

# *31 Days*

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## *With Jesus*

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

John 10:10–11, ESV

### **About**

We live in a culture on the run. Busyness is worn as a badge of honor, even if we are busy for the sake of being busy. This 31-day reading plan is intended to help you live counter culturally. It is designed to assist you in slowing down and breathing in the life of the Spirit. Specifically, these passages are focused on the life and ministry of Jesus.

Each passage is carefully selected for being major events in Jesus' life which reveal his identity and character. Each selection is approximately 20 verses in length. This specific list of passages is divided into seven sections and balanced between the four gospels.

Two of the sections use readings outside of the Gospels. *Jesus Foretold* includes four passages from the Old Testament that look forward to the coming of Jesus. *Resurrection* includes a passage from Acts and Revelation that show Jesus is alive and is active in his church today.

### **Tips for Bible Reading and Prayer**

#### **Place and Time**

Find a consistent time and place with minimal distractions.

#### **Pray**

Begin with prayer by giving God praise. Then ask God to give you wisdom and insight into his Word.

#### **Read**

Slow down. Read to understand and not simply to get through the passage.

#### **Reflect on the following questions:**

Some people prefer to write out their answers in a journal.

- What was the author's intended meaning?
- What does this passage tell us about Jesus?
- What does this passage tell us about mankind?
- How can I apply this passage to my life?

#### **Pray**

Praise Jesus for his marvelous works. Ask Jesus to give you strength for this day.

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## Jesus Foretold

- Genesis 3:1-24 – The seed of the woman will crush the serpent.  
(Fulfilled Hebrews 2:14, Romans 16:20)
- Deuteronomy 18:15-22 – God will raise up a prophet like Moses.  
(Fulfilled Acts 3:22)
- 1 Samuel 2:26-36 – God will raise up a faithful priest.  
(Fulfilled Hebrews 3:5-6, 1 Peter 2:9)
- 2 Samuel 7:1-17 – God will raise up a King for an everlasting Kingdom.  
(Fulfilled Luke 1:32-33)

## 30 Years of Preparation

- John 1:1-18 – The Word became flesh.
- Matthew 1:18-23 – The birth of Jesus.
- Luke 2:22-38 – Jesus presented in the Temple.
- Mark 1:1-14 – Jesus is baptized and tempted by Satan.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Ministry

- John 2:1-12 – Jesus performs his first miracle, turning water to wine.
- Luke 4:16-30 – Jesus begins his ministry and is rejected in Nazareth.
- Mark 1:16-33 – Jesus calls the first disciples and heals many.
- Matthew 8:18-9:9 – The cost of following Jesus. (*Authority over sickness, demons and nature.*)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Ministry

- John 5:1-18 – Jesus heals the lame man at the pool. (*Jesus equates himself with God.*)
- Matthew 5:1-20 – Jesus gives *The Sermon on the Mount*. (*Jesus teaches with authority.*)
- Mark 4:1-20 – Jesus teaches about the Kingdom
- Luke 7:36-50 – Jesus forgives a sinful woman.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Ministry

- Matthew 16:13-28 – Jesus predicts his death.
- Matthew 17:1-20 – Jesus is transfigured.
- Mark 10:32-45 – Jesus came to serve, not to be served.
- Luke 15:1-31 – Jesus teaches the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son.
- John 11:28-57 – Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. (*Authority over death.*)

## The Triumphal Entry, Crucifixion and Resurrection

- Luke 19:28-44 – The Triumphal Entry.
- Matthew 26:17-35 – The Last Supper.
- John 13:1-19 – Jesus washes the disciples' feet.
- Matthew 26:36-56 – Jesus is arrested.
- Mark 15:1-20 – Jesus is delivered to be crucified.
- Luke 23:26-56 – Jesus is crucified and buried.

## The Resurrection

- Luke 24:1-35 – The resurrection of Jesus.
- John 21:1-19 – Jesus reinstates Peter.
- Matthew 28:16-18; Acts 1:6-11 – Jesus commissions the disciples.
- Revelation 1:9-20 – Jesus is active in building his church.