

# New Testament Guide

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## **New Testament Books**

The Good News:

Matthew  
Mark  
Luke  
John  
The Acts of the Apostles

The Letters:

Romans  
1 and 2 Corinthians  
Galatians  
Ephesians  
Philippians  
Colossians  
1 and 2 Thessalonians  
1 and 2 Timothy  
Titus  
Philemon  
Hebrews  
James  
1 and 2 Peter  
1, 2 and 3 John  
Jude

The Apocalypse:

Revelation

## New Testament Reading Guide

### Luke

Luke  
Comprehensive account of the life of Christ intended mainly for the gentile world, especially Romans.

Acts 1-12  
The Holy Spirit.

Acts 13-14  
Paul's first missionary journey.

Galatians

Acts 15-17  
The conference in Jerusalem;  
Paul's second missionary journey.

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

Acts 18-19  
Paul's second missionary journey continued;  
Paul's third missionary journey.

1 Corinthians

Acts 20  
Paul's third missionary journey continued.

2 Corinthians

Romans

Acts 20-28  
Paul's third missionary journey continued;  
Paul a prisoner in Jerusalem, Caesarea, and Rome.

Philippians

Ephesians

Colossians

Philemon

1 Timothy  
Titus  
2 Timothy

**Matthew**

Matthew

Account of the life of Christ, probably written for Jewish Christian community, with emphasis on how the Old Testament prophecies are fulfilled.

Hebrews  
James

**Mark**

Mark

Account of the miracles, deeds, and authority of Jesus, leading to the cross and resurrection. Intended for evangelistic work.

1 Peter  
2 Peter  
Jude

**John**

John

Artistic portrait of the Life of Christ based on Matthew, Mark and Luke.

1 John  
2 John  
3 John

Revelation

The Revelation to John.

# **Major Events Recorded in the Testament**

## **1. The Birth of Jesus**

The birth of Jesus and the events surrounding the birth are recorded in the first section of the testament, Birth and Childhood of John the Baptist and of Jesus, Lkplus 1-16.

The birth of Jesus is announced to Mary in Lkplus 2, Luke 1.26-38.

The account of Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem and Jesus being born in a manger, is given in Lkplus 7, Luke 2.1-7. Wise men from the east follow a star to come and visit Jesus, Lkplus 12, Matt 2.1-12.

## **2. The Baptism of Jesus**

The baptism of Jesus is recorded in Lkplus 18, Matt 3.13-17.

## **3. Temptation by the Devil**

Following his baptism Jesus is led to the desert where he is tempted by the devil, Lkplus 20, Luke 4.1-13.

## **4. Jesus Turns Water into Wine**

This was Jesus' first miracle and is recorded in Lkplus 24, John 2.1-12.

## **5. Jesus is Rejected by the People of Nazareth**

Jesus returns to Nazareth where he is rejected by the people of Nazareth. This is recorded in Lkplus 26, Luke 4.16-30.

## **6. Jesus Forgives the Sins of a Paralysed Man and then Heals Him**

This event is recorded in Lkplus 30, Luke 5.17-26.

## **7. The Sermon on the Mount**

This sermon takes place during Jesus' public ministry in Galilee and begins in Lkplus 40, Matt 5.1-2.

Jesus' teaching of prayer is recorded in 40.8, Matt 6.5-15, and The Lord's Prayer is listed here.

Another significant sermon begins in Lkplus 63, Luke 6.17-19, the Sermon on the Plain.

## **8. Selection of the Twelve Apostles**

This is recorded in Lkplus 62, Luke 6.12-16.

After Jesus chooses his twelve apostles he delivers the Sermon on the Plain, Lkplus 63, Luke 6.17-19, and then sends out the twelve, Lkplus 64, Luke 9.1-6.

## **9. The Death of John the Baptist**

This is recorded in Lkplus 65, Mark 6.14-29.

## **10. The Feeding of the Five Thousand**

This is recorded in Lkplus 66, Matt 14.13-21.

Later Jesus also feeds another great crowd and this is recorded in Lkplus 74, Matt 15.32-39.

## **11. Jesus Walks on Water**

Jesus stayed behind after the feeding of the five thousand, and later walks on the water to the boat, Lkplus 67, Mark 6.45-52.

## **12. Peter Declares that Jesus is the Messiah**

Peter's declaration that Jesus is the Messiah, The Son of the living God is recorded in Lkplus 76, Matt 16.13-20.

## **13. The Transfiguration**

This is recorded in Lkplus 78, Matt 17.1-13, where the true glory of Jesus is revealed.

