

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS READING OUTLINE

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
A Preview of Who Jesus Is				
1. Luke's purpose for writing a gospel			Lk 1:1-4	
2. John's prologue: preincarnation to crucifixion				Jn 1:1-18
3. Jesus' legal and natural lineage	Mt 1:1-17		Lk 3:23b-38	
The Early Years of John the Baptist				
4. John's birth foretold to Zacharias			Lk 1:5-25	
5. Jesus' birth foretold to Mary			Lk 1:26-38	
6. Mary's visit to Elizabeth			Lk 1:39-45	
7. Mary's joyous song			Lk 1:46-56	
8. John's birth			Lk 1:57-66	
9. Zacharias' prophetic song			Lk 1:67-79	
10. John's growth and early life			Lk 1:80	
The Early Years of Jesus Christ				
11. Circumstances explained to Joseph	Mt 1:18-25			
12. Birth of Jesus			Lk 2:1-7	
13. Witness of shepherds			Lk 2:8-20	
14. Circumcision of Jesus			Lk 2:21	
15. Presentation of Jesus in the temple			Lk 2:22-38	
16. Temporary return to Nazareth			Lk 2:39	
17. Visit of the Magi	Mt 2:1-12			
18. Flight to Egypt	Mt 2:13-18			
19. New home in Nazareth	Mt 2:19-23			
20. Early childhood of Jesus			Lk 2:40	
21. Jesus' first Passover in Jerusalem			Lk 2:41-50	
22. Jesus' developmental years			Lk 2:51-52	
Public Ministry of John the Baptist				
23. Ministry launches		Mk 1:1	Lk 3:1-2	
24. J.B. person, message, baptism	Mt 3:1-6	Mk 1:2-6	Lk 3:3-6	
25. J.B. messages to mixed groups	Mt 3:7-10		Lk 3:7-14	
26. J.B. describes the Christ	Mt 3:11-12	Mk 1:7-8	Lk 3:15-18	
27. Jesus baptized by J.B.	Mt 3:13-17	Mk 1:9-11	Lk 3:21-23a	
28. Jesus' wilderness temptation	Mt 4:1-11	Mk 1:12-13	Lk 4:1-13	
Ministry Transition from John to Jesus				
29. John's self I.D.				Jn 1:19-28
30. John's I.D. of Jesus as the Son of God				Jn 1:29-34
31. Jesus' first followers				Jn1:35-51
32. Jesus' 1 st miracle, water becomes wine				Jn 2:1-11

33. Jesus' brief visit to Capernaum				Jn 2:12
34. 1 st Temple Cleansing (?)				Jn 2:13-22
35. Early response to Jesus' miracles				Jn 2:23-25
36. Jesus and Nicodemus at night				Jn 3:1-21
37. J.B. is eclipsed by Jesus				Jn 3:22-36
38. Jesus through Samaria to Galilee	Mt 4:12	Mk 1:14a	Lk 3:19-20	Jn 4:1-4
39. Jesus and a Samaritan woman				Jn 4:5-26
40. Spiritual harvest in Samaria				Jn 4:27-38
41. Evangelization of Sychar				Jn 4:39-42
42. Jesus arrives in Galilee				Jn 4:43-45

Ministry Headquarters in Capernaum

43. Jesus' preaching makes news	Mt 4:17	Mk 1:14b-15	Lk 4:14b-15	
44. Jesus heals a child at a distance				Jn 4:46-54
45. Jesus is rejected at Nazareth			Lk 4:16-31a	
46. Jesus settles in Capernaum	Mt 4:13-16			
47. Four disciples 1 st called	Mt 4:18-22	Mk 1:16-20		
48. Synagogue preaching, deliverance		Mk 1:21-28	Lk 4:31b-37	
49. Peter's mother-in-law healed	Mt 8:14-17	Mk 1:29-34	Lk 4:38-41	
50. Jesus' 1 st Galilee preaching tour	Mt 4:23-25	Mk 1:35-39	Lk 4:42-44	
51. Jesus' 2 nd call of four			Lk 5:1-11	
52. Jesus heals a leper	Mt 8:2-4	Mk 1:40-45	Lk 5:12-16	
53. Jesus forgives and heals a paralytic	Mt 9:1-8.	Mk 2:1-12	Lk 5:17-26	
54. Call of Matthew/Levi	Mt 9:9	Mk 2:13-14	Lk 5:27-28	
55. Matthew's career change banquet	Mt 9:10-13	Mk 2:15-17	Lk 5:29-32	
56. Changes and wineskins	Mt 9:14-17	Mk 2:18-22	Lk 5:33-39	

