

January 2020

NT Luke *cont from Dec 2019*

- 01 2:41-52 Jesus aged 12
- 02 3:1-6 John prepares the way
- 03 3:7-14 Crowds hear John
- 04 3:15-23 Jesus baptised
- 05 4:1-15 Jesus tempted
- 06 4:16-30 Rejected
- 07 4:31-37 Power over demons
- 08 4:38-44 Jesus heals many
- 09 5:1-11 Fishermen follow Jesus
- 10 5:12-16 Leper cleansed
- 11 5:17-26 Down through the roof
- 12 5:27-32 Taxman follows Jesus
- 13 5:33-39 Happy Bridegroom
- 14 6:1-5 Lord of the Sabbath
- 15 6:6-11 Man with shrunk hand
- 16 6:12-16 Twelve apostles
- 17 6:17-26 Leap for joy
- 18 6:27-36 Love your enemies
- 19 6:37-42 Log in your eye?
- 20 6:43-49 Rock or sand
- 21 7:1-10 Centurion's servant

OT Ruth

Great grief turns to great joy for Jewish widow Naomi and her heathen-born bereaved daughter-in-law Ruth, who became one of the four women in the family tree of Jesus recorded by Matthew.

- 22 1:1-13 Tragedy in the family
- 23 1:14-22 Ruth's brave decision
- 24 2:1-7 A farmer called Boaz
- 25 2:8-18 Kindness and generosity
- 26 2:19-23 The kinsman-redeemer
- 27 3:1-9 Ruth asks for help
- 28 3:10-18 The promise of help
- 29 4:1-8 Land for sale
- 30 4:9-17 Boaz marries Ruth
- 31 4:18-22 Forebear of King David



February

OT 1 Samuel

God raises up the prophet Samuel to lead a spiritual revival for the Israelites, leading to shepherd boy David becoming King and the nation heading towards greatness.

- 01 1:1-8 Hannah's tears and prayer
- 02 1:9-20 Samuel born
- 03 1:21-28 Samuel 'lent to the Lord'
- 04 2:1-11 Hannah's great praise
- 05 2:12-21 Eli's two evil sons
- 06 2:22-26 Eli rebukes his sons
- 07 3:1-9 The Lord calls Samuel
- 08 3:10-21 'The Lord was with him'
- 09 4:1-11 The Ark is captured
- 10 4:12-18 Eli and sons die
- 11 7:3-11 Samuel judges Israel
- 12 7:12-17 Peace in Israel
- 13 8:1-9 Israelites demand a king
- 14 8:10-22 Samuel's warning
- 15 9:1-10 Search for donkeys
- 16 9:11-21 Saul meets Samuel
- 17 9:22-27 Special treatment for Saul
- 18 10:1-16 Saul anointed King
- 19 10:17-27 Saul proclaimed King
- 20 11:1-15 Saul defeats the Ammonites
- 21 12:1-13 Samuel's farewell address
- 22 12:14-25 If you obey the Lord ...

OT Psalms

- 23 82:1-8 Help the under-privileged
- 24 84:1-7 The courts of the Lord
- 25 84:8-12 Hear my prayer
- 26 85:1-7 Revive us again
- 27 85:8-13 Steadfast love
- 28 86:1-10 You are my God
- 29 86:11-17 Teach me your way



March 2020

NT Philippians

Paul writes from prison in Rome to the church in Philippi. About 14 years earlier the gaoler (and business woman Lydia) became the first Christians on the missionaries' entry to Europe.

- 01 1:1-11 Praying with joy
- 02 1:12-20 Prison conversions
- 03 1:21-30 To live is Christ
- 04 2:1-11 Highest, lowest, highest
- 05 2:12-18 The world's lights
- 06 2:19-30 Timothy and Epaphroditus
- 07 3:1-11 Losing and gaining all
- 08 3:12-20 The great race
- 09 4:1-9 Joy and peace
- 10 4:10-23 Learning contentment

NT Colossians

From prison in Rome around 62 AD, Paul writes to the believers in Colossae (west Turkey) with sublime truth about Jesus, 'the image of the invisible God,' and reconciler of God and man.