## **14. Jesus Brings Lazarus Back to Life**

This event and the events leading up to the resurrection of Lazarus are recorded in Lkplus 135-138. In Lkplus

138, John 11.38-44, Jesus brings Lazarus to life.

It is here that Jesus states that he is the resurrection and the life, Lkplus 136, John 11.17-27.

Following this the Pharisees begin to plot to kill Jesus, Lkplus 139, John 11.45-57.

### **15. Jesus Enters Jerusalem**

Jesus' entry into Jerusalem is recorded in Lkplus 142, John 12.12-19.

### **16. Jesus Turns Over the Tables in the Temple**

Once entering Jerusalem, Jesus goes to the temple, turns over the tables and chases out everyone who was selling or buying, Lkplus 143, Matt 21.12-13.

### **17. Jesus Restores the Sight of a Man Born Blind**

Jesus heals a man born blind in Lkplus 147, John 9.1-12.

### **18. Jesus Tells Nicodemus about being Born from Above**

In Lkplus 154, John 3.1-21, Jesus explains to Nicodemus that to enter God's Kingdom you must be born from above.



## **19. Jesus Teaches The Great Commandment**

In Lkplus 157, Matt 22.34-40, Jesus explains the Great Commandment, to Love the LORD your God with all your heart, soul and mind.

## **20. Jesus Speaks of the Destruction, Troubles, and Coming of the Son of Man**

This is all recorded in Lkplus 167 - Lkplus 172: Matt 24.3-14, Luke 21.20-24, Luke 21.25-33, Matt 24.36-44, Luke 12.35-40, Luke 21.34-38.

## **21. Jesus Stops a Crowd Stoning a Woman Caught in Adultery**

This event is recorded in Lkplus 177, John 8.1-11.

## **22. Jesus is Anointed at Bethany**

This event is recorded in Lkplus 178, Matt 26.6-13.

## **23. Judas Betrays Jesus**

Judas agrees to betray Jesus in Lkplus 179, Luke 22.3-6. Jesus tells his disciples of the betrayal and instructs Judas to do what he has to, and this is recorded in Lkplus 181, John 13.21-30.

After Jesus is arrested and Judas learns that Jesus was sentenced to death, he hangs himself, Lkplus 192, Matt 27.3-10.

## **24. The Lord's Supper**

The significance of the bread and wine is recorded in Lkplus 183, Matt 26.26-29, and is referred to as The Lord's Supper.

Jesus also predicts Peter's denial, Lkplus 185, Matt 26.31-35. Peter denies Jesus as predicted in Lkplus 190, Matt 26.69-75.

## **25. The Arrest of Jesus**

Jesus is betrayed by Judas and is arrested, Lkplus 188, Luke 22.47-53.

## **26. Jesus is Sentenced**

Jesus is first questioned by the council, Lkplus 189, Matt 26.57-68. Following this Jesus is taken to Pilate, Lkplus 191, Matt 27.1-2, and Pilate questions Jesus, Lkplus 193, Matt 27.11-14.

Pilate asks the crowd to choose who they would like to be set free, Jesus, the Messiah, or Jesus Barabbas, and the chief priests convince the crowds to choose Barabbas. He then gave orders for Jesus to be beaten with a whip. The crowds however continually insisted that Jesus be killed. Lkplus 194, John 18.38.2-19.16.

## **27. Jesus is Crucified**

Jesus is led away and crucified, Lkplus 195, Luke 23.26-43.

## **28. The Death of Jesus**

The death of Jesus is recorded in Lkplus 196, Luke 23.44-49. Jesus is then taken down and a spear is stuck in his side, Lkplus 197, John 19.31-37. Jesus' body is placed in a tomb, Lkplus 198, Luke 23.50-56, which is guarded, Lkplus 199, Matt 27.62-66.

## **29. The Resurrection and Appearances of the Lord**

The resurrection is recorded in Lkplus 200, Luke 24.1-12.

Jesus first appears to his disciples in the evening as recorded in Lkplus 201, John 20.19-23. He then convinces Thomas, who doubted his appearance to the other disciples, Lkplus 202, John 20.24-29.

Jesus finally meets his disciples on a mountain in Galilee before his ascension, Lkplus 203, Matt 28.16-20.

## **30. The Ascension**

The ascension is recorded in Lkplus 204. Mark 16.19-20. Jesus is taken up to heaven.

