

FINDING JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

**MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE...
...BUT BY THE WORD THAT COMES FORTH
FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD**

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FASTING FROM FOOD... FEASTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

READING THE STORY OF JESUS IN THE GOSPELS IN SEQUENCE

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT AMONG ALL THE INSPIRED WRITINGS—EVEN AMONG THOSE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT—THE GOSPELS HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE, AND RIGHTLY SO, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR PRINCIPAL SOURCE FOR THE LIFE AND TEACHING OF THE INCARNATE WORD, OUR SAVIOR. [DOCUMENTS OF VATICAN II: *DEI VERBUM* #18]

BELOW WE HAVE ARRANGED EVENTS DESCRIBED IN THE GOSPELS OF STS. LUKE AND JOHN [& A FEW FROM ST. MATTHEW] SO THAT THE READER CAN FOLLOW THE STORY OF JESUS CHRONOLOGICALLY—AS IT ACTUALLY UNFOLDED... FROM ALL ETERNITY AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER... MADE INCARNATE IN THE WOMB OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY... IN THE TEMPLE AMIDST THE SCHOLARS AND DOCTORS OF THE LAW... ALONG THE DUSTY ROADS OF GALILEE... ON TO JERUSALEM AND THE CROSS... AND TO HIS RESURRECTION & BEYOND.

PRE-EXISTENCE & THE INFANCY NARRATIVES [@6 BC]

3/5 JN 1:1—18 ... “THE WORD BECAME FLESH”
3/6 LK 1... ANNUNCIATIONS TO ZECHARIAH AND MARY, VISITATION...
3/7 MT 1:18—25 ...ANNUNCIATION TO JOSEPH
3/8 LK 2:1—40 ... BIRTH OF JESUS, SHEPHERDS, PRESENTATION,
3/9 MT 2:1—23... MAGI & HEROD & FLIGHT TO EGYPT
3/10 LK 2:41—52 ... FINDING IN THE TEMPLE & JESUS GROWS IN WISDOM

EARLY JUDEAN MINISTRY [DECEMBER 27 AD—LATE SPRING 28 AD]

3/11 MT 3:1 thru 4:11 ...THE BAPTIST, JESUS BAPTIZED, TEMPTATION
3/12 JN 1:19—51... BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, CALL OF FIRST DISCIPLES
3/13 JN 2... WEDDING FEAST AT CANA & CLEANSING OF TEMPLE
3/14 JN 3... NICODEMUS & PASSING OF THE BAPTIST
3/15 JN 4... SAMARITAN WOMAN AND CURING ROYAL OFFICIAL'S SON
3/16 JN 5... WHINING PARALYTIC, JESUS' DISCOURSE

MINISTRY IN GALILEE [EARLY SUMMER 28 AD—EARLY FALL 29 AD]

3/17 LK 4:14 thru 44... THE GALILEAN MINISTRY, NAZARETH, DEMONIAK
3/18 LK 5... SECOND CALL OF PETER, ANDREW, JAMES, JOHN; PARALYZED MAN
3/19 LK 6... SABBATH, THE 12, SERMON ON MT/PLAIN
3/20 LK 7... CENTURION'S SERVANT, WIDOW'S SON, ON JOHN, the MAGDALENE
3/21 LK 8... THE HOLY WOMEN, PARABLES, CALMING THE STORM, DEMONIAK,
3/22 LK 9:1—17... TWELVE MISSIONED, MULTIPLICATION OF LOAVES & FISHES
3/23 MT 14:22—33 JESUS (& PETER) WALK ON WATER
3/24 JN 6:22—70... BREAD OF LIFE DISCOURSE
3/25 LK 9:18—62... PETER'S PROFESSION, CROSS, TRANSFIGURATION
3/26 LK 10... 72 MISSIONED, JESUS' JOY, GOOD SAMARITAN, MARTHA & MARY
3/27 LK 11... OUR FATHER, PARABLES, JESUS' TEACHINGS, HYPOCRISY
3/28 LK 12... JESUS TEACHES; COURAGE, TRUST, TREASURE, READINESS
3/29 LK 13...MORE TEACHINGS; PENANCE, FIG TREE, SABBATH CURE, NARROW
3/30 LK 14...SEEK LOWEST PLACE, the POOR, FOLLOWING JESUS

3/31 LK 15... CHAPTER OF DIVINE MERCY, LOST SHEEP, PRODIGAL SON
4/1 LK 16... WILY MANAGER, MONEY, LAW, RICH MAN & LAZARUS
4/2 LK 17...TEACHINGS, 10 LEPERS, COMING OF SON OF MAN
4/3 LK 18... CORRUPT JUDGE, PHARISEE & PUBLICAN, CHILDREN, RICH MAN
4/4 LK 19:1—27...ZACCHAEUS, PARABLE INVESTING MONEY

LATE JUDEAN MINISTRY [FALL 29 AD—LATE WINTER 30 AD]

4/5 JN 7... FEAST OF BOOTHES
4/6 JN 8... THE ADULTERESS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD ... **I AM!!!**
4/7 JN 9... MAN BORN BLIND
4/8 JN 10...GOOD SHEPHERD, FEAST OF DEDICATION, JESUS RETREATS
4/9 JN 11...RAISING OF LAZARUS, PLOTTING OF SANHEDRIN

THE PASSION AND DEATH OF OUR LORD [EARLY APRIL, 30 AD]

4/10 JN 12: 1—19 ... ANOINTING AT BETHANY, PALM SUNDAY
4/11 MT 21:1-17... MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT OF PALM SUNDAY
4/12 MK 11:1--11... MARK'S ACCOUNT OF PALM SUNDAY
4/13 LISTEN AT MASS & **PARTICIPATE IN** THE PASSION ACCORDING TO LUKE
4/14 MT 21:17 thru 22 -- HOLY WEEK DUEL; DISCOURSES, DIALOGUES & PARABLES
4/15 MT 23, 24, 25
4/16, JN 12:20-50 THE HOUR ARRIVES / PREPARATION

HOLY THURSDAY

LK 22:1—13 PREPARATION
LK 22:24—30 WHO IS THE GREATEST?
JN 13:1—17 WASHING OF FEET
LK 22:14—23 THE HOLY EUCHARIST
JN 13:18—38 LORD... WHO IS IT?
JN 14 thru 17 JESUS' LAST SUPPER DISCOURSE
(read during vigil watch till Midnight)

GETHSEMANE (read during vigil watch till Midnight)

MT 26:36-75 & MK 14:32-72 & LK 22:39-71 & JN 18:1-27

GOOD FRIDAY

MT 27:1-61 & MK 15:1-47 & LK 23:1-56
& JN 18:28 thru19:42

SILENT SATURDAY

MT 27:62—65 ... SEALING THE TOMB

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

MT 28, MK 16, LK 24, & JN 20 (see also on website... M-3. Jesus' First Visit)

DURING THE OCTAVE

JN 21 BY THE SEA OF GALILEE
ACTS 1:1—14... THE ASCENSION

READ... REFLECT... RESPOND... RECEIVE... RESOLVE

WE MUST THEN DIG DEEPLY IN CHRIST. HE IS LIKE A RICH MINE WITH MANY POCKETS CONTAINING TREASURES; HOWEVER DEEP WE DIG, WE WILL NEVER FIND THEIR END OR LIMIT. INDEED, IN EVERY POCKET NEW SEAMS OF FRESH RICHES ARE DISCOVERED ON ALL SIDES. FOR THIS REASON THE APOSTLE PAUL SAID OF CHRIST, IN HIM ARE HIDDEN ALL THE TREASURES OF THE WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS