

Read an Entire Gospel During Lent



40-Day Reading Plans for Each of the Four Gospels

Read Through A Gospel During Lent

This guide provides a plan which will allow you to read through one of the four Gospels during the forty days of Lent. There is one guide for each of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

The readings go from the start to the finish of each of the Gospels and are designed to have approximately the same number of verses per day. The daily sections were selected to provide natural breaks in the accounts which will allow for opportunities to meditate and to reflect on the passage for each day.

The following table shows the average number of verses to be read per day for each of the Gospels:

Matthew	27
Mark	17
Luke	29
John	22

The guides can be printed out and used to keep track of the Bible reading per day using the check boxes.

Do not be discouraged. If you make the commitment to read a Gospel during Lent and you miss one or more days, you should keep going. If you miss a day, do it the next day.

The reading should not be a burden. Instead, it should be an opportunity to read the Gospel through in a reflective way and to see how each Gospel writer laid out the story of the Lord's life.

There are many ways to read Scripture. Here is a very simple way:

Start each reading with a brief prayer to the Holy Spirit in order that you might be able to focus, absorb, and assimilate what you are reading. Then take the time to read the passage at a relaxed pace. If time allows, re-read the passage. Reflect on what the Lord is telling you through His Word. Consider how right now you might be able to apply His message to you. End with a brief prayer asking for the Lord's help to live the Gospel more fully in your life, especially what you meditated upon.

May the Lord bless you as you undertake to read His Word.

Read Through the Gospel of Matthew During Lent

Over the course of Lent and Easter Sunday, you will read through the entire Gospel of Matthew. It is an average of about twenty-seven verses per day. On Sundays, the Gospel reading is from the Sunday Lent readings for Year A which features the Gospel of Matthew. (Note, for a few Sundays in Lent, the Gospel readings are from the Gospel of John.)

	Day	Verses from Matthew
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1: Ash Wednesday	1:1-25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 2: Thursday after Ash Wednesday	2:1-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 3: Friday after Ash Wednesday	3:1-17
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 4: Saturday after Ash Wednesday	4:1-25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 5: First Sunday of Lent	4:1-11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 6: Monday of the First Week of Lent	5:1-26
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 7: Tuesday of the First Week of Lent	5:27-48
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 8: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent	6:1-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 9: Thursday of the First Week of Lent	6:25-7:5
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 10: Friday of the First Week of Lent	7:6-29
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 11: Saturday of the First Week of Lent	8:1-27
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 12: Second Sunday of Lent	17:1-9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 13: Monday of the Second Week of Lent	8:28-9:13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 14: Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent	9:14-38
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 15: Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent	10:1-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 16: Thursday of the Second Week of Lent	10:24-42
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 18: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent	11:25-12:21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 19: Third Sunday of Lent	John 4:5-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 20: Monday of the Third Week of Lent	12:22-50
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 21: Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent	13:1-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 22: Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent	13:24-44
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 23: Thursday of the Third Week of Lent	13:45-14:12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 24: Friday of the Third Week of Lent	14:13-36
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 25: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent	15:1-28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent	John 9:1-41
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 27: Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent	15:29-16:20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 28: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	16:21-17:21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 29: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	17:22-18:20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 30: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent	18:21-19:9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 31: Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent	19:10-30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 32: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent	20:1-28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 33: Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 11:1-45
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 34: Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent	20:29-21:27
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 35: Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	21:28-22:14
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 36: Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	22:15-46
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 37: Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent	23:1-36
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 38: Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	22:37-24:28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 39: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent	24:29-25:13

	Day	Verses from Matthew
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 40: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	26:14-27:66
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 41: Monday of Holy Week	25:14-46
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 42: Tuesday of Holy Week	26:1-30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 43: Wednesday of Holy Week	26:31-56
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 44: Holy Thursday	26:57-27:14
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 45: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	27:15-44
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 46: Holy Saturday	27:45-66
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 47: Easter	28:1-20

Read Through the Gospel of Mark During Lent

Over the course of Lent and Easter Sunday, you will read through the entire Gospel of Mark. It is an average of about seventeen verses per day. On Sundays, the Gospel reading is from the Sunday Lent readings for Year B which features the Gospel of Mark. (Note, for a few Sundays in Lent, the Gospel readings are from the Gospel of John.)

