

250 EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN 250 DAYS!

All four books of the bible that tell the story of Jesus Christ – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John stand alone, emphasizing a unique aspect of Jesus' life. But when these are blended into one complete account or harmonized, we gain new insights about the life of Christ.

This harmony combines the four gospels into a single chronological account of Christ's life on earth. This will include every chapter and verse of each Gospel, leaving nothing out.

The harmony is divided into 250 events. You are invited to join in reading these 250 events in the next 250 days (starting January 15th). The order of events will be in the church bulletin each week and have a question or two for meditation after each event. By September, we will have read the 4 gospels in their entirety.

WEEK 1:

1. January 15 – LUKE'S PURPOSE IN WRITING

LUKE 1:1-4

If you were to write down the 2 most important details about your Faith journey with God, what would they be? What area of your life has God changed the most? What would be the one thing God has done in your life that you would want to share with an unbeliever?

2. January 16 – GOD BECAME A HUMAN

JOHN 1:1-18

Tell God what Jesus' light shining in your life means to you. What do you think it means in verse 17 that God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ?

3. January 17 – THE RECORD OF JESUS' ANCESTORS

MATTHEW 1:1-17, LUKE 3:23-38

For you that know your Bible...what lessons do you think king David learned from his grandmother Naomi as he grew up? What do you want people to say about you when you are gone? What do you most want to be remembered for?

4. January 18 – AN ANGEL PROMISES THE BIRTH OF JOHN TO ZECHARIAH

LUKE 1:5-25

How often do you doubt God? I have seen God work a miracle in the life of several of the members of our church family...because....with God anything is possible. What miracle do you think God wants to work in your life? Ask God right now for that miracle in your life.

5. January 19 – AN ANGEL PROMISES THE BRITH OF JESUS TO MARY
LUKE 1:26-38

“To gain God’s favor” Doesn’t mean life is going to be easy. As a matter of fact, it can mean a great challenge for us. Pray right now for God to bless you with the opportunity to serve Him.

6. January 20 – MARY VISITS ELIZABETH
LUKE 1:39-56

Has God blessed you with someone in your life that is THERE for you? Thank God right now for that person. If you don’t have someone that is THERE for you, pray right now for God to bring that person into your life. Find a group in the church family to belong to. We need family.

7. January 21 – JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN
LUKE 1:57-80

We need to remember to give God the glory for the great things He has done, and continues to do, in our lives. Spend a moment praising God right now. Praise God for everything you can think of that makes our God great!

WEEK 2:

8. January 22 – AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH
MATTHEW 1:18-25

Why is the Virgin Birth important to our faith? (read this after you’ve thought about it) Jesus was born without any trace of human sin because He is the Son of God.

9. January 23 – JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM
LUKE 2:1-7

In order to be obedient, Mary and Joseph traveled a long way when she was pregnant. What is the toughest thing you have had to do in order to be obedient to God?

10. January 24 – SHEPHERDS VISIT JESUS
LUKE 2:8-20

An angel spoke to the shepherds. An angel spoke to Mary and an Angel spoke to Joseph. Several times angels attended to Jesus.

Angels are real. Look at the glorious news the angels delivered to The shepherds.

11. January 25 – MARY AND JOSEPH BRING JESUS TO THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:21-40

It's amazing how many people knew their scripture and were waiting for their Messiah! We know our scripture and we know Jesus is coming to earth again. Are you prepared to meet Jesus?

12. January 26 – VISITORS ARRIVE FROM EASTERN LANDS

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The wise men followed a star and had a dream to lead them. What leads you on your path?

13. January 27 – THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

MATTHEW 2:13-18

It's interesting how some of the stories are in just 1 one the 4 Gospels. And once again God used an angel to tell Mary and Joseph what to do. And God provided for the trip with the gifts from the wise men. How does God provide for your every need?

14. January 28 – THE RETURN TO NAZARETH

MATTHEW 2:19-23

This is one of those scriptures where we have a little difficulty Understanding Jesus' connection to Nazareth. I don't get too Bent out of shape wondering about the less significant things. Even if we are not sure about the beginning, we know where Jesus was in the end. He was on the cross, dying for the Forgiveness of our sins. Take time to thank Jesus right now For being the sacrifice for all of your sins!

