

# Christ Chapel

## Daily Readings

Christ Chapel  
at Texas State University  
in San Marcos

### Introduction

What follows in this schedule of daily readings is the greatest story ever told. It is the sweeping drama of how God has become known in human history.

The readings begin on Holy Cross Day, September 14. They unpack the story of salvation chronologically, giving the reader an overview, the chance to see the continuity of what God has done.

- The beginning creation and the rest of primordial history
- Next the stories of the earliest people of faith
- After that the people's delivery from slavery in Egypt
- Christmas Season stories from the dynamic life of David
- Season of Epiphany the people of God amid the nations
- Lent Luke's account of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus
- Easter Season the book of Acts, the story of the New Testament church

Although it is the most familiar and most widely published book in the world, many people find the Bible a strange read. It was written for settings different from our own and put together over a period of more than a thousand years. Adding to the puzzlement is the immense variety in content—narrative, poetry, moral codes, prayers, sermons, proverbs and hymns. In spite of these many voices the Bible does possess an overriding continuity, a single remarkable story.

This schedule of readings will focus on the narratives. The stories of the Bible will continue chronologically, day-by-day, through the academic year until the feast of Pentecost. With rare exception, readings will be less than two pages and take less than seven minutes.

Readers are encouraged to choose a regular time and place to read and pray each day, one that can be free from interruptions. Each one is invited to enter into the biblical world to encounter its peculiarity, and in the process to encounter God and take another look at one's own world.

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# Primordial History

The events of the opening pages of Holy Scripture took place long before writing was invented. They are painted with expansive, broad strokes. Layers of rich meaning and sublime reflection empower them to address some of the deepest questions in life. Some of the stories were shared among the many neighboring peoples of the ancient world. The way that the first “Bible storytellers” told them, however, reveals a vision of God distinctly different from that of neighboring tribes.

Though these stories are not often mentioned in the rest of the Bible, they are foundational for the faith of Israel and of the Christian church.

Deep, richly variegated truth compels the reader to shed the rigid, literalist straightjackets of fundamentalism on one hand and careless dismissal of biblical authority on the other. These stories have their own irresistible power. They resist explanation and require no defense.

September 14	🍎 Genesis 1:1—2:3	Creation and the Sabbath
	15 🍎 Genesis 2:4-25	Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden
	16 🍎 Genesis 3	Rebellion and Its Consequences
	17 🍎 Genesis 4	Cain Kills Abel
	18 🍎 Genesis 6:1—7:24	The Great Flood
	19 🍎 Genesis 8:1—9:17	The Flood Subsides
	20 🍎 Genesis 9:18-28, 10:32—11:9	The Covenant with Noah; the Tower of Babel

# The Ancestors

Up to this point, the writings have been sweeping and global. Here the Bible becomes much more focused and interested in the specifics of place, time and people. Such recording of detail was facilitated by the introduction of writing. During the next month, the daily readings will present the first four generations of followers of the God of the Bible, the forbears of our faith.

Beginning about 2000 years before the birth of Christ, these early believers move between the two great civilizations of the ancient Middle East—Mesopotamia and Egypt—at the merger of three continents. Palestine, halfway between these two great empires, is the home to which they keep returning and the place in which they are buried. This extended narrative is a confession of faith about how the creator of the universe was first revealed to our human race, about what it means to be called by God.