Sabbath Conflicts

57. Jesus heals the lame man on Sabbath				Jn 5:1-9
58. Enemies plot to kill Jesus for "breaking Sabbath"				Jn 5:10-18
59. Jesus asserts equality with the Father by doing the Father's works				Jn 5:19-47
60. Sabbath grain picking conflict	Mt 12:1-8	Mk 2:23-28	Lk 6:1-5	
61. Sabbath healing in the synagogue	Mt 12:9-14	Mk 3:1-6	Lk 6:6-11	
62. Jesus withdraws, multitude follows	Mt 12:15-21	Mk 3:7-12		
63. 12 appointed and Sermon on the Mount		Mk 3:13-19	Lk 6:12-16	
64. Setting of the Sermon on the Mount/Plain	Mt 5:1-2		Lk 6:17-19	
65. Blessings and woes of the Kingdom	Mt 5:3-12		Lk 6:20-26	
66. Salt and light in the Kingdom	Mt 5:13-16			
67. Kingdom law and righteousness	Mt 5:17-20			
68. Contrasting "old" and "new"	Mt 5:21-48		Lk 6:27-36	
69. Avoid hypocrisy	Mt 6:1-18			
70. Important "don'ts"	Mt 6:19-7:6		Lk 6:37-42	
71. Sermon application and conclusion	Mt 7:7-27		Lk 6:43-49	
72. Reaction to Jesus' sermon	Mt 7:28-29			

Jesus' Growing Popularity in Galilee

73. Centurion's servant healed	Mt 8:1, 5-13	Lk 7:1-10
74. Widow's son raised to life		Lk 7:11-17
75. Relationship of J.B. to the Kingdom	Mt 11:2-19	Lk 7:18-35
76. Woes on cities and great invitation	Mt 11:20-30	
77. Anointing of Jesus' feet and forgiveness		Lk 7:36-50

Opposition by Religious Leaders

78. Tour with the 12 and others		Lk 8:1-3
79. Blasphemous accusations	Mt 12:22-37	Mk 3:20-30
80. Request for a sign refused	Mt 12:38-45	
81. Jesus' spiritual family ties	Mt 12:46-50	Mk 3:31-35
		Lk 8:19-21

Parables of the Kingdom

82. A setting for parables	Mt 13:1-3a	Mk 4:1-2	Lk 8:4
83. Parable of the soils	Mt 13:3b-23	Mk 4:3-25	Lk 8:5-18
84. Parable of seed		Mk 4:26-29	
85. Parable of tares (weeds)	Mt 13:24-30		
86. Parable of mustard seed	Mt 13:31-32	Mk 4:30-32	
87. Parable of leavened loaf	Mt 13:33-35	Mk 4:33-34	
88. Parable of tares (weeds) explained	Mt 13:36-43		
89. Parable of hidden treasure	Mt 13:44		
90. Parable of precious pearl	Mt 13:45-46		
91. Parable of a fishing net	Mt 13:47-50		
92. Parable of a householder	Mt 13:51-53		

Continuing Opposition

93. Crossing the sea and calming the storm	Mt 8:23-37	Mk 4:35-41	Lk 8:22-25
94. Healing demonized Gerasene	Mt 8:28-34	Mk 5:1-20	Lk 8:26-39
95. Return, the "touch," Jairus' daughter	Mt 9:18-26	Mk 5:21-43	Lk 8:40-56
96. 3 healings and an accusation	Mt 9:27-34		
97. Final visit to unbelieving Nazareth	Mt 13:54-58	Mk 6:1-6a	

