

# DAILY BIBLE READINGS 2024

## A CHRONOLOGICAL READING OF THE WHOLE BIBLE

# OCTOBER

PSALMS, BIRTH OF JESUS, JOHN THE BAPTIST, JESUS' MINISTRY

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		01		02		03		04		05	
		<b>Psalms 92-94, 96-100</b> <i>Kids: Psalms 97-100</i>		<b>Psalms 104-105</b> <i>Kids: Psalms 104, 111</i>		<b>Psalms 106-107</b> <i>Kids: Psalms 112-113, 115, 117</i>		<b>Psalms 111-118</b> <i>Kids: Psalm 119:9-16, Psalms 121, 128, 130, 134</i>		<b>Psalm 119</b> <i>Kids: Psalms 135-136, 146</i>	
06		07		08		09		10		11	
<b>Psalms 120-121, 123, 125, 128-130, 132, 134-135</b> <i>Kids: Psalms 147-148, 150</i>		<b>Psalms 136, 146-150†</b> <i>Kids: Luke 1:1-38</i>		<b>*Luke 1</b> <b>*Matthew 1</b> <i>Kids: Luke 1:39-66, Matthew 1:18-25</i>		<b>Luke 2</b> <b>Matthew 2-3</b> <i>Kids: Luke 2</i>		<b>Luke 3</b> <b>*John 1</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 2-3</i>		<b>John 2</b> <b>Matthew 4</b> <b>Luke 4</b> <i>Kids: John 1:19-51</i>	
										<b>*Mark 1</b> <b>John 3</b> <i>Kids: John 2, Matthew 4</i>	
13		14		15		16		17		18	
<b>John 4</b> <b>Luke 5</b> <i>Kids: John 4</i>		<b>Matthew 5-7</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 5:1-16, 5:43 to 6:15, 7:24-29</i>		<b>Matthew 8-10</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 8</i>		<b>Matthew 11-12</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 13:24-58</i>		<b>Matthew 13</b> <b>Mark 2</b> <i>Kids: Mark 4</i>		<b>Mark 3-5</b> <i>Kids: Mark 5</i>	
										<b>Luke 6-7</b> <i>Kids: Luke 6</i>	
20		21		22		23		24		25	
<b>Luke 8-9</b> <i>Kids: Luke 7:11-50</i>		<b>Luke 10-11</b> <i>Kids: Luke 9:10-42</i>		<b>Luke 12</b> <b>Matthew 14</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 14</i>		<b>Matthew 15-17</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 15</i>		<b>Matthew 18-19</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 17</i>		<b>Mark 6-7</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 18:21-35, 19:13-30</i>	
										<b>Mark 8-9</b> <i>Kids: Mark 6:14-56, 7:31-37</i>	
27		28		29		30		31			
<b>John 5-6</b> <i>Kids: Mark 8:1 to 9:1</i>		<b>John 7-8</b> <i>Kids: Mark 9:2-29, John 5:1-15 &amp; 7:1-13</i>		<b>John 9-10</b> <i>Kids: John 9:1 to 10:21</i>		<b>Matthew 20-21</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 20:1-16, 21:1-22</i>		<b>Mark 10-11</b> <i>Kids: Matthew 21:23-46, Mark 10:13-16</i>			

\* beginning a new book

† completed this book—Congratulations!

## Can't read the whole Bible this year? Read one new book of the Bible!

*This month:*

- Psalms — February + April-May + June + August + September + October 1-7, about 5½ hours
- Luke — October 8-11, 13, 19-22 + November, about 2 hours
- Matthew — October 8-9, 11, 14-17, 22-24, 30 + November, about 2 hours
- John — October 10-13, 27-29 + November, about 1½ hours
- Mark — October 12, 17-18, 25-26, 31 + November, about 1¼ hours

## NOTES ON THIS MONTH'S READINGS...

### WEEK 40 (October 1-7) — FINAL PSALMS AND THE START OF SOMETHING NEW

*Date:* Psalms: unknown (most likely between 1020 and 400 BC)

*The Story:* God is praised and honored in the final psalms in our chronological reading of the Bible, psalms to which we cannot assign a date. Some reflect on God's sternness and goodness to Israel over the centuries; others wonder at his power reflected in the creation; still others (particularly the lengthy Psalm 119) celebrate God's law as a gift that guides our lives.

### WEEK 41 (October 8-14) — JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

*Date:* about 7 BC to AD 27

*The Story:* God brings two miraculous baby boys into the world: the prophet John the Baptist, and Jesus, God's own Son. Through both men, God will launch a new project among the Jewish people: a plan to save the world. When Jesus is grown—and shortly after the prophetic ministry of John the Baptist—he launches into a ministry of healing, teaching, and driving out demons. In Jesus people find hope in God: hope for forgiveness, for divine instruction, for freedom from physical brokenness and death, for life at peace with God.

### WEEK 42 (October 15-21) — THE MIDDLE OF JESUS' MINISTRY

*Date:* about AD 27-28

*The Story:* God works through Jesus to heal the sick, drive out demons, confront religious corruption, encourage the weak and the lowly, teach people how to live in God's kingdom, and bring hope to people who seek God. Some people follow Jesus faithfully; crowds surround him and a core of devoted disciples travels with him. But others look at him with skepticism, challenging the new teachings he brings. Who is Jesus, really? Is he genuine or a gifted imposter? If he really is from God, will the people listen to him and respond?

### WEEK 43 (October 22-28) — CONTROVERSY AROUND JESUS INCREASES

*Date:* about AD 27-28

*The Story:* God continues to gradually reveal who Jesus is—to those needing healing, to Jewish religious leaders, and especially to Jesus' closest disciples. His apostles see all his miracles and hear all his teaching, and they get inside information about his coming suffering (though they don't yet understand). The crowds are confused. Who is this man? Controversy increases around him as he continues his ministry of teaching, healing, and drawing people to God.

### WEEK 44 (October 29 to November 4) — JESUS' JOURNEY TOWARD JERUSALEM

*Date:* about AD 28-29

*The Story:* God, continuing to reach out to the Jewish people through Jesus, leads him to Jerusalem, where he will spend the week leading up to the Passover festival. Miracles continue, but the focus of his ministry now turns toward teachings as Jesus uses his access to the masses to lead them toward greater godliness. His following is vast, but opposition to him intensifies, too, and he does not back down from it. More and more, the Jewish leaders, particularly in Jerusalem, want to arrest or kill him. He himself tells his followers privately that he will indeed be killed. But if Jesus is the Messiah from God, how could that happen?