- 11 1:1-8 Faith, love, hope
- 12 1:9-14 Transfer to new Kingdom
- 13 1:15-20 Preeminence of Christ
- 14 1:21-23 Reconciled to God
- 15 1:24-29 Paul's joy in suffering
- 16 2:1-5 Paul strives for believers
- 17 2:6-15 New life in Christ
- 18 2:16-23 Useless regulations
- 19 3:1-11 Away with old sins
- 20 3:12-17 Adorn life of love
- 21 3:18-25 Loving family life
- 22 4:1-6 Continue in prayer
- 23 4:7-18 Loving greetings

OT Proverbs

- 24 29:1-7 Wisdom and justice
- 25 29:14-20 Discipline
- 26 30:5-9 Two things I ask
- 27 30:24-33 Wisdom of ants
- 28 31:1-9 Wise words
- 29 31:10-16 An excellent wife
- 30 31:17-23 Hard work
- 31 31:24-31 Wisdom and kindness

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Rejoice in the Lord always
Paul from prison. Phil 4:10

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April 2020

NT

Luke

- 01 7:11-17 Dead man speaks
- 02 7:18-23 The Baptist reassured
- 03 7:24-30 'More than a prophet'
- 04 7:31-35 Jesus a glutton?
- 05 7:36-40 **Sinful woman forgiven**
- 06 7:41-50 Who loves most?
- 07 8:1-3 Women helpers
- 08 8:4-8 Parable of the Sower

Easter Isaiah

- 09 52:7-10 Good news
- 10 52:13-15 Many astonished
- 11 53:1-3 Despised and rejected
- 12 53:4-6 **Pierced for our sins**
- 13 53:7-9 Like a lamb for slaughter
- 14 53:10-11 The Lord's will
- 15 53:12 He bore the sins of many
- 16 54:1-3 Break forth into singing

Luke cont

- 17 8:9-15 Parable explained
- 18 8:16-21 Jesus' family
- 19 8:22-25 **Jesus calms a storm**
- 20 8:26-39 Demon-possessed healed
- 21 8:40-48 Jesus heals a woman
- 22 8:49-56 Jesus raises dead girl
- 23 9:1-9 Sending of the 12
- 24 9:10-17 Jesus feeds 5000 men
- 25 9:18-22 Who is Jesus?
- 26 9:23-27 **Lose life and save it**
- 27 9:28-36 Jesus in dazzling white
- 28 9:37-43 Jesus heals boy
- 29 9:43-48 Who's the greatest?
- 30 9:49-56 For or against Jesus?



May

OT

1 Samuel

- 01 14:1-15 Jonathan and amour-bearer
- 02 14:16-23 The Lord saves Israel
- 03 15:10-23 **Saul rejected by the Lord**
- 04 16:1-13 David anointed king
- 05 16:14-23 David in Saul's service
- 06 17:1-11 Goliath's challenge
- 07 17:12-23 David hears Goliath roar
- 08 17:24-37 David volunteers to fight
- 09 17:38-49 David trusts in God
- 10 17:50-58 **Victory with no sword**
- 11 18:1-5 David and Jonathan
- 12 18:6-15 Saul jealous of David
- 13 19:1-18 Saul tries to kill David 1-25
- 14 21:10-15 David pretends to be mad
- 15 22:1-5* David's men hide in cave
- 16 23:15-24 Saul pursues David
- 17 23:25-29 **Saul closes in on David**
- 18 24:1-7 David spares Saul's life
- 19 24:8-15 'May the Lord be judge'
- 20 24:16-25:1 Death of Samuel
- 21 31:1-13 Death of King Saul

OT

Psalms

- 22 87:1-7 Glorious things
- 23 89:1-20 Steadfast love
- 24 89:11-89 God's mighty arm
- 25 89:46-52 How long, Lord?
- 26 90:1-10 Everlasting God
- 27 90:11-17 Teach us wisdom
- 28 91:1-8 Place of refuge
- 29 91:9-16 Promise of protection
- 30 92:1-9 Great are your works
- 31 92:10-15 **The righteous flourish**



June 2020

OT

2 Samuel

After the death of Saul, God fulfils his promise to David that he would become King, Israel's greatest and forebear of Saviour and King Jesus.