## List of the Teachings of Jesus

36. Jesus is questioned about his disciples not fasting.  
[Mark 2.18-22]

37. Jesus is questioned about picking grain on the Sabbath.  
[Matt 12.1-8]

40.1. Blessings.  
[Matt 5.3-12]

40.2. Teaching about the Law.  
[Matt 5.17-20]  
[Luke 16.16-17]

40.3. Teaching about anger.  
[Matt 5.21-24]

40.4. Teaching about adultery.  
[Matt 5.27-30]

40.5. Teaching about divorce.  
[Matt 5.31-32]

40.6. Teaching about promises.  
[Matt 5.33-37]

40.7. Teaching about charity.  
[Matt 6.1-4]

40.8. Teaching about prayer.  
[Matt 6.5-15]

40.9. Teaching about fasting.  
[Matt 6.16-18]

40.10. Riches in heaven.  
[Matt 6.19-21]

40.11. Worry.  
[Matt 6.25-34]

40.12. Ask, seek, knock.  
[Matt 7.7-12]

40.13. The narrow gate.  
[Matt 7.13-14]

40.14. I never knew you.  
[Matt 7.21-23]

63.1. Love for enemies.  
[Luke 6.27-36]

63.2. Judging others.  
[Matt 7.1-6]

63.3. A tree and its fruit.  
[Matt 7.15-20]

63.4. The two house builders.  
[Matt 7.24-27]

69. Jesus is questioned about the  
teaching of the ancestors.  
[Matt 15.1-9]

70. Jesus explains the things that make  
a person unclean.  
[Matt 15.10-20]

75. Jesus warns against the yeast of  
the Pharisees and Sadducees.  
[Matt 16.5-12]

82. The disciples question Jesus about who is the greatest?

[Matt 18.1-5]

83. Jesus speaks of the little ones and faith.

[Matt 18.6-9]

84. Jesus teaches what to do if a brother sins.

[Matt 18.15-17]

85. Jesus speaks about prohibiting and permitting.

[Matt 18.18-20]

87. Jesus discusses divorce with the Pharisees.

[Matt 19.1-12]

88. Jesus explains that whoever is not against you is for you.

[Luke 12.4-7]

102. Jesus talks about confessing and rejecting him.

[Luke 12.8-12]

105. Jesus speaks about worthless salt.

[Luke 14.34-35]

106. Jesus speaks about understanding the time.

[Luke 12.54-56]

107. Jesus instructs to settle with accusers.

[Luke 12.57-59]

108. Jesus warns to turn from your sins or die.

[Luke 13.1-5]

120. Jesus talks about serving God and money.

[Matt 6.24]

121. Jesus tells the Pharisees that God sees what is in your heart.

[Luke 16.14-15]

124. Jesus talks about a servant's duty.

[Luke 17.7-10]

129. Jesus states that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into God's kingdom.

[Luke 18.18-30]

130. Jesus tells a story of workers in a vineyard to illustrate that everyone who is now first will be last, and everyone who is last will be first.

[Matt 20.1-11]

136. Jesus states that he is the resurrection and the life.

[John 11.17-27]

149. Jesus speaks about spiritual blindness.

[John 9.35-41]

154. Jesus tells Nicodemus about being born from above.

[John 3.1-21]

157. Jesus teaches The Great Commandment.

[Matt 22.34-40]

165. Jesus praises a widow's offering.

[Luke 21.1-4]

182. Jesus gives his disciples the new command.

[John 13.31-35]

[Luke 9.49-50]

92. Jesus warns the unbelieving towns.

[Luke 10.13-16]

97. Jesus speaks of what happens when an evil spirit leaves a person.

[Luke 11.24-26]

98. Jesus explains that those who hear and obey God's message are blessed.

[Luke 11.27-28]

100. Jesus speaks about the light of the body.

[Luke 11.33-36]

101. Jesus explains that God is the one to fear.

[Luke 12.4-7]

102. Jesus talks about confessing and rejecting him.

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## The Sermon on the Mount

During Jesus' public ministry in Galilee, Jesus went all over Galilee, teaching and preaching, and healing. Great crowds followed him. It is during this time that Jesus gives the Sermon on the Mount.

The sermon begins in Lkplus 40, Matt 5.1-2.

The sermon can be divided in seven parts.

**1. Blessings** - Lkplus 40.1, Matt 5.3-12.

This is the list of beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn,  
For they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek,  
For they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
For they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful,  
For they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
For they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted  
for righteousness' sake,  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## **2. The Law - The Old and the New.**

Teaching about the Law - Lkplus 40.2, Matt 5.17-20 and Luke 16.16-17.

Teaching about anger - Lkplus 40.3, Matt 5.21-24.

Teaching about adultery - Lkplus 40.4, Matt 5.27-30.

