

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT  
IN A YEAR - 2022**

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 and 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 Christmas Eve.

The new year begins with the Gospel probably written first: *Mark*. Then comes *James*, 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 *the letters of Paul* come next.

Early in Lent comes *Matthew's Gospel*, so later on the readings then keep in step with Palm Sunday, day by day through Holy Week and Easter Day. *Matthew's Gospel* addresses Jewish-Christians, as do *The Letters of Peter and Jude*, which follow. Then *Luke's Gospel & The Acts of the Apostles* (both written by Luke) are read one after the other, with *Acts 2* tying in with Pentecost Sunday.

After *Acts*, the readings pick up where they left off before *Matthew's Gospel*, and continue with most of the rest of *the Letters*. The writings of John, his *Gospel, Revelation and Letters*, come last, partly because they were among the latter books of the New Testament to have been written, and also because *Revelation* can be read in Advent. *Revelation* 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 *Letters of John* 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 Sunday	Book & Chapter	Church Week (Revised Common Lectionary)
<b>Introduction</b>			
<b>Readings from Christmas Eve 2021</b>			
	Sun Dec 19	1 John 3	* Advent 4
	Mon Dec 20	1 John 4	
	Tue Dec 21	1 John 5	
	Wed Dec 22	2 John & 3 John	
	Thu Dec 23		
	Fri Dec 24	<b>Matthew 1:1-17</b>	Christmas 1
	Sat Dec 25	<b>Matthew 1:18-25</b>	
	Sun Dec 26		
	Mon Dec 27	<b>Matthew 2</b>	
	Tue Dec 28	<b>Luke 1:1-38</b>	
	Wed Dec 29	<b>Luke 1:39-80</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Thu Dec 30	<b>Luke 2</b>	
	Fri Dec 31	<b>John 1:1-18</b>	
	Sat Jan 1		
1	January 2	Mark 1 Mark 2 Mark 3 Mark 4 Mark 5	
2	January 9	Mark 6 Mark 7 Mark 8 Mark 9 Mark 10	Ordinary 1
3	January 16	Mark 11 Mark 12 Mark 13 Mark 14 Mark 15	Ordinary 2
4	January 23	Mark 16 James 1 James 2 James 3 James 4	Ordinary 3
5	January 30	James 5 1 Thessalonians 1 1 Thessalonians 2 1 Thessalonians 3 1 Thessalonians 4	Ordinary 4
6	February 6	1 Thessalonians 5 2 Thessalonians 1 2 Thessalonians 2 2 Thessalonians 3 1 Corinthians 1	Ordinary 5
7	February 13	1 Corinthians 2 1 Corinthians 3 1 Corinthians 4 1 Corinthians 5 1 Corinthians 6	Ordinary 6
8	February 20	1 Corinthians 7 1 Corinthians 8 1 Corinthians 9 1 Corinthians 10 1 Corinthians 11	Ordinary 7

9	February 27	1 Corinthians 12 1 Corinthians 13 1 Corinthians 14 1 Corinthians 15 1 Corinthians 16	Sunday Before Lent
10	March 6	2 Corinthians 1 2 Corinthians 2 2 Corinthians 3 2 Corinthians 4 2 Corinthians 5	Lent 1
11	March 13	Matthew 1 Matthew 2 Matthew 3 Matthew 4 Matthew 5	Lent 2
12	March 20	Matthew 6 Matthew 7 Matthew 8 Matthew 9 Matthew 10	Lent 3
13	March 27	Matthew 11 Matthew 12 Matthew 13 Matthew 14 Matthew 15	Lent 4
14	April 3	Matthew 16 Matthew 17 Matthew 18 Matthew 19 Matthew 20	Lent 5
* 15	April 10 Palm Sunday	Matthew: 21:1-17	* Holy Week & Lent 6
	Monday	21:18-23:39	
	Tuesday	24:1-26:5	
	Wednesday	26:6-16	
	Maundy Thursday	26:17-75	
	Good Friday	27:1-61	
16	Easter Day April 17	Matthew 28 1 Peter 1 1 Peter 2 1 Peter 3 1 Peter 4	Easter 1
17	April 24	1 Peter 5 2 Peter 1 2 Peter 2 2 Peter 3 Jude 1	Easter 2
18	May 1	Luke 1 Luke 2 Luke 3 Luke 4 Luke 5	Easter 3
19	May 8	Luke 6 Luke 7 Luke 8 Luke 9 Luke 10	Easter 4