- 01 1:1-16 David hears sad news
- 02 1:17-27 David's song of sorrow
- 03 2:1-7 David king of Judah
- 04 2:8-11 Rival king Ish-Bosheth
- 05 4:1-8 Ish-Bosheth murdered
- 06 4:9-12 David and the murderers
- 07 5:1-5 **David king of all Israel**
- 08 5:17-25 David defeats Philistines
- 09 6:1-15 Uzziah and the Ark
- 10 6:16-22 David and Michal
- 11 7:1-17 The Lord's promise
- 12 7:18-29 David gives thanks

OT

Job

The oldest book in the Bible deals with the intense sufferings of the greatest and most righteous man in the ancient East He was chosen by God for His glory to endure without understanding God's ways until restored to health and even greater blessing.

- 13 1:1-12 Blameless and upright
- 14 1:13-22 **Total disaster**
- 15 2:1-13 Terrible affliction
- 16 3:1-11 Job laments his birth
- 17 4:1-11 Eliphaz speaks
- 18 9:1-12 Job needs a lawyer
- 19 12:1-10 God has done this
- 20 13:1-15 I will hope in God
- 21 19:21-29 **My Redeemer lives**
- 22 32:1-14 Elihu's anger
- 23 33:1-12 Elihu rebukes Job
- 24 38:1-11 The Lord answers Job
- 25 38:31-41 Who does all this?
- 26 40:1-14 God challenges Job
- 27 41:1-11 Can you? ... Can you?
- 28 42:1-6 **Job repents**
- 29 42:7-9 **Job prays for friends**
- 30 42:10-17 Job's blessings restored

*I know that my Redeemer lives ...
in my flesh I shall see God.
Job 19:25,26*

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April-June 2020

OT

**1 Samuel
2 Samuel
Job
Psalms**

NT

Luke



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*All we like sheep have gone
astray ... and the Lord has laid
on Him the iniquity of us all.
Isaiah 53:6*

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Luke

- 01 9:57-62 Cost of following Jesus
- 02 10:1-12 Sending of the 70
- 03 10:13-23 Some reject, some believe
- 04 10:25-37 The Good Samaritan
- 05 10:38-42 **Martha and Mary**
- 06 11:1-13 The Lord's Prayer
- 07 11:14-23 For or against Jesus?
- 08 11:24-28 How to be blessed
- 09 11:29-36 The sign of Jonah
- 10 11:37-53 Religious leaders' hatred
- 11 12:1-7 More value than sparrows!
- 12 12:8-12 **Stand up for Jesus**
- 13 12:13-21 Parable of rich fool
- 14 12:22-34 Don't worry
- 15 12:35-48 Be ready for Jesus
- 16 12:49-59 Division over Jesus
- 17 13:1-9 Repent or perish
- 18 13:10-17 Bent woman made straight
- 19 13:18-30 **The narrow door**
- 20 13:31-35 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem

OT

Psalms

- 21 96:1-9 Sing to the Lord
- 22 96:10-13 Tell the nations
- 23 97:1-12 The Lord reigns
- 24 98:1-9 All ends of the earth
- 25 99:1-9 The King in his might
- 26 100:1-5 **Make a joyful noise**
- 27 101:1-8 Love and justice
- 28 102:1-15 Enthroned for ever
- 29 102:15-28 Nations will fear the Lord
- 30 103:1-14 Bless the Lord
- 31 103:15-22 Everlasting love