Teaching about divorce - Lkplus 40.5, Matt 5.31-32.

The subject of divorce is again taught by Jesus in Judea when he is questioned by some Pharisees, Lkplus 87, Matt 19.1-12.

## **3. Promises.**

Teaching about promises - Lkplus 40.6, Matt 5.33-37.

## **4. Charity.**

Teaching about charity - Lkplus 40.7, Matt 6.1-4.

## **5. Private Personal Prayer and Reward.**

Teaching about prayer - Lkplus 40.8, Matt 6.5-15.

The Lord's Prayer is also given here.

Teaching about fasting - Lkplus 40.9, Matt 6.16-18.

## **6. Materialistic Hoarding and Worry.**

Riches in heaven - Lkplus 40.10, Matt 6.19-21.

Worry - Lkplus 40.11, Matt 6.25-34.

## **7. Warnings.**

Ask, seek, knock - Lkplus 40.12, Matt 7.7-12.

The narrow gate - Lkplus 40.13, Matt 7.13-14.

I never knew you - Lkplus 40.14, Matt 7.21-23.

The people who heard this sermon were astonished at his doctrine. He taught as one having authority.

## **The Sermon on the Plain**

Another sermon of significance, the Sermon on the Plain, is recorded in Lkplus 63, Luke 6.17-19. It takes place after Jesus chooses his twelve

apostles. This is a less extensive sermon than the Sermon on the Mount.

Love for enemies - Lkplus 63.1, Luke 6.27-36.

Judging others - Lkplus 63.2, Matt 7.1-6.

A tree and its fruit - Lkplus 63.3, Matt 7.15-20.

The two house builders - Lkplus 63.4, Matt 7.24-27.

Other teachings are found elsewhere in The Testament.

## The Lord's Prayer

During Jesus' Sermon on the Mount,  
Jesus teaches, how to pray:

Lkplus 40.8, Matt 6.5-15.

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

## The Commandments

Jesus summarises the commandments in Lkplus 157, Matt 22.34-40, when a Pharisee asks Jesus "What is the greatest commandment?"

His response is a two-clause statement that instructs:

1. To love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind.

This being the greatest and most important commandment.

2. To love others as much as you love yourself.

He explained that all the Law of Moses and the Books of the Prophets were based on these two commandments.



## List of the Miracles of Jesus

24. Jesus is invited to a wedding in Cana, where he turns water into wine.  
[John 2.1-12]

25. Jesus orders an evil spirit out of a man in Capernaum.  
[Luke 4.31-37]

27. Simon Peter, and the son's of Zebedee, James and John, leave their boats on the shores of Lake Gennesaret and follow Jesus.  
[Luke 5.1-11]

Jesus instructs Simon to let their nets down, where they could not catch any fish and they catch many fish ripping their nets apart.

28. Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law and then many other people.  
[Luke 4.38-41]

29. Jesus heals a man with leprosy.  
[Luke 5.12-16]

30. Jesus forgives the sins of a paralysed man brought to him on a mat and then heals him.  
[Luke 5.17-26]

32. Jesus raises a widow's son in Nain.  
[Luke 7.11-17]

38. Jesus heals a man with a crippled hand on the Sabbath.

[Luke 6.6-11]

42. Jesus encounters a Roman officer on the way to Capernaum, whose faith heals his servant.

[Matt 8.5-13]

56. Jesus and his disciples cross the lake and he calms a storm.

[Mark 4.35-41]

57. Jesus heals a man with demons near Gerasa by sending them into a herd of pigs.

[Luke 8.26-39]

58. Jesus heals Jairus' daughter; and a woman touches Jesus' cloak to get healed.

[Mark 5.21-43]

Jairus' daughter is brought back to life; and the woman healed had a haemorrhage.

59. Jesus heals two blind men.

[Matt 9.27-31]

60. Jesus heals a man who could not speak.

[Matt 9.32-34]

66. Jesus feeds a crowd of five thousand.

[Matt 14.13-21]

67. Jesus walks on water.  
[Mark 6.45-52]

68. Jesus heals the sick in Gennesaret.  
[Mark 6.53-56]

71. Jesus casts a demon out of a Greek woman's daughter who has faith.  
[Mark 7.24-30]

72. Jesus heals a deaf mute near Decapolis.  
[Mark 7.31-37]

73. Jesus heals many more people.  
[Matt 15.29-31]

74. Jesus feeds another great crowd.  
[Matt 15.32-39]

79. Jesus heals a boy with a demon.  
[Matt 17.14-21]

The boy also had epilepsy.