Final Galilee Ministry Tour

98. Plenty of harvest but workers are few	Mt 9:35-38	Mk 6:6b	
99. Commissioning the Twelve	Mt 10:1-42	Mk 6:7-11	Lk 9:1-5
100. Harvest workers sent out	Mt 11:1	Mk 6:12-13	Lk 9:6
101. Antipas misidentifies Jesus	Mt 14:1-2	Mk 6:14-16	Lk 9:7-9
102. Earlier jailing and execution of J.B.	Mt 14:3-12	Mk 6:17-29	
103. Return of the harvest workers		Mk 6:30	Lk 9:10a

Lesson on the Bread of Life

104. Withdrawal from Galilee	Mt 14:13-14	Mk 6:31-34	Lk 9:10b-11	Jn 6:1-3
105. Feeding the 5000	Mt 14:15-21	Mk 6:35-44	Lk 9:12-17	Jn 6:4-13
106. Premature attempt to “king” Jesus	Mt 14:22-23	Mk 6:45-46		Jn 6:14-15
107. Walking on water during storm	Mt 14:24-33	Mk 6:47-52		Jn 6:16-21
108. Healings at Gennesaret	Mt 14:34-36	Mk 6:53-56		
109. Discourse on the true bread of life				Jn 6:22-59
110. Many disciples “dropout”				Jn 6:60-71

Leaven of the Pharisees, Sadducees & Herodians (PS&H)

111. Conflict over tradition and ceremonial law	Mt 15:1-20	Mk 7:1-23		Jn 7:1
112. Gentile (Syrophoenician) woman	Mt 15:21-28	Mk 7:24-30		
113. Healings in Decapolis	Mt 15:29-31	Mk 7:31-37		
114. Feeding the 4000 in Decapolis	Mt 15:32-38	Mk 8:1-9		
115. In Galilee, more conflict with P&S	Mt 15:39-16:4	Mk 8:10-12		
116. Warning about error of PS&H	Mt 16:5-12	Mk 8:13-21		
117. Healing blind man at Bethsaida		Mk 8:22-26		

Jesus’ Messiahship Learned and Confirmed

118. Peter’s great confession	Mt 16:13-20	Mk 8:27-30	Lk 9:18-21	
119. What “Messiahship” means #1	Mt 16:21-26	Mk 8:31-37	Lk 9:22-25	
120. The “Son of Man” will come as judge	Mt 16:27-28	Mk 8:38-9:1	Lk 9:26-27	
121. Transfiguration of Jesus	Mt 17:1-8	Mk 9:2-8	Lk 9:28-36a	
122. The transfiguration secret	Mt 17:9	Mk 9:9-10	Lk 9:36b	
123. Elijah, J.B. & the Son of Man	Mt 17:10-13	Mk 9:11-13		

Lessons on Responsibility to Others

124. Healing the demonized boy	Mt 17:14-21	Mk 9:14-29	Lk 9:37-43a	
125. What “Messiahship” really means #2	Mt 17:22-23	Mk 9:30-32	Lk 9:43b-45	
126. Who pays the Temple Tax?	Mt 17:24-27			
127. “Who is greatest?” debate	Mt 18:1-5	Mk 9:33-37	Lk 9:46-48	
128. Don’t trip up young believers	Mt 18:6-14	Mk 9:38-50	Lk 9:49-50	
129. Treating and forgiving offenders	Mt 18:15-35			

Up to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles

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| 130. Taunt of the half-brothers | | Jn 7:2-9 |
| 131. Journey through Samaria | | Lk 9:51-56 Jn 7:10 |
| 132. Requirement for full commitment | Mt 8:19-22 | Lk 9:57-62 |