	Day	Verses from Mark
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1: Ash Wednesday	1:1-20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 2: Thursday after Ash Wednesday	1:21-39
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 4: Saturday after Ash Wednesday	2:13-28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 5: First Sunday of Lent	1:12-15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 6: Monday of the First Week of Lent	3:1-19
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 8: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent	4:1-20
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 18: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent	7:1-13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 19: Third Sunday of Lent	John 2:13-25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 20: Monday of the Third Week of Lent	7:14-30
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent	John 3:14-21
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 29: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	10:1-16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 30: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent	10:17-31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 31: Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent	10:32-52
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 32: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent	11:1-19
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 33: Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 12:20-33
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 34: Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent	11:20-33
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 35: Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	12:1-17
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 36: Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	12:18-34
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 37: Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent	12:35-44
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 38: Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	13:1-13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 39: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent	13:14-36

	Day	Verses from Mark
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 40: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	14:1-15:47
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 41: Monday of Holy Week	14:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 42: Tuesday of Holy Week	14:22-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 43: Wednesday of Holy Week	14:43-65
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 44: Holy Thursday	14:66-15:15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 45: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	15:16-32
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 46: Holy Saturday	15:33-47
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 47: Easter	16:1-20

Read Through the Gospel of Luke During Lent

Over the course of Lent and Easter Sunday, you will read through the entire Gospel of Luke. It is an average of about twenty-nine verses per day. On Sundays, the Gospel reading is from the Sunday Lent readings for Year C which features the Gospel of Luke. (Note, for a few Sundays in Lent, the Gospel readings are from the Gospel of John.)

	Day	Verses from Luke
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1: Ash Wednesday	1:1-38
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 2: Thursday after Ash Wednesday	1:39-66
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 3: Friday after Ash Wednesday	1:67-2:7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 4: Saturday after Ash Wednesday	2:8-38
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 5: First Sunday of Lent	4:1-13
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent	15:1-32
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 27: Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent	13:31-14:24
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 28: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	14:25-15:10
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 29: Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	15:11-32
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 32: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent	17:20-18:8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 33: Fifth Sunday of Lent	John 8:1-11
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 35: Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	18:25-19:27
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 36: Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent	19:28-48
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 38: Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent	20:27-21:9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 39: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent	21:10-38

	Day	Verses from Luke
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 40: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	22:14-23:56
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 41: Monday of Holy Week	22:1-30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 42: Tuesday of Holy Week	22:31-62
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 43: Wednesday of Holy Week	22:63-23:25
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 44: Holy Thursday	23:26-43
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 45: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	23:44-56
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 46: Holy Saturday	24:1-12
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 47: Easter	24:13-53

Read Through the Gospel of John During Lent

Over the course of Lent and Easter Sunday, you will read through the entire Gospel of John. It is an average of about twenty-two verses per day. On Sundays, the Gospel reading is from the Sunday Lent readings for the Extraordinary Form. (Note, for a few Sundays in Lent, the Gospel readings are from Matthew.)

	Day	Verses from John
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 1: Ash Wednesday	1:1-18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 2: Thursday after Ash Wednesday	1:19-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 3: Friday after Ash Wednesday	1:43-2:11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 4: Saturday after Ash Wednesday	2:12-23
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 5: First Sunday of Lent	Matthew 4:1-11
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 6: Monday of the First Week of Lent	3:1-21
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 8: Wednesday of the First Week of Lent	4:1-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 9: Thursday of the First Week of Lent	4:43-5:18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 10: Friday of the First Week of Lent	5:19-47
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 11: Saturday of the First Week of Lent	6:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 12: Second Sunday of Lent	Matthew 17:1-9
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 13: Monday of the Second Week of Lent	6:22-59
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 14: Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent	6:60-71
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 15: Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent	7:1-24
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 16: Thursday of the Second Week of Lent	7:25-36
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 17: Friday of the Second Week of Lent	7:37-53
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 18: Saturday of the Second Week of Lent	8:1-20
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 19: Third Sunday of Lent	Luke 11:14-28
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 21: Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent	8:39-59
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 22: Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent	9:1-12
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 24: Friday of the Third Week of Lent	10:1-21
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 25: Saturday of the Third Week of Lent	10:22-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 26: Fourth Sunday of Lent	6:1-15
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 27: Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent	11:1-16
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 28: Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent	11:17-44
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 30: Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent	12:12--36
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 32: Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent	13:1-30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 33: Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:46-59
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	Day	Verses from John
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 40: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Matthew 26:36-27:56
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 41: Monday of Holy Week	18:28-40
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 42: Tuesday of Holy Week	19:1-30
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 43: Wednesday of Holy Week	19:31-42
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 44: Holy Thursday	20:1-18
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 45: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	20:19-31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 46: Holy Saturday	21:1-14
<input type="checkbox"/>	Day 47: Easter	21:15-25