81. Jesus instructs Peter to catch a fish and pay the temple tax with the coin he finds in its mouth.  
[Matt 17.24-27]

96. Jesus is accused of using the power of Beelzebub.  
[Luke 11.14-23]

Jesus heals a man who could not speak by forcing a demon out of him and is accused of using the power of Beelzebub.

110. Jesus heals a crippled woman on the Sabbath.

[Luke 13.10-17]

113. Jesus heals a man with swollen legs on the Sabbath.

[Luke 14.1-6]

125. Jesus heals ten men with leprosy.

[Luke 17.11-19]

134. Jesus leaves Jericho and heals two blind men.

[Matt 20.29-34]

138. Jesus brings Lazarus back to life.

[John 11.38-44]

146. Jesus curses a fig tree and speaks to his disciples about faith.

[Matt 21.18-22]

The fig tree dried up.

147. Jesus heals a man born blind.

[John 9.1-12]

185. Jesus predicts Peter's denial.

[Matt 26.31-35]

188. Jesus is betrayed by Judas and is arrested.

[Luke 22.47-53]

One of the disciples struck at the high priest's servant with his sword and cut off the servant's right ear. Jesus touched the servant's ear and healed it.

200. The women go to the tomb and do not find the body: The Resurrection.  
[Luke 24.1-12]

201. Jesus appears to his disciples.  
[John 20.19-23]

204. The Ascension.  
[Mark 16.19-20]

## **Jesus: The Resurrection and the Life**

Before Jesus brings Lazarus back to life he states that he is the resurrection and the life, and those who believe in him will live, even if they die. And everyone who lives because of faith in him will never really die, Lkplus 136 [John 11.17-27].

**"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."**

## List of the Parables told by Jesus

36. Jesus is questioned about his disciples not fasting.

[Mark 2.18-22]

Sewing new cloth on an old garment;  
pouring new wine into old wine skins.

John asked his followers to repent of their sin and prepare the way of Christ's coming and as part of this they fasted. Jesus was with his disciples already and so there was no need to fast! As for the Pharisees they mostly fasted to impress others.

Jesus did not come to patch up the old religious system of Judaism. His purpose was to fulfill it and start the new offer of forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God. This did not fit with old rigid ritual filled system.

*A wineskin is a watertight bag made of goatskins sewn together. New wine expands as it ages and stretches the bag. New wine in an old bag would burst an already taut and rigid bag. Pharisees had become like old wineskins and could not accept the new offer.*

44. A sinful woman washes Jesus' feet at the home Simon the Pharisee.

[Luke 7.36-50]

Two debtors, one owing more than the other.

*Feet washing to clean dirty sandaled feet, pouring of olive oil on the head and a kiss of greeting were normal customs in those days but the Pharisee did not offer these.*

The woman's sins were forgiven, and as she "owed more" than the Pharisee, she was truly repentant and had demonstrated her overwhelming faith.

Pharisees believed only God could forgive sins and did not realise that Jesus was God!

46. Jesus tells a large crowd the parable of the sower.

[Luke 8.4-8]

See explanation below.

48. Jesus explains the parable of the sower.

[Luke 8.11-15]

49. Jesus tells the parable of the weeds among the wheat.

[Matt 13.24-30]

See explanation below.

50. Jesus explains the parable of the weeds.

[Matt 13.36-43]

51. Jesus tells the parable of the hidden treasure.

[Matt 13.44]

In order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven we must be willing to give up everything. The Kingdom of Heaven is more valuable than anything else we can own. Buying the field cost him everything but nothing was actually paid for the treasure itself. This came free with the field. Entering the Kingdom is free.

52. Jesus tells the parable of the pearl.

[Matt 13.45-46]

This parable illustrates the price God was willing to pay to redeem us. Jesus paid the



ultimate price of sacrifice for our  
reconciliation.

53. Jesus tells the parable of the fish  
net.

[Matt 13.47-50]

This parable has the same meaning as the parable  
of the weeds (Lkplus 50).

63.4. The two house builders.

[Matt 7.24-27]

Both hear the teachings but one ignores them.

86. Jesus tells the parable of the  
unforgiving servant.

[Matt 18.21-35]

*The custom was to forgive 3 times so Peter  
suggested 7 times to be much more forgiving.  
However, Jesus' suggested that seventy-seven  
(also interpreted as 70 times 7) as an  
illustration of forgiving those that are truly  
repentant without actually keeping track.*

Because God has forgiven all our sins we should  
not withhold forgiveness from others.