September 21	🍎 Genesis 11:27—13:18	The Call of Abram and Sarai
	22 🍎 Genesis 14:8—15:21	God’s Covenant with Abram
	23 🍎 Genesis 16:1—17:27	The Birth of Ishmael
	24 🍎 Genesis 18	Three Visitors at the Oaks of Mamre
	25 🍎 Genesis 19	Sodom and Gomorrah
	26 🍎 Genesis 20—21:21	The Birth of Isaac
	27 🍎 Genesis 22 & 23	The Command to Sacrifice Isaac
	28 🍎 Genesis 24:1-33	Seeking a Wife for Isaac
	29 🍎 Genesis 24:34-67	The Marriage of Isaac and Rebekah
	30 🍎 Genesis 25	Esau and Jacob
October 1	🍎 Genesis 27:1-40	Isaac blesses Jacob
	2 🍎 Genesis 27:41—28:22	Jacob Escapes Esau
	3 🍎 Genesis 29:1-30	Jacob Marries
	4 🍎 Genesis 29:31—30:24	Leah and Rachel
	5 🍎 Genesis 30:25—31:21	Jacob Flees with Family and Flocks
	6 🍎 Genesis 31:22-55	Laban Overtakes Jacob
	7 🍎 Genesis 32	Jacob Wrestles at Peniel
	8 🍎 Genesis 33	Jacob and Esau Meet
October 9	🍎 Genesis 34	The Rape of Dinah

10	🍎 Genesis 35	Jacob Returns to Bethel
11	🍎 Genesis 37	Joseph Is Sold by His Brothers
12	🍎 Genesis 38	Tamar is Vindicated
13	🍎 Genesis 39	Joseph in the House of Potiphar
14	🍎 Genesis 40:1—41:13	Joseph Interprets Dreams
15	🍎 Genesis 41:14-57	Joseph’s Rise to Power
16	🍎 Genesis 42	Joseph’s Brothers Go to Egypt
17	🍎 Genesis 43	The Brothers Return with Benjamin
18	🍎 Genesis 44:1—45:15	Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers
19	🍎 Genesis 45:15—46:7, 46:26-34	The Whole Family Settles in Egypt
20	🍎 Genesis 47	The Last Days of Jacob
21	🍎 Genesis 48	Jacob Blesses Joseph’s Sons
22	🍎 Genesis 49:1-28	Jacob’s Last Words to His Sons
23	🍎 Genesis 49:29—50:26	The Last Days of Jacob and Joseph

# Moses and the Exodus

After 400 years in Egypt, the descendants of Israel were enslaved. The word Exodus, which means “going out”, refers to the first of two primary events in the book, God’s bringing Israel out of Egypt through the Red Sea. The other great event is God’s giving the law to Israel from Mount Sinai. These two occurrences are set among the stories of the plagues and the Passover, rubrics for Israel’s worship and community life, and the rough experience of wandering in the wilderness.

The rescue of Israel from Egypt has become the paradigm of God saving the oppressed. In the account, pharaoh and the army of Egypt personify evil. Throughout the ages, this thick, colorful narrative of crossing the Red Sea has been strong enough to carry God’s people in the heavy times when they have found themselves in trouble.

This is the story of Moses, the great and central figure of this drama of salvation. He becomes the most important character in the Hebrew Scriptures. His name is synonymous with the Law--God’s foundational Word of promise--that has been reinterpreted to the chosen people throughout the generations by prophets and priests, poets, apostles, teachers and martyrs.

October 24	🍎 Exodus 1	The Oppression of the Israelites
	25 🍎 Exodus 2:1—3:6	The Early Life of Moses
	26 🍎 Exodus 3:7—4:26	God’s Call to Moses from the Burning Bush
	27 🍎 Exodus 4:27—6:13, 6:28—7:13	Moses and Aaron Confront Pharaoh
	28 🍎 Exodus 7:14—10:29	The Ten Plagues
	29 🍎 Exodus 11:1—12:32	The First Passover is Instituted
	30 🍎 Exodus 12:33—14:4	The Departure from the Land
	31 🍎 Exodus 14:5—15:3, 15:20-21	Crossing the Red Sea
November 1	🍎 Exodus 15:22—16:36	Water and Manna
	2 🍎 Exodus 17	Water from the Rock
	3 🍎 Exodus 18	Jethro’s Advice
	4 🍎 Exodus 19—20:21	Sinai and the Ten Commandments
	5 🍎 Exodus 24:1—25:22	The Blood of the Covenant

Then God’s revelation on Sinai concludes with the commands describing how Israel was to build the tabernacle, make its furnishings, ordain and vest its priests, offer sacrifices, and keep the Sabbath.