August

OT

2 Samuel *continued*

- 01 8:1-14 David's victories
- 02 9:1-13 **Mephibosheth's great joy**
- 03 11:1-13 David and Bathsheba
- 04 11:14-27 David's further great sin
- 05 12:1-15 Nathan confronts David
- 06 12:15-25 Child dies: Solomon born
- 07 15:1-12 Absalom plots to be king
- 08 15:13-23 David flees Jerusalem
- 09 15:24-31 **David weeps—and prays**
- 10 15:32-37 David's secret agent
- 11 16:1-4 David and Zeba
- 12 16:5-14 Shimei curses David
- 13 16:15-23 Absalom enters Jerusalem
- 14 17:1-14 Hushai saves David
- 15 17:15-22 Dangerous mission
- 16 17:23-29 **Food for exiled soldiers**
- 17 18:1-8 Absalom fights David
- 18 18:9-18 Absalom killed
- 19 18:19-33 David's grief at son's death
- 20 19:1-8 General Joab's good advice
- 21 19:9-15 David returns to Jerusalem
- 22 19:16-23 David pardons Shimei
- 23 19:24-30 **Saul's son Mephibosheth**
- 24 19:31-40 Old Barzillai blessed
- 25 22:1-7 David's song of praise
- 26 22:17-25 Rescued from strong enemy

OT

Psalms

- 27 104:1-15 The great Creator
- 28 105:1-11 Sing praises
- 29 106:1-12 God's mighty power
- 30 107:1-9 Steadfast love
- 31 107:10-22 Out of darkness



September 2020

OT

2 Samuel *continued*

- 01 22:26-31 You are my lamp, O Lord
- 02 22:32-43 God my strong refuge
- 03 22:44-51 I will praise you, O Lord
- 04 24:1-9 David's proud census
- 05 24:10-14 Judgment on David's sin
- 06 24:15-17 **David: 'I have sinned'**
- 07 24:18-25 David builds an altar

OT

1 Kings

Following his father King David around 970BC, Solomon began his reign in Judah well and built the great Temple in Jerusalem.

Solomon

- 08 2:10-12 Solomon king of Israel
- 09 3:1-9 Solomon prays for wisdom
- 10 3:10-15 Wisdom—and honour
- 11 3:16-28 God's wisdom for justice
- 12 4:20-32 Wealth and wisdom
- 13 5:1-12 **Preparations for the Temple**
- 14 8:1-11 Glory with the Ark in place
- 15 8:12-21 Solomon praises the Lord
- 16 8:22-30 Prayer of dedication
- 17 8:31-43 Sin and forgiveness
- 18 8:44-53 National repentance
- 19 8:54-66 Blessed be the Lord

NT

1 Thessalonians

Paul writes to assure the young church in Macedonia of the certainty of resurrection when the Lord returns, with the dead in Christ first to rise

- 20 1:1-10 **Widespread witness**
- 21 2:8-16 Suffering for the Gospel
- 22 2:17-19 Joy in other believers
- 23 3:1-5 Destined for affliction
- 24 3:6-13 Faith and love
- 25 4:1-12 Abstain from immorality
- 26 5:1-11 Alert for Christ's return
- 27 5:12-28 **Pray without ceasing**

OT

Psalms

- 28 107:23-32 Storm at sea
- 29 107:33-42 Help for the needy
- 30 108:1-13 With God's help

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Luke

- 01 14:1-11 Take the lowest place
 02 14:12-24 Great banquet parable
 03 14:25-35 Cost of following Jesus
 04 15:1-10 **Lost sheep and lost coin**
 05 15:11-32 Prodigal son's surprise
 06 16:10-18 God or money?
 07 16:19-31 Rich man and Lazarus
 08 17:1-10 Temptations to sin
 09 17:11-19 Thankful to Jesus?
 10 17:20-37 The King is coming!
 11 18:1-8 **Persistent widow**
 12 18:9-14 Pharisee and tax man
 13 18:15-17 Let children come
 14 18:18-30 Rich ruler
 15 18:31-34 Jesus foretells his death
 16 18:35-43 Blind beggar sees
 17 19:1-10 Tax chief's big surprise
 18 19:11-27 **Nobleman's servants**
 19 19:28-40 Palm Sunday
 20 19:41-44 Jesus weeps