100. Jesus speaks about the light of  
the body.

[Luke 11.33-36]

Lamp under a pot.

The lamp is Christ; the eyes represent spiritual  
understanding. Evil desires make the eyes less  
sensitive to the light and may even lead to  
darkness with no spiritual understanding at all.

103. Jesus tells the parable of the  
rich fool.

[Luke 12.13-21]

*Rabbis were often asked to solve problems like this.*

Here Jesus answers by teaching about the more important issue of the accumulation of wealth that you cannot take with you when you die. Our relationship with God is far more important.

109. Jesus tells the parable of the unfruitful fig tree.

[Luke 13.6-9]

*The symbol of the fruitful tree was often seen as a symbol of godly living.*

... Lack of productivity will not be tolerated forever.

111. Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed.

[Luke 13.18-19]

The Kingdom of Heaven will begin quietly, like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a large tree...

112. Jesus tells the parable of the yeast.

[Luke 13.20-21]

... Or like the small amount of yeast that grows the dough. The Kingdom of heaven will then grow to the whole world.

114. Jesus speaks about humility and hospitality.

[Luke 14.7-14]

Places at a wedding feast.

Status is not important ... God will put you in the right place.

Don't be exclusive. God opens the Kingdom to everyone.

116. Jesus tells and explains the parable of the lost sheep.

[Luke 15.1-7]

Jesus associated with sinners, those lost without hope, to bring them the Good News of God's Kingdom.

117. Jesus tells and explains the parable of the lost coin.

[Luke 15.8-10]

*Women received 10 silver coins as a wedding gift and these had a great sentimental value. If a coin was lost and then found, it would have been a great relief and would bring great joy.*

Just as there is great joy when someone turns to God.

118. Jesus tells the parable of the lost son.

[Luke 15.11-32]

God, like the father in this story, waits patiently for us to come to our senses. He does not force us to come to him.

119. Jesus tells and explains the parable of the dishonest manager.

[Luke 16.1-12]

Explained by Jesus!

122. Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

[Luke 16.19-31]

Self explanatory!

123. The apostles ask Jesus to make their faith stronger.

[Luke 17.5-8]

Like a tiny mustard seed, a small amount of genuine faith in God will take root and grow. A tiny seed of faith is enough if it is alive and growing.

124. Jesus talks about a servant's duty.

[Luke 17.7-10]

The master and his servant.

If we have obeyed God, we have simply done our duty and should regard it as a privilege.

126. Jesus tells the parable of the widow and the judge.

[Luke 18.1-8]

Explained by Jesus!

127. Jesus tells the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

[Luke 18.9-14]

Explained by Jesus!

130. Jesus tells a story of workers in a vineyard to illustrate that everyone who is now first will be last, and everyone who is last will be first.

[Matt 20.1-11]

This parable is not about rewards but about salvation. Entrance to God's Kingdom is by grace alone.

151. Jesus tells and explains the parable of the two sons.

[Matt 21.28-32]

Explained by Jesus!

152. Jesus tells the parable of the tenants in the vineyard, and speaks of the most important stone being tossed aside.

[Matt 21.33-46]

Land Owner - God; Vineyard - Israel; Tenants - Jewish Leaders; Servants - Prophets and Faithful Priests; The Son (Cornerstone) - Jesus.

153. Jesus tells the parable of the wedding banquet.

[Matt 22.1-14]

The reluctant guests.

God sends out the invites to the Kingdom! ...  
Rejected by those invited.

*It was customary for the wedding guests to be given wedding clothes at the wedding banquet. To not wear these clothes would have been an insult.*

Christ provides the clothes of righteousness which you can choose to put on to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

158. Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan.

[Luke 10.29-37]

*Jews saw themselves as pure descendants of Abraham, while the Samaritans were a mixed race who intermarried after Israel's exile.*

Jesus illustrates that your neighbour is anyone in need ... "Go and do the same!"

171. Jesus talks about watchful servants.

[Luke 12.35-40]

Christ will return at an unexpected time.

173. Jesus talks about the faithful or the unfaithful servant.

[Luke 12.41-48]

The more one is entrusted with, the more is expected.

174. Jesus tells the parable of the ten girls and their oil lamps.

[Matt 25.1-13]

Everyone is responsible for their own spiritual preparation for Christ's return. This cannot be bought or borrowed at the last minute.

175. Jesus tells the parable of the three servants.

[Matt 25.14-30]

Each was given what he could manage, so there would be no excuse that any of them was overwhelmed. Similarly God gives us the gifts according to our abilities.

The servant who had been given one thousand coins was thinking only of himself, and playing it safe. We must not avoid what God calls us to do.