November 6	🍎 Exodus 31:18—32:35	The Golden Calf
	7 🍎 Exodus 33	Moses’ Intercession
	8 🍎 Exodus 34	The Covenant Renewed

Moses and the people did all that God had commanded; they built the tabernacle, made its furnishings, ordained and vested its priests, offered sacrifices, and began keeping the Sabbath. When Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, a cloud settled upon it—a pillar of cloud by day and

a pillar of fire by night. Whenever the cloud began to move, the Israelites would set out on the next stage of their journey until they reached the Promised Land.

November 9	🔥 Numbers 13:1—14:10	Spies Sent into Canaan, but the People Rebel
10	🔥 Numbers 14:10-45	Moses Intercedes for the People
11	🔥 Numbers 16:1-35	A Revolt Breaks Out against Moses and Aaron
12	🔥 Numbers 16:36—17:11	Aaron Is Vindicated
13	🔥 Numbers 20:1—21:9	Moses sets up the Bronze Serpent

During all their years of wandering in the wilderness, God gave the Israelites victory over the kings that would rise up against them; God provided for and protected Israel. At the end of his life, Moses conformed the people to assure them of God's faithfulness and exhorted them to renew the covenant God had made with them.

November 14 🔥 Deuteronomy 31:1-8, 34:1-12 Joshua Becomes Moses' Successor

## Joshua and the Judges

The Conquest and Tribal Confederacy

Moses, along with all the others who had come out of Egypt as adults, had died in the wilderness. The next stories are of their children crossing the Jordan River, entering the promised land and carving out a homeland for each of the tribes of Israel. They tell how God unfailingly kept all of the promises made to the chosen people.

When Israel entered Palestine, the dominant people were the Canaanites, who were living in city kingdoms in the valleys and coastal regions. Dispossessed nomads inhabited the rest of the region, particularly the hill country. Peoples that had settled down in Palestine had generally learned the ways of the Canaanites and adopted their language. However, the Canaanites never allowed these landless people to forget that they were outsiders, and treated them as a lower class of serfs. The people of Israel were united in the memory of the oppression in Egypt and shared a common distrust of rulers. They befriended people who shared this longing for a more open society and went to war with those cities that would suppress or oppress them. They had no central government. With their belief in God they settled down with confidence into a free association of twelve separate tribal areas.

These accounts also chronicle Israel's transition from a hunter/gatherer tradition to an agricultural way of life. Moving out of the nomadic life of the wilderness and settling in the land of Canaan created a cultural and religious crisis. This transition tempted many to abandon the faith and tested others by challenging their old ways of thinking about God.

November 15	🔥 Joshua 1:1-11, 2:1-24	Israel Prepares to Enter the Land
16	🔥 Joshua 3:1—4:18	Israel Crosses the Jordan
17	🔥 Joshua 4:19—5:15	Israel Marks their Entrance into the Land
18	🔥 Joshua 6	Jericho Taken and Destroyed
19	🔥 Joshua 7	The Sin of Achan and Its Punishment
20	🔥 Joshua 8	Ai Captured and Destroyed
21	🔥 Joshua 9	The Gibeonites Save Themselves by Trickery
22	🔥 Joshua 10	The Sun Stands Still

When Joshua had defeated most of the kings of Canaan, he distributed the land among the tribes and provided cities of refuge and towns for the Levites to occupy. A long time afterward, when Joshua was old and about to die, he summoned Israel, reminded the people of all that God had done for them and exhorted them to be faithful. Then follow a series of episodes, which revolve around a half dozen heroes, or "judges." These charismatic leaders arose when hostile neighbors threatened various tribes. They delivered wronged persons who were not strong enough to obtain justice for themselves. They were "characters" in every sense of the word.

