

# Jesus, the Son of God and Man

July 30-Aug 5, 2024

MT 2-5, 8-9, 12; MK 1-3; LK 2-6; JN 1:35-4:45

Week 39

We read the Good News of the gospel through the eyes of his disciples: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We hear Jesus' teachings, hear about his ministry, miracles, and healings, and see how Jesus relates with people. We see Jesus reaching out to the outcast, serving the undesirable, and turning the understandings of the law by the Pharisees upside down. We see prophecies of the Old Testament fulfilled through the life and works of Jesus. These historical accounts reflect the unique perspective of each apostle. Matthew offers proof of Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Mark paints a compelling portrait of Jesus serving others. Luke reflects on Jesus' compassion for those in need of healing and caring. John directs his words to the gentiles and speaks not only of Jesus' divine nature, but also speaks of Jesus' humanity—being hungry, tired, compassionate and sad. Through these Synoptic Gospels we learn about how Jesus lived and are provided a model for living our own lives within God's kingdom.

## Weekly Reading Plan

Day 1: MT 2:22-23; LK 2:29-52; MT 3: 1-12;  
MK 1:1-8; LK 3:1-18; JN 1:19-28  
Day 2: MT 3:13-17; MK 1:9-11; LK 3:21-22;  
JN 1:29-34; LK 3:23-38; MT 4:1-11;  
MK 1:12-13; LK 4:1-13  
Day 3: JN 1:35 – 3:36  
Day 4: JN 4:1-45; MT 4:12-22; MK 1:14-20;  
LK 4:14-30  
Day 5: MK 1:21-28; LK 4:31-37; MT 8:14-17;  
MK 1:29-34; LK 4:38-41; MT 4:23-25;  
MK 1:35-39; LK 4:42-5:11; MT 8:1-4;  
MK 1:40-45; LK 5:12- 16  
Day 6: MT 9:1-17; MK 2:1-22; LK 5:17-39;  
MT 12:1-14; MK 2:23-3:6; LK 6:1-11  
Day 7: MT 12:15-21; MK 3:7-19; LK 6:12-19;  
MT 5:1-48; LK 6:20-36

## Outline

Return to Nazareth (Day 1)  
Jesus Visits the Temple (Day 1)  
John the Baptist (Day 1)  
Baptism of Jesus (Day 2)  
Genealogy of Jesus (Day 2)  
Temptation of Jesus (Day 2)  
Beginning of Public Ministry (Day 3)  
Through Samaria to Galilee (Day 4)  
Teaching with Authority (Day 5)  
Departing Capernaum (Day 5)  
Cleansing the Leper (Day 5)  
Events in Capernaum (Day 6)  
Lord of the Sabbath (Day 6)  
Jesus' Followers (Day 7)  
Sermon on the Mount (Day 7)

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Key Characters		Key Locations		Key Terms	
Jesus	Herod	Bethlehem	Jerusalem	Kingdom of God	Repent
Magi	Joseph	Egypt	Judea	Baptism	Preaching
Mary	Archelaus	Galilee	Nazareth	Temptation	Disciples
John the Baptist	Holy Spirit	Jordan River	Capernaum	Healing	Beatitudes
The Devil	Peter	Bethsaida	Cana	The Good News	Blessed
Andrew	James	Samaria		Teaching	Prayer
John	Pharisees			Fasting	Sabbath
Levi	Philip			Blessings	Judgment
Bartholomew	Matthew			Love	The Word
Thomas	Thaddaeus			Grace	Truth
Simon Zealot	Judas			Lamb of God	Life
Judas Iscarot	Nathanael			Messiah	Miracles
Simeon	Angels				
Shepherds	Anna				
Pontius Pilate	Nicodemus				

## Key Verses

Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near [MT 3:1]

At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.[MT 3:16-17]

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” [MT 4:19]

“Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.” [LK 2:10]

I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. [LK 3:16]

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. [JN 1:1]

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. [JN 1:14]

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. [JN 3:16]

## Chapter Summaries (from @biblesummary)

**Mt2:** Wise men came from the east to worship the child. King Herod ordered that all the baby boys be killed. An angel warned Joseph to flee.

**Mt3:** John the Baptist was preaching, "Repent, the kingdom is near!" Jesus was baptised by John. A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son."

**Mt4:** Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. He called Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow him. He preached and healed the sick.

**Mt5:** Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart. I have come to fulfil the law. Whoever is angry will be judged. I say, love your enemies."

