## Reading Plan: A Month-Long Journey with Jesus

A Month-Long Journey with Jesus: here are	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
31 readings (one for each day of the month) listed in the order of their appearance in the	Matt. 1:18-2:23	Matt. 4:1-11	Matt. 13:54-58
New Testament	Jesus is born, then becomes a refugee as an evil king seeks to destroy Him. Finally His family returns home.	Jesus confronts very real temptations.	Jesus faces rejection based on His family, their work, and the small size of His hometown.
Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Matt. 23:1-39	Matt. 25:31–46	Mark 4:1-41	Luke 2:1-52
Jesus speaks out against deceit, pride, and hypocrisy.	Jesus judges according to mercy and compassion rather than outward displays of spirituality.	Jesus begins to explain the kingdom of God, using stories and images from the workplace.	Luke describes events connected with Jesus' birth—and tells of an incident during a boyhood trip to Jerusalem.
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
Luke 4:14-37	Luke 6:17-49	Luke 9:18-36	Luke 22:1–24:53
Jesus goes public with His purpose and immediately encounters opposition.	Jesus teaches basic truths about attitudes, true charity, evaluating others, and making wise choices.	Jesus talks with His followers about who He is.	Jesus is betrayed, judged, executed, buried, resurrected, and reconnected with His followers.
Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15
John 1:1–18	John 5:19-47	John 6:35-51	John 8:12-30
John, one of Jesus' followers, describes how God became a man through Christ—full of grace and truth.	Jesus explains His relationship with His Father and the implications for us.	Jesus teaches that He is the bread of life, and tells how people can find Him.	Jesus announces that He is the light of the world.

Day 16	Day 17	Day 18	Day 19
John 10:1–18	John 11:1–12:8	John 14:1–15:8	John 21:15-25
Jesus says that He is the good shepherd who seeks His Father's lost sheep.	Jesus describes Jesus' relationship with some of his friends, and their profound love and care for each other.	Jesus explains that He is our source of spiritual life and productivity—the way to God.	Jesus loved even the man who had denied Him and was jealous of another disciple.
Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23
Acts 2:22-42	Rom. 5:1-21	1 Cor. 15:1-28	Eph. 1:3-14
Peter explains Christ to a massive crowd in Jerusalem, and welcomes 3,000 people into the faith.	Paul explains how Christ sets people free from sin and makes them acceptable to God.	Paul teaches about Christ's resurrection and the destruction of our enemy, death.	Paul describes Christ's work for us from three vantage points: before creation, in the present, and in eternity.
Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27
Phil. 2:5-16	Col. 1:15-22	1 Thess. 4:13-5:11	Heb. 1:1-2:18
Paul explains the choices Christ made in order to become a man, as well as the choices we should make in following Him.	Paul states that Christ is Lord of all—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.	Paul explains that Jesus will return and bring history to its culmination.	The author of Hebrews describes Christ's complete and wonderful work on our behalf.
Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 31
Heb. 4:14-5:10	Heb. 9:23-10:18	1 Pet. 1:1-12	Rev. 5:1-14; 22:1-21
Christ has experienced every kind of test or trial we will ever face.	Jesus takes away sin, once and for all. Forgiveness is ours in Him.	Peter tells us that our salvation in Christ is a reality that even the angels and Old Testament prophets did not understand.	Christ will rule heaven and earth and will welcome believers to an eternity with Him. 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Thomas Nelson Publishers. 1996. *Nelson's complete book of Bible maps & charts*