November 23	🔥 Joshua 24	The Tribes Renew the Covenant
24	🔥 Judges 2:6—3:6	Israel's Unfaithfulness
25	🔥 Judges 3:7-31	God Raises up Othniel, Ehud and Shamgar
26	🔥 Judges 4:1-24, 6:1-6	Deborah and Barak
27	🔥 Judges 6:7-40	The Call of Gideon
28	🔥 Judges 7:1-22	Gideon Surprises and Routs the Midianites
29	🔥 Judges 13	The Birth of Samson
30	🔥 Judges 14	Samson's Marriage
December 1	🔥 Judges 15	Samson Defeats the Philistines
2	🔥 Judges 16	Samson and Delilah
3	🔥 Ruth 1	Naomi and Her Moabite Daughters-in-law
4	🔥 Ruth 2	Ruth Meets Boaz
5	🔥 Ruth 3	Ruth and Boaz at the Threshing Floor
6	🔥 Ruth 4	The Marriage of Ruth and Boaz
7	🔥 I Samuel 1	Samuel's Birth and Dedication
8	🔥 I Samuel 2:1-21	The Wicked Sons of Eli
9	🔥 I Samuel 2:22—3:21	The Call of Samuel
10	🔥 I Samuel 4	The Ark of God Captured
11	🔥 I Samuel 5:1—6:12	The Ark Returned to Israel
12	🔥 I Samuel 6:12—7:17	Samuel as Judge
13	🔥 I Samuel 8	Israel Demands a King

## Kings and Prophets

The United Kingdom

At this time, cities were being built up in Israel, and people began to move "off of the farm." Another cultural and religious transition had begun. Whether because of external pressures or internal conflicts, it began to be widely perceived that a stronger central government was necessary for the tribes of Israel. After years of being governed locally by charismatic leaders, many people began to press for a king. Israel's traditional elements resisted the changes. God would raise up prophets to preside over king and priest alike as Israel entered the community of "civilized" nations of the ancient world.

After the kingdom was established, there was a movement for the nation to build a temple to God. Many of the people resisted giving up the moveable tabernacle as the central place of Israel's worship.

Even in the Kingdom's early days, the differences between northern tribes (Israel) and the southern tribes (Judah) are evident. When Samuel, the last judge, anointed the first monarch, for better or for worse, Israel had entered a new age.

December 14	🔥 I Samuel 9:1-26	Saul Chosen to Be King
15	🔥 I Samuel 9:27—10:27	Saul Becomes King
16	🔥 I Samuel 13	Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice
17	🔥 I Samuel 14:1-46	Jonathan Routs the Philistines
18	🔥 I Samuel 15	Saul Is Rejected as King
19	🔥 I Samuel 16	David Anointed as King
20	🔥 I Samuel 17:1-30	Israel Meets Goliath
21	🔥 I Samuel 17:31-58	David Kills Goliath
22	🔥 I Samuel 18	Jonathan's Covenant with David
December 23	🔥 I Samuel 19	Jonathan Intercedes for David
24	🔥 I Samuel 20	The Friendship of David and Jonathan
25	🔥 I Samuel 21:1-6, 24:1-22	David's Integrity
26	🔥 I Samuel 25:2-42	The Courage of Abigail
27	🔥 I Samuel 28:3-25	Saul Consults a Medium
28	🔥 I Samuel 31—II Samuel 1:19	The Death of Saul and His Sons

	29 🍏 II Samuel 2:1-7, 5:1-25	David becomes King
	30 🍏 II Samuel 6	David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem
	31 🍏 II Samuel 7	God's Covenant with David
January	1 🍏 II Samuel 11	David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba
	2 🍏 II Samuel 12:1-25	Nathan Confronts David

The royal family was afflicted with dissension and trouble. David confronted a major challenge when his favorite son, Absalom, usurped the throne, and he had to flee Jerusalem to gather an army of loyal warriors.