Jesus' Teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles

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| 133. Mixed reaction to Jesus' teaching | | Jn 7:11-31 |
| 134. Failed attempt to arrest Jesus | | Jn 7:32-52 |
| 135. Tracing and forgiveness | | Jn 7:53-8:11 |
| 136. "Light of the world" claim and conflict | | Jn 8:12-20 |
| 137. Invitation to believe in Jesus | | Jn 8:21-30 |
| 138. "Who's your Daddy?" | | Jn 8:31-59 |

Private Lessons on Loving, Service & Prayer

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| 139. Sending out of the 70 | | Lk 10:1-16 |
| 140. Return of the 70 | | Lk 10:17-24 |
| 141. Story of the good Samaritan | | Lk 10:25-37 |
| 142. Jesus visits with Mary and Martha | | Lk 10:38-42 |
| 143. The way to pray and get results | | Lk 11:1-13 |

Another Debate with the Scribes and Pharisees

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| 144. Blasphemous accusation and another debate | | Lk 11:14-36 |
| 145. Woeful (not wonderful) dinner with a Pharisee | | Lk 11:37-54 |
| 146. Warning about the insidious nature of hypocrisy | | Lk 12:1-12 |
| 147. Warning about greed and self reliance | | Lk 12:13-34 |
| 148. Warning about being unprepared for his return | | Lk 12:35-48 |
| 149. Warning about necessary divisions | | Lk 12:49-53 |
| 150. Warning about failing to discern the present time | | Lk 12:54-59 |
| 151. Alternatives – repent or perish (turn or burn) | | Lk 13:1-9 |
| 152. More opposition for healing on Sabbath | | Lk 13:10-21 |

Teaching at the Feast of Dedication

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| 153. Healing of a man born blind | | Jn 9:1-7 |
| 154. Neighbor's reaction to a blind man who can see | | Jn 9:8-12 |
| 155. Pharisees examination and exclusion of the sighted "blind man" | | Jn 9:13-34 |

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| 156. Jesus reveals himself to the seeing “blind man” | Jn 9:35-38 |
| 157. Seeing is believing; unbelief is blindness | Jn 9:39-41 |
| 158. Good Shepherd and the thief (allegory) | Jn 10:1-18 |
| 159. Deeping division among the “Jews” | Jn 10:19-21 |
| 160. Suspected, surrounded, yet he slips away | Jn 10:22-39 |

Ministry Lessons for Jesus’ Disciples

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| 161. Away to Perea beyond the Jordan | Jn 10:40-42 |
| 162. A question about salvation and entering the Kingdom | Lk 13:22-30 |
| 163. Anticipation of death and lament over Jerusalem | Lk 13:31-35 |
| 164. Healing during a Sabbath meal and Kingdom invitation | Lk 14:1-24 |
| 165. Cost of discipleship | Lk 14:25-35 |
| 166. Heaven loves a party | Lk 15:1-32 |
| 167. Making the best use of money | Lk 16:1-13 |
| 168. A lesson on the dangers of wealth | Lk 16:14-31 |
| 169. More lessons for servant leaders | Lk 17:1-10 |

Raising of Lazarus and a Brief Tour in Samaria and Galilee

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| 170. Sickness and death of Lazarus | Jn 11:1-16 |
| 171. Jesus arrives and calls Lazarus back to life | Jn 11:17-44 |
| 172. The Sanhedrin makes it official; Jesus must die | Jn 11:45-54 |
| 173. Jesus heals ten lepers while on a brief tour | Lk 17:11-21 |
| 174. Thoughts in anticipation of the Son of Man’s coming | Lk 17:22-37 |

Teaching on the Final Journey to Jerusalem

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| 175. The widow and the publican, two lessons on prayer | Lk 18:1-14 |
| 176. Debating the Pharisees on divorce | Mt 19:1-12 Mk 10:1-12 |
| 177. Kids and the Kingdom | Mt 19:13-15 Mk 10:13-16 Lk 18:15-17 |
| 178. Wealth and the Kingdom | Mt 19:16-30 Mk. 10:17-31 Lk. 18:18-30 |
| 179. Freedom and generosity | Mt 20:1-16 |
| 180. What “Messiahship” means #3 | Mt 20:17-19 Mk 10:32-34 Lk 18:31-34 |
| 181. Warning against prideful ambition | Mt 20:20-28 Mk 10:35-45 |
| 182. Blind Bartimaeus and his friend | Mt 20:29-34 Mk 10:46-52 Lk 18:35-43 |
| 183. Salvation for Zaccheus | Lk 19:1-10 |
| 184. Lesson on waiting responsibly for the Kingdom | Lk 19:11-28 |