Week 3:

15. January 29 – JESUS SPEAKS WITH THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

LUKE 2:41-52

It is overwhelming at times to consider what it means to follow God's will in our lives. Jesus followed his heavenly Father's will AND His Earthly parent's will. My hope is that every day we wrestle with what it is God wants us to do that day and be ready for the moment to act with obedience.

16. January 30 – JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS

MATTHEW 3:1-12, MARK 1:1-8, LUKE 3:1-18

This is the first we hear from the Gospel of Mark. Moving right in

to action, Mark quickly prepares us for Jesus' ministry. God uses you and me to prepare people for Christ coming in to their lives. Pray right now that your heart will be ready and willing when that opportunity comes for you to prepare the way of the Lord in someone's heart.

17. January 31 – THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

MATTHEW 3:13-17, MARK 1:9-11, LUKE 3:21-22

Jesus baptism is one of my favorite scriptures. When Jesus came up out of the water, God was pleased with His Son. Well, Jesus hadn't done anything yet. Why was God pleased with His Son? Because of their relationship! Jesus had a great relationship with His Father. Isn't it our hope that when we get to heaven, God takes one look at us and says before everyone, "This is my son/daughter, whom I love, With him/her I am well pleased!!!"

18. February 1 – SATAN TEMPTS JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

MATTHEW 4:1-11, MARK 1:12-13, LUKE 4:1-13

Overcoming temptation is one of the ways we grow to be more like Jesus. Every time we overcome temptation, we grow. Thank Jesus right now for showing us that we can, with His help, overcome!

19. February 2 – JOHN THE BAPTIST DECLARED HIS MISSION

JOHN 1:19-28

This was a clash between John and church leaders. John had developed quite a following. Many MEGA church pastors have been asked what their secret is to growth because other churches want to emulate what these big churches are doing. And so they ask, "what makes you successful?" How would you answer that? Why do churches succeed? I think it has to do with what is in our heart!

20. February 3 – JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMS JESUS AS THE MESSIAH

JOHN 1:29-34

John knew Jesus personally and proclaimed to everyone, "Jesus IS the chosen one of God. Jesus IS the Messiah!" That folks, is what God wants us to do also. In fact, we know Jesus better than John the Baptist did. And so pray right now, asking God to help you tell others who Jesus is in your life!

21. February 4 – THE FIRST DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS

JOHN 1:35-51

The disciples turned away from their lives to follow Jesus. Tell Jesus right now all of the reasons YOU choose to follow Him.

Week 4

22. February 5 – JESUS TURNS WATER IN TO WINE

JOHN 2:1-12

Jesus performed this miracle in Cana, where Nathaniel was from. Even before His first miracle, Jesus' mother believed in Him. Why? Because of their relationship. Why do you believe in Jesus?

23. February 6 – JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE

JOHN 2:13-25

God doesn't want us to go to church just so we can make business connections. The business of going to church on Sunday morning is to worship our Lord. Pray that your mind will be on the Lord this coming Sunday.

24. February 7 – NICODEMUS VISITS JESUS AT NIGHT

JOHN 3:1-21

Read vs. 19-21 again. What in your life do you hide in the dark and can't bring yourself to change it? Pray right now asking God to help you give that area to Him and for God to remove that dark desire from your heart.

25. February 8 – JOHN THE BAPTIST TELLS MORE ABOUT JESUS

JOHN 3:22-36

John the Baptist and Jesus were both doing God's work. All Christian Churches are serving the same purpose (to further God's kingdom). We are not in competition. Pray for another church in Emporia and also ask God for an opportunity in the next day to tell someone what God has done in your life.

26. February 9 – HEROD PUTS JOHN IN PRISON

LUKE 3:19-20

The song, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" came to mind. We are living in a world where it is becoming increasingly vital to "stand up" for Jesus. Ask God to help you truly "live for Jesus".

27. February 10 – JESUS TALKS TO A WOMAN AT THE WELL

JOHN 4:1-26

Living water. It is awesome how God fills our soul with His Spirit and we have joy, peace and strength which is renewed every day. Thank God for His spirit living in you!

28. February 11 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST

JOHN 4:27-38

God wants us to bring people to Him so that they can experience eternal life with our Heavenly Father. Many people are being nurtured and spiritually fed by others. Pray right now that you will be ready today or tomorrow for that opportunity to lead someone to Jesus!