**Mt8:** Jesus cleansed a leper. He healed the servant of a centurion who had faith. He calmed a storm at sea and cast demons out of two men.

**Mt9:** Jesus healed a paralytic. Many sinners came to eat with him. He raised a girl to life and healed two blind men. The crowds marveled.

**Mt12:** The Pharisees opposed Jesus when he healed on the Sabbath. He said, "A tree is known by its fruit. The sign of Jonah will be given."

**Mk1:** Jesus was baptised by John. He called Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him. He preached and cast out demons. He healed a leper.

**Mk2:** Many gathered at the house. Jesus forgave a paralytic his sins and healed him. He was questioned about fasting and keeping the Sabbath.

**Mk3:** Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. Great crowds followed him. He appointed twelve apostles. He said, "Whoever obeys God is my family."

**Lk2:** Mary gave birth in Bethlehem. Angels sent shepherds to see the child. Jesus was presented at the temple. He grew in wisdom and stature.

**Lk3:** John came from the wilderness preaching repentance. Jesus was baptised. He was son of David, son of Abraham, son of Adam, son of God.

**Lk4:** Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. In the synagogue he read out, "The Spirit of the Lord is on me." He healed all the sick.

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Lk5: Simon, James and John left everything and followed Jesus. Jesus forgave and healed a paralytic. The Pharisees asked him about fasting.

Lk6: Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath. He chose twelve apostles. He said, "Blessed are the poor. Love your enemies. Hear and do my words."

Jn1: The Word of God became flesh and dwelt with us. John the Baptist bore witness to him. Andrew told Simon Peter and they followed Jesus.

Jn2: Jesus turned water into wine at a wedding. He drove money-changers from the temple. He said, "Destroy this temple and I will raise it."

Jn3: Jesus told Nicodemus, "Be born again. Whoever believes in the Son will have eternal life." John the Baptist said, "He is above all."

Jn4: Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman about her husbands. She said, "Can this be the Christ?" Many believed. He healed an official's son.

## What did I learn about God?

- What did John the Baptist mean by calling Jesus the “Lamb of God” and the “Son of God”? Of the various titles for Jesus (the Word, the Light, the Christ, the Lamb of God, the Son of God) which means the most to you? Why?
- Read John 3:16-18. What stands out to you about God? About what he wants to do? About how a person is condemned?
- In John 4:1-45, Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman. What aspects of Jesus’ conversation could you use as a model for your own discussions with searching friends? What are we all constantly “thirsting” for?
- Under what circumstances was Jesus tempted (Luke 4:1-13)? After a spiritual high? At a weak moment? At a new stage in life? In each temptation, what was its appeal? Its price? How does Jesus resist them? How does Satan’s use of Scripture differ from the way Jesus uses it? Why were the temptations directed at Jesus immediately after he was affirmed by God at his baptism?
- Read Luke 4:18-19. What is Jesus’ fivefold mission? If all five areas of Jesus’ mission are to be carried on by the church as a whole, which area of concern do you give priority to and which do you tend to neglect?

## What did I learn about human nature?

- When Jesus stayed in the temple it took awhile for Mary and Joseph to realize he had been left behind. What insight do you get from this story about young Jesus? Why do you think Luke included the story in his gospel?
- What is radical about John the Baptist’s message? What does the “root” and the “Fruit” in LK 3:9 signify? Is John advocating social upheaval or inner transformation? Is he preaching or meddling? Why would people want to listen to what John the Baptist was preaching?
- What is significant about the story of Jesus talking to the woman at the well taking place in Samaria? What is significant about Jesus choosing this woman as the first person to whom he revealed himself?
- In Luke 4:14-30, Jesus is rejected in Nazareth. Why did people in Nazareth have a problem accepting Jesus? Why do you think Jesus didn’t perform a miracle in Nazareth?

## What did I learn about my life/relationship with God?

- Who are the Gentiles (Luke 2:32) that God desires you to care for?
- How do you maintain a balance between daily responsibilities and serving God? How do you integrate the two?
- Who in your life has been a “John the Baptist” in leading you to Christ and “making straight the way for the Lord”?
- What does baptism mean to you? What about baptism with the Holy Spirit?
- Which one of the disciples are you most like when it comes to following Jesus? Andrew and Philip by spreading the news? Peter as a new creation? Nathanael who moves from doubt to strong belief?