

### ***Through the New Testament in 42 days***

This reading scheme will take you through the NT in 6 weeks. You will be reading relatively large chunks of the Bible, so very brief notes have been added to help you keep your bearings. The scheme does not follow the canonical order of the NT. Instead you will read the writings of Luke, then those of Paul (presented in what approximates the order in which they may have been written), then those influenced or written by Peter, then those with a stronger Jewish flavour, and finally the writings of John.

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| <b>Day 1</b>  | Luke 1-5                 | Luke wrote his account of the gospel in two volumes: what Jesus began to do and teach (the gospel according to Luke) and what he continued to do and teach through the apostles (the book of Acts). Luke-Acts should be read this way. |
| Day 2         | Luke 6-9                 |  |
| Day 3         | Luke 10-14               |  |
| Day 4         | Luke 15-21               |  |
| Day 5         | Luke 22-24 and Acts 1    |  |
| Day 6         | Acts 2-7                 |  |
| Day 7         | Acts 8-12                |  |
| <b>Day 8</b>  | Acts 13-18               |  |
| Day 9         | Acts 19-23               |  |
| Day 10        | Acts 24-28               |  |
| Day 11        | Galatians                | Galatians is the <i>Magna Carta</i> of religious freedom.  |
| Day 12        | 1 and 2 Thessalonians    | These letters were written to brand new Christians.  |
| Day 13        | 1 Corinthians 1:1-11:1   | What happens when Christians think prematurely that they have arrived at spiritual maturity? You get the Corinthian church, and you need the correction provided by this letter.   |
| Day 14        | 1 Corinthians 11:2-16:24 |  |
| <b>Day 15</b> | 2 Corinthians            | The most intense, revealing & emotional of Paul's letters.   |
| Day 16        | Romans 1-8               | Here is the Gospel – it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.  |
| Day 17        | Romans 9-16              |  |
| Day 18        | Ephesians                | The most sublime and majestic expression of the Gospel.  |
| Day 19        | Colossians and Philemon  | We have everything in Jesus Christ!  |
| Day 20        | Philippians              | Living a life worthy of the gospel.  |
| Day 21        | 1 Timothy and Titus      | Normal church life for the post-apostolic age.   |

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| <b>Day 22</b> | 2 Timothy        | How to live well; how to die well.  |
| Day 23        | Matthew 1-7      | Matthew's is the most Jewish of the gospels. He presents Jesus as a new (and greater than) Moses. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament. Matthew's account of the gospel comprises five blocks of teaching, each ending "it came to pass when Jesus finished teaching all these things..." |
| Day 24        | Matthew 8-13     |   |
| Day 25        | Matthew 14-21    |   |
| Day 26        | Matthew 22-28    |   |
| Day 27        | Hebrews 1-7      |   |
| Day 28        | Hebrews 8-13     | Hebrews is a written sermon whose text is <i>Exodus</i> and whose purpose is to stir up tired, flagging, discouraged Christians to maintain their commitment to Jesus Christ.   |
| <b>Day 29</b> | James            | A practical exposition of the Holiness Code of Leviticus.   |
| Day 30        | Mark 1:1-9:1     | Enjoy Mark's presentation of the gospel – it is fast paced, vivid and emotional. There is a striking similarity between the structure of Mark and Peter's sermon in the home of Cornelius (Act 10:34-43).   |
| Day 31        | Mark 9:2-16:20   |   |
| Day 32        | 1 Peter          |   |
| Day 33        | 2 Peter and Jude | 1 Peter is the most condensed résumé of the Christian faith and the conduct it inspires.  |
| Day 34        | John 1-5         | John's gospel is distinctive. This scheme will take you through it quickly – but come back and read it more slowly. Watch out for seven sign-miracles, seven "I am" sayings and seven discourses.   |
| Day 35        | John 6-8         |   |
| <b>Day 36</b> | John 9-12        |   |
| Day 37        | John 13-17       |   |
| Day 38        | John 18-21       |   |
| Day 39        | 1, 2 and 3 John  | "I am writing because..." (1 John 1:4; 2:1; 2:26; 5:13)   |
| Day 40        | Revelation 1-7   | Living between the first and second comings of the Lord Jesus, we need encouragement to remain faithful. This letter-prophecy reveals that things mustn't be taken at face value – God is on the throne (Rev. 4-5) and is in control of history, driving it to his chosen destination.            |
| Day 41        | Revelation 8-17  |   |
| Day 42        | Revelation 18-22 |   |