Week 5

29. February 12 – MANY SAMARITANS BELIEVE IN JESUS

JOHN 4:39-42

The woman Jesus met at the well was telling everybody, "He told me everything I ever did!" What does Jesus know about what you do? Is that good or bad? It is awesome to know that God is with us and knows everything about us. Thank God right now for how much He cares about you!

30. February 13 – JESUS PREACHES IN GALILEE

MATTHEW 4:12-17, MARK 1:14-15, LUKE 4:14-15, JOHN 4:43-45

Jesus says to repent of our sins. What do you think it means to repent? When we repent, we don't just say we are sorry. We turn away from that sin and turn towards God. What sin do you need to turn away from? Repent of that sin right now and ask God to help you to never turn back to it.

31. February 14 – JESUS HEALS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SON

JOHN 4:46-54

People believed in Jesus because He healed them. Why do you believe in Jesus? Isn't it awesome to believe in our God who loves us unconditionally (no matter what). Thank God for how much He loves you.

32. February 15 – JESUS IS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

Luke 4:16-30

Jesus said no prophet is accepted in his/her hometown. At times, we all have been able to relate to Jesus when we have tried to tell one of our family members about the Lord. We aren't the "expert" in their eyes. If you have someone close to you that doesn't know Jesus, ask God right now to bring someone into their life to share Jesus with them. Also pray that their hearts will be open to the Lord.

33. February 16 – FOUR FISHERMEN FOLLOW JESUS

MATTHEW 4:18-22, MARK 1:16-20

There is a song that goes, "I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me." God wants you and I to be "fishers of men and women." Ask God to help you today or tomorrow that, when the opportunity comes, you will put down your work, your bike, whatever you are doing, and serve Jesus. We don't know what that opportunity to serve Jesus will be, however, we must be ready and willing.

34. February 17 – JESUS TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY

MARK 1:21-28, MARK 4:31-37

Jesus taught with authority. What's does that mean for us as we hear all of His teachings in the next 5 months? Pray right now that you will hear, take to heart, and live out all of the teachings in the Gospels (the first 4 books of the Bible).

35. February 18 – JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER-LAW AND MANY OTHERS

MATTHEW 8:14-17, MARK 1:29-34, LUKE 4:38-41

During His ministry on earth, Jesus healed thousands of people. Why do you think it was important that Jesus heal people? By healing people, Jesus was fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. But even more, Jesus loved people. He had a burden for the sick and he lifted that burden from their shoulders. Jesus has a heart for every one of us even today. Thank Jesus right now that He heals our sickness and washes away our sins!

Week 6

36. February 19 – JESUS PREACHES THROUGHOUT GALILEE

MATTHEW 4:23-25, MARK 1:35-39, LUKE 4:42-44

In many doctors offices' there is a sign that reads, "the best 'thank you' we can receive, is you referring your friends to us." Word spread quickly of Jesus and people came from all over to be healed and listen to Jesus share the Gospel message. Ask God right now for courage to refer your friends to Jesus!

37. February 20 – JESUS PROVIDES A MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH

LUKE 5:1-11

When we become a Christian, we leave our old life behind. The men had been fishing all night long and caught nothing. People live their whole life without Jesus and have nothing. As fishers of men and women, we are able to share with people that their hearts can be

filled with hope, love, peace and joy. Ask God right now to make you the best fisher-of-men ever!

38. February 21 – JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

MATTHEW 8:1-4, MARK 1:40-45, LUKE 5:12-16

As people heard about Jesus and His healing power, it seemed as if the whole town crowded around Jesus to see this miracle worker. "Jesus, help me with this" "Jesus, heal me of that" "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, we need you!" And Jesus would often withdraw to a spot outside of town to spend time with God, just like you are doing right now. Thank God right now for the times you have with Him and that He is ALWAYS ready to listen and spend time with you.

39. February 22 – JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

MATTHEW 9:1-8, MARK 2:1-12, LUKE 5:17-26

Jesus referred to himself as "Son of Man", showing us that He can identify with our deepest needs and sufferings. Take a moment to thank Jesus right now for walking on this same earth as you and that He "knows" what you are going through!