20	May 15	Luke 11 Luke 12 Luke 13 Luke 14 Luke 15	Easter  5
21	May 22	Luke 16 Luke 17 Luke 18 Luke 19 Luke 20	Easter  6
22	May 29	Luke 21 Luke 22 Luke 23 Luke 24 Acts 1	Easter  7
23	Pentecost June 5	Acts 2 Acts 3 Acts 4 Acts 5 Acts 6	Pentecost  Sunday
24	June 12	Acts 7 Acts 8 Acts 9 Acts 10 Acts 11	Trinity  Sunday
25	June 19	Acts 12 Acts 13 Acts 14 Acts 15 Acts 16 Acts 17	*  Ordinary  8-12
26	May 26	Acts 18 Acts 19 Acts 20 Acts 21 Acts 22	Ordinary  9-14
27 *	July 3	Acts 23 Acts 24 Acts 25 Acts 26 Acts 27 Acts 28	*  Ordinary  10-15
28	July 10	2 Corinthians 6 2 Corinthians 7 2 Corinthians 8 2 Corinthians 9 2 Corinthians 10	Ordinary  15
29	July 17	2 Corinthians 11 2 Corinthians 12 2 Corinthians 13 Galatians 1 Galatians 2	Ordinary  16
30	July 24	Galatians 3 Galatians 4 Galatians 5 Galatians 6 Romans 1	Ordinary  17
31	July 31	Romans 2 Romans 3 Romans 4 Romans 5 Romans 6	Ordinary  18

32	August 7	Romans 7 Romans 8 Romans 9 Romans 10 Romans 11	Ordinary  19
33	August 14	Romans 12 Romans 13 Romans 14 Romans 15 Romans 16	Ordinary  20
34	August 21	Colossians 1 Colossians 2 Colossians 3 Colossians 4 Philemon 1	Ordinary  21
35	August 28	Philippians 1 Philippians 2 Philippians 3 Philippians 4 Ephesians 1	Ordinary  22
36	September 4	Ephesians 2 Ephesians 3 Ephesians 4 Ephesians 5 Ephesians 6	Ordinary  23
37	September 11	1 Timothy 1 1 Timothy 2 1 Timothy 3 1 Timothy 4 1 Timothy 5	Ordinary  24
38	September 18	1 Timothy 6 2 Timothy 1 2 Timothy 2 2 Timothy 3 2 Timothy 4	Ordinary  25
39	September 25	Titus 1 Titus 2 Titus 3 Hebrews 1 Hebrews 2	Ordinary  26
40	October 2	Hebrews 3 Hebrews 4 Hebrews 5 Hebrews 6 Hebrews 7	Ordinary  27
41	October 9	Hebrews 8 Hebrews 9 Hebrews 10 Hebrews 11 Hebrews 12	Ordinary  28
42	October 16	Hebrews 13 John 1 John 2 John 3 John 4	Ordinary  29
43	October 23	John 5 John 6 John 7 John 8 John 9	Ordinary  30

44	October 30	John 10 John 11 John 12 John 13 John 14	Ordinary  31
45	November 6	John 15 John 16 John 17 John 18 John 19	Ordinary  32
46	November 13	John 20 John 21 Revelation 1 Revelation 2 Revelation 3	Ordinary  33
47	November 20	Revelation 4 Revelation 5 Revelation 6 Revelation 7 Revelation 8	Sunday Before Advent
48	November 27	Revelation 9 Revelation 10 Revelation 11 Revelation 12 Revelation 13	Advent  1
49	December 4	Revelation 14 Revelation 15 Revelation 16 Revelation 17 Revelation 18	Advent  2
50	December 11	Revelation 19 Revelation 20 Revelation 21 Revelation 22 1 John 1	Advent  3
51	Sun 18 Mon 19 Tue 20 Wed 21 Thu 22 Fri 23 Sat 24	1 John 2 1 John 3 1 John 4 1 John 5 2 John & 3 John  <b>Matthew 1:1-17</b>	*  Advent  4
52	Sun 25 Mon 26 Tue 27 Wed 28 Thu 29 Fri 30 Sat 31	<b>Matthew 1:18-25</b> <b>Matthew 2</b> <b>Luke 1:1-38</b> <b>Luke 1:39-80</b> <b>Luke 2</b> <b>John 1:1-18</b>	*  Christmas  1

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