OT

Psalms

- 21 110:1-7 Promise of the Messiah
 22 111:1-10 Gracious and merciful
 23 112:1-10 Blessed is the man
 24 113:1-9 Praise the Lord!
 25 114:1-8 **Tremble at the presence**
 26 114:1-18 To God be the glory
 27 116:1-11 I love the Lord
 28 116:12-19 Sacrifice of thanksgiving
 29 118:1-13 The Lord my helper
 30 118:14-24 My strength, my song
 31 118:25-29 You are my God



November

OT

1 Kings

Elijah

- 01 17:1-6 **Elijah fed by ravens**
 02 17:7-16 God's amazing provision
 03 17:17-24 Dead boy lives
 04 18:1-6 Search for grass
 05 18:7-15 Elijah meets Obadiah
 06 18:16-19 King and prophet meet
 07 18:20-24 Elijah challenges Baal
 08 18:25-29 **Baal deaf to prayer**
 09 18:30-46 Fire and rain
 10 19:1-8 Elijah flees Jezebel
 11 19:9-14 God's gentle voice
 12 19:15-21 God's work for Elisha

OT

2 Kings

Elisha

- 13 2:1-8 Elijah taken to Heaven
 14 2:9-14 Elisha's first miracle
 15 2:15-22 **The second miracle**
 16 4:1-7 Widow's supply of oil
 17 4:8-17 Prophesied son born
 18 4:18-27 The son dies
 19 4:28-37 Seven sneezes
 20 4:38-44 Two food miracles
 21 5:1-7 Syria's army chief
 22 5:8-14 **Seven dips in Jordan**
 23 5:15-19a Two mule-loads of earth
 24 5:19b-27 Greedy servant
 25 6:1-7 Axe head floats
 26 6:8-14 Spy in Syria's army?
 27 6:15-23 God's chariots of fire

OT

Psalms

- 28 119:1-8 Whole-hearted
 29 119:9-16 **How to keep pure**
 30 119:17-24 Cornerstone



December 2020

NT

2 Thessalonians

Paul writes to strengthen the Thessalonian believers to endure persecution, and to command some to keep on working for their living until the Lord returns.

- 01 1:1-4 Faith under persecution
 02 1:5-12 Coming judgment
 03 2:1-12 Man of lawlessness
 04 2:13-17 Chosen to be saved
 05 3:1-5 Pray for missionaries
 06 3:6-18 **Beware idleness**

NT

1 Timothy

Paul writes to his young co-worker Timothy contrasting holy lives produced by the true gospel with the regulations of false teachers.

- 07 1:1-11 False teachers
 08 1:12-20 Saviour of sinners
 09 2:1-15 Pray for all
 10 3:1-13 Qualifications for leaders
 11 3:14-16 Truths of our faith
 12 4:1-5 Some will fall away
 13 4:6-16 **Good servant of Christ**
 14 5:1-16 Treatment of widows
 15 5:17-25 Provision for elders
 16 6:1-10 Secret of contentment
 17 6:11-21 Fight the good fight

OT

Psalms

- 18 119:25-32 I will meditate
 19 119:33-40 Give me understanding
 20 119:41-48 **Your steadfast love**
 21 119:49-56 Comfort in affliction

Matthew Christmas

- 22 1:1-2; 17 Genealogy of Jesus
 23 1:18-25 Birth of Jesus
 24 2:1-6 Wise men from the east
 25 2:7-12 **Great joy and worship**

- 26 119:57-64 God's promise
 27 119:65-72 **Teach me**
 28 119:73-80 Your law my delight
 29 119:82-88 Longing for salvation
 30 119:89-96 Word fixed in the heavens
 31 119:97-104 How I love your law

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1 Kings 2 Kings Psalms

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Luke's Gospel



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