January	3 🍏 II Samuel 18:1-17, 18:24—19:8	The Defeat and Death of Absalom
	4 🍏 II Samuel 24	David's Census of Israel and Judah
	5 🍏 I Kings 1	Solomon Becomes King
	6 🍏 I Kings 2	Solomon Consolidates His Reign
	7 🍏 I Kings 3	Solomon Prays for Wisdom
	8 🍏 I Kings 4:20—5:12	Magnificence of Solomon's Rule

Solomon built the temple, furnished and dedicated it. He also built a fine house for himself.

January	9 🍏 I Kings 10:1-13, 11:1-13, 26-43	Visit of the Queen of Sheba
	10 🍏 I Kings 12	The Northern Tribes Secede

## The Northern Kingdom

Israel

When Solomon died, his kingdom divided. The northern 10 tribes separated from the south, and from then on, the term Israel was used to refer to this northern kingdom. The southern kingdom included Judah and Jerusalem.

In the early years of the divided kingdom, Jeroboam ruled the north and Rehoboam (son of Solomon and Bathsheba) led the south. We will first read the story of the north, which ends with the invasion by Assyria. Then we will turn our attention to the story of the south.

The rulers of the northern kingdom of Israel were, without exception, wicked. Jereboam's dynasty ruled for five generations, at which point Omri overthrew it. The most evil reign of all was that of Ahab, son of Omri, and his wicked wife Jezebel. God addressed the injustices and evils of the day, speaking through prophets, the greatest of whom were Elijah and Elisha.

January	11 🍏 I Kings 17	Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath
	12 🍏 I Kings 18	Elijah Triumphs over the Priests of Baal
	13 🍏 I Kings 19	Elijah Meets God at Horeb
	14 🍏 I Kings 21	Naboth's Vineyard
	15 🍏 II Kings 2	Elisha Succeeds Elijah
	16 🍏 II Kings 4	The Miracles of Elisha
	17 🍏 II Kings 5:1—6:7	The Healing of Naaman

Elisha falls sick, dies and is buried. After his death the reign of bad rulers continues until Hoshea becomes the last king of northern kingdom. Assyria arises as a great world power.

January	18 🍏 II Kings 17	Israel Carried Captive to Assyria
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## The Southern Kingdom

Judah

Following its victory, Assyria killed most of the people of the north or disbursed them and mixed those remaining with the imported peoples of other conquered nations. The history of the northern kingdom, in effect, ends. We now turn to the south. After the kingdom divided, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, continued to reign over the south. Though Judah had its share of bad kings, many were

good. Their faithfulness saved Judah from the fate that the northern tribes suffered at the hands of the Assyrians. God also provided the south with great prophets, like Isaiah, to guide the people.

January	19 🍏 II Kings 18	Hezekiah Becomes King of Judah
	20 🍏 II Kings 19	Sennacherib of Assyria Is Defeated
	21 🍏 II Kings 20	Hezekiah Becomes Sick and Dies
	22 🍏 II Kings 21	Josiah Becomes King
	23 🍏 II Kings 22	Hilkiah Finds the Book of the Law
	24 🍏 II Kings 23	Josiah's Reformation
	25 🍏 II Kings 24	Judah is Overrun by Enemies

God spoke through another prophet, Jeremiah, in the tragic last years of the southern kingdom. Jeremiah was serving when the forces of Babylon occupied the land and Zedekiah became king.

January	26 🍏 Jeremiah 27	The Sign of the Yoke
	27 🍏 Jeremiah 28:1—29:23	Jeremiah Confronts Challenges
	28 🍏 Jeremiah 32	Jeremiah Buys a Field During the Siege
	29 🍏 Jeremiah 37:1—38:13	Jeremiah Thrown in the Cistern
	30 🍏 Jeremiah 38:14—39:10	The Fall of Jerusalem and Exile into Babylon
	31 🍏 Jeremiah 52	The Destruction of Jerusalem Reviewed

## Babylon

The Jewish people were conquered by a succession of four world empires. The first, Babylon, is the setting of the stories about Daniel.

