and 12 inclusive	John 16 John 17 John 18 John 19	Ordinary 32
* 46 or 47	Sunday between November 13 and 19 inclusive	John 20, 21 Revelation 1 Revelation 2 Revelation 3 Revelation 4	* Ordinary 33
* 47 or 48	Sunday between November 20 and 26 inclusive	Revelation 5 Revelation 6 Revelation 7 Revelation 8 Revelation 9 Revelation 10	* Sunday Before Advent
* 48 or 49	Sunday between Nov 27 and Dec 3 inclusive	Revelation 11 Revelation 12 Revelation 13 Revelation 14 Revelation 15 Revelation 16	* Advent 1
* 49 or 50	Sunday between December 4 and 10 inclusive	Revelation 17 Revelation 18 Revelation 19 Revelation 20 Revelation 21 Revelation 22	* Advent 2

When Christmas Day is a Monday			
* 51	Week starting December 17	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5 2 John & 3 John John 1:1-18	* Advent 3
52	Sun 24	Matthew 1:1-17	Advent 4
	Mon 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
	Tue 26	Matthew 2:1-12	
	Wed 27	Matthew 2:13-18	
	Thu 28	Matthew 2:19-23	
53	Fri 29		Christmas 1
	Sat 30		
	Sun 31		
	Mon 1	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 2	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 3	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 4	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 5	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 6		

When Christmas Day is a Tuesday			
* 50 or 51	Week starting December 16	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5 2 John & 3 John	* Advent 3
51 or 52	Sun 23	John 1:1-18	Advent 4
	Mon 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
	Tue 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
	Wed 26	Matthew 2:1-12	
	Thu 27	Matthew 2:13-23	
52 or 53	Fri 28		Christmas 1
	Sat 29		
	Sun 30		
	Mon 31	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 1	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 2	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 3	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 4	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 5		

When Christmas Day is a Wednesday			
* 50	Week starting December 15	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5 2 John & 3 John	* Advent 3
51	Sun 22		Advent 4
	Mon 23	John 1:1-18	
	Tue 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
	Wed 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
	Thu 26	Matthew 2:1-12	
	Fri 27	Matthew 2:13-23	
	Sat 28		
52	Sun 29		Christmas 1
	Mon 30	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 31	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 1	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 2	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 3	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 4		

When Christmas Day is a Thursday			
* 50	Week starting December 14	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5	* Advent 3
51	Sun 21	2 John & 3 John	Advent 4
	Mon 22		
	Tue 23	John 1:1-18	
	Wed 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
	Thu 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
	Fri 26	Matthew 2	
	Sat 27		
52	Sun 28		Christmas 1
	Mon 29	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 30	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 31	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 1	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 2	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 3		

When Christmas Day is a Friday			
* 50	Week starting December 13	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5	* Advent 3
51	Sun 20	2 John	Advent 4
	Mon 21	3 John	
	Tue 22		
	Wed 23	John 1:1-18	
	Thu 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
	Fri 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
	Sat 26	Matthew 2	
52	Sun 27		Christmas 1
	Mon 28	Luke 1:1-25	
	Tue 29	Luke 1:26-56	
	Wed 30	Luke 1:57-80	
	Thu 31	Luke 2:1-40	
	Fri 1	Luke 2:41-52	
	Sat 2		

When Christmas Day is a Saturday			
* 50	Week starting December 12	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5	* Advent 3
51	Sun 19		Advent 4
	Mon 20	2 John	
	Tue 21	3 John	
	Wed 22		
	Thu 23	John 1:1-18	
	Fri 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
	Sat 25	Matthew 1:18-25	
52	Sun 26		Christmas 1
	Mon 27	Matthew 2:1-12	
	Tue 28	Matthew 2:13-23	
	Wed 29	Luke 1:1-38	
	Thu 30	Luke 1:39-80	
	Fri 31	Luke 2	
	Sat 1		

When Christmas Day is a Sunday			
* 50	Week starting December 11	1 John 1 1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5	* Advent 3
51	Sun 18		Advent 4
	Mon 19	2 John	
	Tue 20	3 John	
	Wed 21		
	Thu 22		
	Fri 23	John 1:1-18	
	Sat 24	Matthew 1:1-17	
52	Sun 25	Matthew 1:18-25	Christmas 1
	Mon 26	Matthew 2	
	Tue 27		
	Wed 28	Luke 1:1-38	
	Thu 29	Luke 1:39-80	
	Fri 30	Luke 2	
	Sat 31		

Note 1: Reflections on Matthew 22:34-14, & 28:16-26, John 13:34-35, Luke 23:33-34a, 1 Corinthians 13, Philipians 3:7-8, Isaiah 55:8-9, & 1 John 4:16-17.

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