40. February 23 – JESUS EATS WITH SINNERS AT MATTHEW'S (LEVI'S) HOUSE

MATTHEW 9:9-13, MARK 2:13-17, LUKE 5:27-32

Jesus reached out to people who needed Him. And Jesus asks us to do the same. Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything He wouldn't be willing to do. Jesus also modeled for us what He asks of us. Pray right now asking God to put in your life a sinner who knows they need to repent. Also, thank God that He will fill your heart and mind with the attitude and words to bring that sinner to Jesus.

41. February 24 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASK JESUS ABOUT FASTING

MATTHEW 9:14-17, MARK 2:18-22, LUKE 5:33-39

God wants our lives to mean something. In the National Football League draft, the last man taken in the last round of the draft is called, "Mr. Irrelevant." Everyone assumes he won't amount to much. With this scripture talking about "old clothing" and "old wineskins", it means we can't live in the past. God wants us to be ready to try new things to reach people for Jesus. Pray right now for God to keep your heart open to His leading in this new generation.

42. February 25 – JESUS HEALS A LAME MAN BY A POOL

JOHN 5:1-15

The Jewish leaders focused on the man-made rule of not working on

the Sabbath instead of the miracle. As we continue along with yet another 208 events in the life of Christ to go, open your heart to God's word and teaching. Maybe you will have an "ah-ha" moment where you say, "this is what God wants!" Pray right now asking God to show you His commands and His desire for your life as you study His word.

Week 7

43. February 26 – JESUS CLAIMS TO BE THE SON OF GOD

JOHN 5:16-30

This is a great scripture. Jesus says that He does only what He sees His Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. Whatever the Son does, we are to do also. We are to love, serve, follow God's will for our life, teach and live like Jesus. Because Jesus died on the cross for us, those who listen to Jesus' message and believe in God have eternal life. Thank Jesus right now for His awesome love and example and sacrifice AND RESURRECTION!

44. February 27 – JESUS SUPPORTS HIS CLAIM

JOHN 5:31-47

Jesus continues to speak to the church leaders. He is letting them know that He is the Messiah and yet the church leaders don't believe Him. In verse 44 Jesus says, "...you gladly honor each other..". If someone has a title like Doctor or professor, then professional folks seem to be more likely to listen to them, however, our desire is to care about and listen to Jesus! Pray right now that Jesus' words and witness will change your life in the coming months. Also, thank Jesus for coming to this earth and showing us who to believe.

45. February 28 – THE DISCIPLES PICK WHEAT ON THE SABBATH

MATTHEW 12:1-8, MARK 2:23-28, LUKE 6:1-5

God intended for the Sabbath to be a day of rest and a day to worship. Do you take time to rest and get rejuvenated? Do you also take time to truly worship your Lord? Worship God right now by telling Him how much you love Him.

46. March 1 – JESUS HEALS A MAN'S HAND ON THE SABBATH

MATTHEW 12:9-14, MARK 3:1-6, LUKE 6:6-11

The Pharisees continually tried to trap Jesus with trick questions. They did this because they were looking for ways to kill Him. We too are sometimes put in difficult situations by people who just want to stir the pot or are trying to GET us. What did Jesus do? Jesus helped those in need, healed the sick and brought the lost to His Heavenly Father. If we strive to do the same as Jesus,

we will be just fine.

47. March 2 – LARGE CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS

MARK 3:13-19, LUKE 6:12-16

Many expected Jesus to be a king. They wanted Him to take over and get things straightened out. Jesus did not fight or shout; He healed and taught. He did not raise His voice and yell, scream and argue. We need to be smart about picking our battles and remember to follow Jesus' lead. Pray right now and ask God to help you share Jesus in way that more and more people want to listen.

48. March 3 – JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

MARK 3:13-19, LUKE 6:12-16

Jesus called a bunch of people and then He appointed 12 to be who He called His apostles. When we give our heart to God, He calls all of us too. God calls us to be faithful and willing. God gives us the abilities to follow His call. Ask God right now for a heart that is ready to listen and willing to follow.

49. March 4 – JESUS GIVES THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:1-12, LUKE 6:17-26

Many of the Beatitudes clash with worldly values. Being a child of God today means we will often times need to go against popular opinion. God says that for those of us who stand up for Him, great is our reward! We need to remember the BIG picture. Life is about God and eternity. Ask God for strength to "stand up" for Him.