February	1 🍏 Daniel 1	Four Young Israelites at the Babylonian Court
	2 🍏 Daniel 2	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
	3 🍏 Daniel 3	The Fiery Furnace
	4 🍏 Daniel 5	The Writing on the Wall
	5 🍏 Daniel 6	Daniel in the Lion's Den

## Persia

The Babylonian Empire fell to the armies of King Cyrus of Persia. The Jewish communities then became part of the Persian Empire, which is the setting of the stories about Esther.

February	6 🍏 Esther 1	King Ahasuerus Deposes Queen Vashti
	7 🍏 Esther 2	Esther Becomes Queen
February	8 🍏 Esther 3	Haman Undertakes to Destroy the Jews
	9 🍏 Esther 4	Esther Agrees to Help the Jews
	10 🍏 Esther 5:1—7:10	Haman Fails
	11 🍏 Esther 8:1—9:5	Esther Saves the Jews

After conquering Babylon, King Cyrus allowed the Jewish people to return to their homeland and rebuild Jerusalem. Many accepted Cyrus' offer and returned under the leadership of Ezra and Nehemiah. Those who returned to the Promised Land did not find it empty. They met considerable resistance, and only with great difficulty were they able to raise the walls of the city. The temple was rebuilt and dedicated, and its worship was reinstated. Then Ezra and Nehemiah enacted reform: they considered necessary to restore the Jewish nation and identity.

February	12 🍏 Ezra 9	Denunciation of Mixed Marriages
	13 🍏 Ezra 10	The People's Response

## Greece

When the armies of Alexander conquered Persia, the Jewish community in Palestine became part of the Greek Empire. The troubles experienced at the hands of the Greek rulers are recorded in the Books of Maccabees. Though they have not generally been considered canonical by protestants, these apocryphal books have historically been included in most Bibles. Luther and the other early reformers treasured the Books of the Maccabees and encouraged all Christians to read them.

February 14	🍏 I Maccabees 1:1-28	Antiochus Epiphanes Occupies Jerusalem
15	🍏 I Maccabees 1:29-64	Antiochus Epiphanes Desecrates the Temple
16	🍏 II Maccabees 7	Martyrdom of Seven Brothers and Their Mother
17	🍏 I Maccabees 2:1-6, 14-70	Mattathias Rebel against Antiochus Epiphanes
18	🍏 I Maccabees 3:1-41	The Early Victories of Judas Maccabeus
19	🍏 I Maccabees 3:42—4:25	Judas Puts the Enemy to Flight
20	🍏 I Maccabees 4:26-61	Judas Cleanses and Dedicates the Temple

## Rome

The Jewish community of Palestine experienced relative independence until Rome conquered most of the known world, including them. In the years before Jesus was born, Rome exercised more and more control over Palestine. More and more the people resented the Roman authorities. Into this world Jesus was born. During the season Lent the daily readings from the Gospel of Luke are devoted to his birth, life, teachings, death and resurrection.

## Jesus

### February

21 🍏 Luke 1:1-25  
22 🍏 Luke 1:26-56  
23 🍏 Luke 1:57-80  
24 🍏 Luke 2:1-20

25 🍏 Luke 2:21-52  
26 🍏 Luke 3:1-38  
27 🍏 Luke 4:1-30  
28 🍏 Luke 4:31-44

### March

1 🍏 Luke 5:1-16  
2 🍏 Luke 5:17-39  
3 🍏 Luke 6:1-26  
  
4 🍏 Luke 6:27-49  
5 🍏 Luke 7:1-17  
6 🍏 Luke 7:18-50

7 🍏 Luke 8:1-21  
8 🍏 Luke 8:22-39  
9 🍏 Luke 8:40-56  
10 🍏 Luke 9:1-17  
  
11 🍏 Luke 9:18-36  
12 🍏 Luke 9:37-62  
13 🍏 Luke 10:1-24  
14 🍏 Luke 10:25-42  
15 🍏 Luke 11:1-28  
16 🍏 Luke 11:29-54  
17 🍏 Luke 12:1-34