Those that prepare by investing themselves in preparing for Christ's return and use their gifts and abilities to serve God will be rewarded. Those that don't will be punished.

## **The Lord's Supper**

The events of the Lord's Supper are recorded in Lkplus 183, Matt 26.26-29.

During the meal Jesus took some bread in his hands. He blessed the bread and broke it. Then he gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and eat it. This is my body."

Jesus picked up a cup of wine and gave thanks to God. He then gave it to his disciples and said, "Take this and drink it. This is my blood, it seals God's covenant. It will be poured out, so that many will have their sins forgiven. I will never again drink this wine until the day I drink the new wine with you in my Father's kingdom."

# **The Resurrection, Appearances and Ascension**

## **1. The Resurrection**

This is recorded in Lkplus 200, Luke 24.1-12.

The women go to the tomb and find the stone rolled away from the entrance. Suddenly two men in shining garments ask them "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

They then remind them of what was said of the resurrection: "The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and the third day rise again."

## **2. Appearances**

Jesus first appears to his disciples in the evening as recorded in Lkplus 201, John 20.19-23. He then convinces Thomas, who doubted his appearance to the other disciples, Lkplus 202, John 20.24-29.

Jesus finally meets his disciples on a mountain in Galilee before his ascension, Lkplus 203, Matt 28.16-20.

## **3. The Ascension**

The ascension is recorded in Lkplus 204, Mark 16.19-20. After instructing his disciples to go and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of



the Father, and of the Son, and the  
Holy Ghost, Jesus is taken up to  
heaven.

## A Comparison of the Accounts of the Resurrection

Visitors to the tomb.	Opening of the of the tomb.	Informed of the resurrection by:	First sight of Jesus.
<b>Matthew</b>			
Mary Magdalene; The other Mary.	After a violent earthquake an angel rolls away the stone.	The angel who rolled away the stone.	The women leave the tomb in a hurry and suddenly meet Jesus.
<b>Mark</b>			
Mary Magdalene; Mary the mother of James; and Salome.	The stone had already been rolled away.	A man dressed in white inside the tomb.	Appearance not recorded in this ending.
Mark - An old ending.			Jesus rose from death and appears to Mary Magdalene.
<b>Luke</b>			
Mary Magdalene; Jonna; Mary the mother of James; and some other women.	The stone had already been rolled back.	Two men in shinning clothes who suddenly appeared.	Two disciples who were on their way to Emmaus encounter Jesus.
Then afterwards Peter.			
<b>John</b>			
Mary Magdalene. Then Mary with Peter and another disciple.	The stone had already been taken away.		Mary Magdalene is left alone crying outside the tomb where she then encounters Jesus.

The Resurrection is also discussed by Paul in 1 Corinthians 15, where he states that the resurrection was first witnessed by Peter, and then by all twelve apostles. Jesus then appears to more than 500 of his followers at once. Then to James and all the apostles again. Finally, he claims that Jesus also appeared to him.

## **Acts 7 - The Old Testament**

Stephen's Speech in Acts 7 covers important aspects of Israel's Old Testament history:

- \* Abraham's Calling (7:2-8)
- \* Joseph in Egypt - Sold by the Jealous Patriarchs (7:9-16)
- \* Life of Moses (7:17-36)
- \* Moses and Israel in the Wilderness (7:37-43)
- \* The Ark of the Covenant (7:44-50)

# Revelation

1.1-1.8

Introduction

1.9-3.22

Opening Vision and the Letters to the Seven Churches

4.1-8.1

The Scroll with Seven Seals

8.2-11.19

The Seven Trumpets

12.1-13.18

The Dragon and the Two Beasts

14.1-15.8

Various Visions

16.1-16.21

The Seven Bowls of Gods Anger

17.1.-20.10

The Destruction of Babylon and the Defeat of the Beast, the False Prophet, and the Devil

20.11-20.15

The Final Judgement

21.1-22.5

The New Heaven, the New Earth, the New Jerusalem

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Conclusion

## **Overview**

Introduction and The initial vision of  
Christ (to John) 1.1-1.20

The Letters to the Seven Churches  
2.1-3.22

The Vision of Worship in Heaven and the  
Scroll and Trumpets

The Vision; 4.1-4.11  
The Scroll with the Seven Seals;  
5.1-8.5  
The Seven Trumpets.  
8.6-11.19

The End of Times

1. The Dragon and the two Beasts  
2. Destruction and Defeat  
3. Judgement  
4. The New  
12.1-22.21

## **Numbers Noted in the Revelation to John**

### **#2**

John has a vision of Christ with a sharp Two edged sword coming out of his mouth.

