

# Read Through The New Testament Naturally

The books of the Bible are arranged for easy reference; they are not optimized for linear reading. This reading plan groups books together in a natural way. For example, Luke and Acts go together because Luke wrote Acts as a sequel to his gospel. The logic is briefly explained in each section.

To complete this plan, just read a cluster of chapters and check the box so you know it's done. This reading plan will take you about two months if you take one day off a week.

## Luke and Paul

Luke and Acts go together because Luke wrote both of them. They are followed by the letters of Paul because Paul is one of the main characters in Acts and wrote the letters during the events described therein. The letters of Paul are then arranged in chronological sequence (whereas in your Bible they are ordered by decreasing size).

- Read Luke 1-5
- Read Luke 6-10
- Read Luke 11-15
- Read Luke 16-20
- Read Luke 21-24
- Read Acts 1-5
- Read Acts 6-10
- Read Acts 11-15
- Read Acts 16-20
- Read Acts 21-25
- Read Acts 26-28
- Read Galatians 1-6
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 1-5
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1-3
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1-5
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6-10
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11-16
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 1-5
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6-10
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11-13
- Read Romans 1-5
- Read Romans 6-10
- Read Romans 11-16
- Read Colossians 1-4
- Read Ephesians 1-6
- Read Philemon and Philippians 1-4
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1-6
- Read Titus 1-3
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1-4

## Matthew and the General Epistles

These writings are grouped together because they are written with a primarily Jewish audience in mind.

- Read Matthew 1-5
- Read Matthew 6-10
- Read Matthew 11-15
- Read Matthew 16-20
- Read Matthew 21-25
- Read Matthew 26-28
- Read Hebrews 1-5
- Read Hebrews 6-10
- Read Hebrews 11-13
- Read James 1-5

## Mark and Peter (plus Jude)

Mark was apprenticed to Peter in Rome and wrote his gospel based upon Peter's preaching. Peter's two letters are therefore included for obvious reasons, and Jude is included because there is a close relationship between 2 Peter and Jude.

- Read Mark 1-5
- Read Mark 6-10
- Read Mark 11-16
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1-5
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 1-3 and Jude 1

## John

These are all written by John.

- Read John 1-5
- Read John 6-10
- Read John 11-15
- Read John 16-21
- Read 1<sup>st</sup> John 1-5
- Read 2<sup>nd</sup> John 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> John 1
- Read Revelation 1-5
- Read Revelation 6-10
- Read Revelation 11-15
- Read Revelation 16-20