18 🍏 Luke 12:35-59  
19 🍏 Luke 13:1-17  
20 🍏 Luke 13:18-35  
21 🍏 Luke 14:1-14  
22 🍏 Luke 14:15-35  
23 🍏 Luke 15:1-10  
24 🍏 Luke 15:11-32

25 🍏 Luke 16:1-13  
26 🍏 Luke 16:14-31  
27 🍏 Luke 17:1-19  
28 🍏 Luke 17:20-37  
29 🍏 Luke 18:1-17  
30 🍏 Luke 18:18-43  
31 🍏 Luke 19:1-27

### April

1 🍏 Luke 19:28-48  
2 🍏 Luke 20:1-47  
3 🍏 Luke 21:1-19  
4 🍏 Luke 21:20-38  
5 🍏 Luke 22:1-71  
6 🍏 Luke 23:1-49  
7 🍏 Luke 23:50-56

8 🍏 Luke 24:1-53

## The Church

Written by the same author as the Gospel of Luke, the Book of Acts forms the second part of a two-volume work. At this point the story continues with a more detailed recounting of Jesus' ascension and the sending of the Holy Spirit upon the church. The rest of the book tells of how the community of faith was extended into the empire from Jerusalem to Rome.

### April

9 🍏 Acts 1:1-11  
10 🍏 Acts 1:12-26  
11 🍏 Acts 2:1-13  
12 🍏 Acts 2:14-36  
13 🍏 Acts 2:37-47  
14 🍏 Acts 3:1-26

15 🍏 Acts 4:1-22  
16 🍏 Acts 4:23-37  
17 🍏 Acts 5:1-11  
18 🍏 Acts 5:12-42  
19 🍏 Acts 6:1-15  
20 🍏 Acts 7:1-60  
21 🍏 Acts 8:1-25

22 🍏 Acts 8:26-40  
23 🍏 Acts 9:1-31  
24 🍏 Acts 9:32-43

25 🍏 Acts 10:1-23  
26 🍏 Acts 10:24-48  
27 🍏 Acts 11:1-30  
28 🍏 Acts 12:1-25

29 🍏 Acts 13:1-12  
30 🍏 Acts 13:13-43

### May

1 🍏 Acts 13:44-52  
2 🍏 Acts 14:1-28  
3 🍏 Acts 15:1-21  
4 🍏 Acts 15:22-41  
5 🍏 Acts 16:1-15

6 🍏 Acts 16:16-40  
7 🍏 Acts 17:1-15  
8 🍏 Acts 17:16-34  
9 🍏 Acts 18:1-17  
10 🍏 Acts 18:18-28

11 🍏 Acts 19:1-20  
12 🍏 Acts 19:21-41

13 🍏 Acts 20:1-16  
14 🍏 Acts 20:17-38

15 🍏 Acts 21:1-16  
16 🍏 Acts 21:17-40  
17 🍏 Acts 22:1-30  
18 🍏 Acts 23:1-11  
19 🍏 Acts 23:12-35

20 🍏 Acts 24:1-27  
21 🍏 Acts 25:1-27  
22 🍏 Acts 26:1-32  
23 🍏 Acts 27:1-26  
24 🍏 Acts 27:27-44  
25 🍏 Acts 28:1-10  
26 🍏 Acts 28:11-31

Paul and Peter were both executed in Rome, but over the next three centuries the proclamation of the Gospel flourished until the empire itself had adopted the faith of Christians as its official religion. Within the first millenium, the tribes of northern Europe had been baptized. West into the New World, east into Asia and the Pacific, and south into Africa, the church carried the Good News until it is now your story as well.

Today, in every nation, communities of faith worship Jesus as Lord. And they are sharing what they have received with people of every culture on the face of the earth. This is our story, and it is not over, not until Jesus returns. Even then, we will only have begun.