The Two Witnesses dressed in sackcloth sent to proclaim God's message;  
The Two olive trees and the Two lamps -  
The Two witnesses; The Two Prophets.

The Two eagle's wings given to the Woman to fly to her place in the desert.

The Two Beasts.

The second beast with Two horns.

### **#3**

The Three Angles.

The Three parts of the split great city when the Seventh bowl of God's anger is poured into the air.

### **#3 1/2**

The number of years the Woman is taken care of, safe from the Dragon's attack.

### **#4**

In the vision of worship there are Four living creatures.

Four angels standing at the Four corners of the Earth, holding back the Four winds while the 144,000 are marked with Gods seal.

## **#6**

In the vision of worship the Four living creatures each have Six wings.

## **#7**

The Seven Churches.

In the vision of Christ the Seven gold lamp stands - The Seven Churches; Christ has Seven stars in his right hand - Angles of the Seven Churches.

In the vision of worship there are Seven lighted torches - The Seven Spirits of God.

The Seven Seals of the Scroll.

The Seven Angles with the Seven trumpets.

The Seven heads of the Red Dragon (The Devil) - with a crown on each of his heads.

The first of the Two Beasts, out of the sea, with Seven heads with a name on each insulting to God.

The Seven Angles with the Seven plagues.

The Seven bowls of God's anger.

The red beast with Seven heads which are Seven hills, and Ten Horns, on which the Woman sits. Also the Seven Kings: Five Fallen; One still ruling; and one to come. The Beast that was once alive, but lives no longer.

### **#8**

The Eighth King - The Red Beast that was once alive, but no longer lives.

### **#10**

The Ten horns of the Red Dragon.

The first of the Two Beasts, out of the sea, with Ten horns with Ten crowns.

The red beast with Seven heads and Ten Horns, on which the Woman sits.

The Beast that was once alive, but lives no longer. The Ten horns are the Ten Kings who have not yet begun to rule, but who will be given authority to rule for one hour with the Beast.

### **#12**

Twelve Thousand from each of the Twelve tribes of Israel marked with God's seal.

The Woman with the crown of Twelve stars on her head.



Gates of the new Jerusalem with names of the Twelve tribes of Israel.

The city built on Twelve foundation stones, on which were the names of the Twelve apostles.

## **#24**

In the vision of worship is a circle of Twenty Four thrones with Twenty Four seated elders.

## **#42**

Forty-Two months - The length of time the first beast out of the sea was permitted to have authority.

## **#666**

The number of the beast.

## **#1000**

The Thousand Years - the length of time the Dragon, Satan, is chained up.

The rule with Christ for a thousand years.

## **#1,260**

The 1,260 days during which the Two witnesses proclaim God's message.

The number of days the Woman fled to the to the place prepared for her by

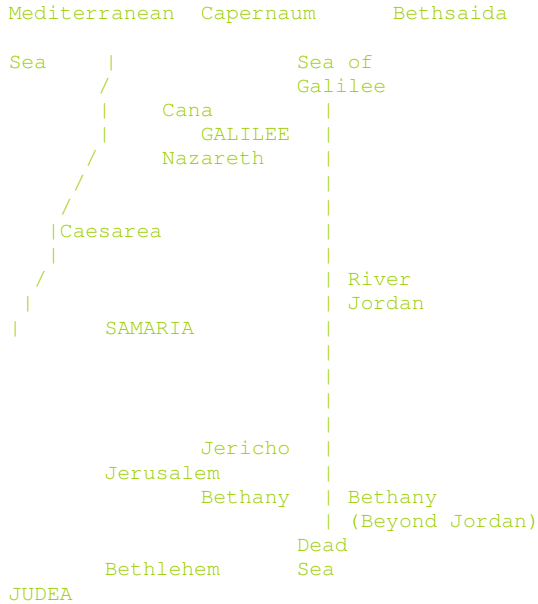
God - The desert. Approximately 3 1/2 years.

**#12,000**

Twelve Thousand from each of the Twelve tribes of Israel marked with God's seal.

**#144,000**

The number of those marked with God's seal on their foreheads - Twelve Thousand from each of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.



- Capernaum: Jesus' base in Galilee.
- Nazareth: Childhood home of Jesus
- Jerusalem: Site of temple and where Jesus clashed with religious authorities. Place of his death, burial, resurrection and ascension.
- Bethany: Region where Jesus was baptised by John.
- Bethlehem: Birthplace of Jesus