Read the Gospels in 40 Days!

The Gospel of Matthew

□ Day 1 Matt. 1-2 □ Day 2 Matt. 3-4 □ Day 3 Matt. 5-7 □ Day 4 Matt. 8-9 □ Day 5 Matt. 10-12 □ Day 6 Matt. 13-14 □ Day 7 Matt. 15-16 □ Day 8 Matt. 17-18 □ Day 9 Matt. 19-20 □ Day 10 Matt. 21-23 □ Day 11 Matt. 24-25 □ Day 12 Matt. 26-28

The Gospel of Mark

- □ Day 13 Mark 1-3 □ Day 14 Mark 4-5 □ Day 15 Mark 6-7 □ Day 16 Mark 8-10 □ Dav 17 Mark 11-13
- □ Day 18 Mark 14-16

The Gospel of Luke

□ Day 19 Luke 1-2 □ Day 20 Luke 3-4 □ Day 21 Luke 5-6 □ Day 22 Luke 7

□ Day 24 Luke 10-11 □ Day 25 Luke 12-13 □ Day 26 Luke 14-16 □ Day 27 Luke 17-19

□ Day 23 Luke 8-9

- □ Day 28 Luke 20-21
- □ Day 29 Luke 22-24

The Gospel of John

- □ Day 30 John 1-2
- Day 31 John 3-4
- □ Day 32 John 5-6
- □ Dav 33 John 7-8
- □ Day 34 John 9-10 □ Day 35 John 11-12
- □ Day 36 John 13-14
- □ Day 37 John 15-16
- □ Day 38 John 17
- □ Day 39 John 18-19
- Day 40 John 20-21 \square
- Celebrate!

Tips for Succeeding at Reading the Bible Daily

- 1 Decide when and where you will read. One survey revealed that readers with a set time and place for reading were FIVE times more likely to still be reading daily after thirty days.
- 2 **Hook to another Habit.** Making reading part of an existing routine, such as, going to bed, having breakfast, or getting home from work, will greatly increase your chances of staying faithful.
- 3 **Use a reading plan.** Knowing what you will read each day makes slipping into your reading time easier
- 4 Get a buddy. An accountability partner sometimes is just the extra nudge you need to not give up.
- 5 **Pick an interval and then reevaluate.** Decide to read for a week, month, forty days, or some other distinct period. Make adjustments at the end of that period. This give you a guilt-free point to stop if reading isn't working. Second, staying motivated is easier when you can see the end from the beginning.
- 6 **Pray**. Specifically, pray for understanding, thanks for the insights you do receive, and discipline to stay committed.
- 7 Set your bible out someplace visible. Seeing your bible can trigger you to read. So, put it in your path where you won't miss it.

Any one of these strategies can make or break whether or not you finish what you start. Together they are an almost unbeatable formula for success.

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