

30 Day Gospel Challenge

When you read God's Word, you must constantly be saying to yourself, "It is talking to me, and about me."

- Soren Kierkegaard

	<i>chapters</i>
18-Jan	<i>Mark</i> 1-3
19-Jan	<i>Mark</i> 4-6
20-Jan	<i>Mark</i> 7-9
21-Jan	<i>Mark</i> 10-12
22-Jan	<i>Mark</i> 13-16
23-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 1-3
24-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 4-6
25-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 7-9
26-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 10-12
27-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 13-15
28-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 16-18
29-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 19-21
30-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 22-24
31-Jan	<i>Matthew</i> 25-26
1-Feb	<i>Matthew</i> 27-28
2-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 1-3
3-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 4-6
4-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 7-9
5-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 10-12
6-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 13-15
7-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 16-18
8-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 19-21
9-Feb	<i>Luke</i> 22-24
10-Feb	<i>John</i> 1-3
11-Feb	<i>John</i> 4-6
12-Feb	<i>John</i> 7-9
13-Feb	<i>John</i> 10-12
14-Feb	<i>John</i> 13-15
15-Feb	<i>John</i> 16-18
16-Feb	<i>John</i> 19-21

I am a creature for but a day. I am a spirit come from God, and returning to God. I want to know one thing: the way to heaven. God himself has come down to teach me the way. He has written it in a book. Oh, give me that book! At any price give me the book of God. Let me be a man of one book.

- John Wesley

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The Gospel according to Mark

...is the shortest of the gospels and the first to be written. Probably written in the late 60's, three decades after the Resurrection, it would be the pattern upon which Matthew and Luke would shape their accounts. Mark's way of at once revealing and hiding the significance of Jesus within the story is called his '*Messianic Secret*.' The word *immediately* is used often in Mark's swift pace of writing. The story turns in ch.8 with Peter's confession.

The Gospel according to Matthew

...has long held a place of priority in the Canon (the church's list of scripture). Maybe written in the 80's, it's built upon the framework of Mark, adding 5 unique sections of teachings by Jesus. It also connects stories of Jesus' life to the Old Testament, quoting the OT fourteen times. The disciples are portrayed as having more understanding.

The Gospel according to Luke

...is considered by many to be the most beautiful piece of literature ever written. Written somewhere in the last third of the first century, it is the first of the two-part Luke-Acts, which were written by the same author. While using content from Mark, Luke freely shapes the story, adding new episodes, to craft this work of beauty. The *Travel Narrative* that starts in 9:51 is a great section.

The Fourth Gospel (John)

...is a wholly different and wonderfully unique 'good news' about Jesus as compared to the first 3 *synoptic* gospels. Jesus in John does less things, but spends more time talking and teaching. Stories are longer, and almost always turn on the double meaning of a word. It was the last to be written, near the end of the first century.