Triumphal Entry, the Fig Tree and Challenges

185. A.P.B. is issued and Jesus arrives in Bethany				Jn 11:55-12:1
186. Mary anoints Jesus for burial	Mt 26:6-13	Mk 14:3-9		Jn 12:2-11
187. Triumphal entry	Mt 21:1-11, 14-17	Mk 11:1-11	Lk 19:29-44	Jn12:12-19
188. Jesus curses the fig tree	Mt 21:18-19a	Mk 11:12-14		
189. Jesus cleanses the Temple	Mt 21:12-13	Mk11:15-18	Lk19:45-48	(Jn 2:12-22)?
190. Greeks seek and the Son of Man will be lifted up				Jn 12:20-36a
191. Mixed reviews and Jesus departs the multitude				Jn 12:36b-50
192. Fig tree is withered and lesson on faith	Mt 21:19b-22	Mk 11:19-26		
193. Authority challenged (Tues.)	Mt 21:23-27	Mk 11:27-33	Lk 20:1-8	(John 2:18-22)?
194. Three "Responsibility Parables"	Mt 21:28-22:14	Mk. 12:1-12	Lk. 20:9-19	
195. Tax question conspiracy	Mt 22:15-22	Mk 12:13-17	Lk 20:20-26	
196. Sadducees' resurrection question	Mt 22:23-33	Mk 12:18-27	Lk 20:27-40	
197. Academic question	Mt 22:34-40	Mk 12:28-34		
198. Day of ?'s and "question of the day"	Mt 22:41-46	Mk 12:35-37	Lk 20:41-44	
199. Attack on Hypocrisy	Mt 23:1-36	Mk 12:38-40	Lk 20:45-47	
200. Lament over Jerusalem	Mt 23:37-39			
201. Widow's generosity		Mk 12:41-44	Lk 21:1-4	

Discourse on the Mt. of Olives

202. From the Temple to the vista point	Mt 24:1-3	Mk 13:1-4	Lk 21:5-7	
203. Early labor pains	Mt 24:4-14	Mk 13:5-13	Lk 21:8-19	
204. Abomination & desolation	Mt 24:15-28	Mk 13:14-23	Lk 21:20-24	
205. Coming of the Son of Man	Mt 24:29-31	Mk 13:24-27	Lk 21:25-27	
206. Time is near but unknown	Mt 24:32-41	Mk13:28-32	Lk 21:28-33	
207. Parables (5) about staying alert	Mt 24:42-25:30	Mk 13:33-37	Lk 21:34-36	
208. Judgment when the Son of Man comes	Mt 25:31-46			

Arrangements for Betrayal and Passover

209. Assassination plot	Mt 26:1-5	Mk 14:1-2	Lk 21:37-22:2	
210. Judas' betrayal plot	Mt 26:14-16	Mk 14:10-11	Lk 22:3-6	
211. Passover preparations	Mt 26:17-19	Mk 14:12-16	Lk 22:7-13	
212. Beginning the Passover meal	Mt 26:20	Mk 14:17	Lk 22:14-16	

Upper Room Discourse John 13-14

213. Washing the disciples feet				Jn 13:1-20
214. I.D. the betrayer	Mt 26:21-25	Mk 14:18-21	Lk 22:21-23	Jn 13:21-30
215. Disciples dispute			Lk 22:24-30	
216. First prediction of Peter's denials			Lk 22:31-38	Jn 13:31-38
217. The Lord's Supper	Mt 26:26-29	Mk 14:22-25	Lk 22:17-20	(1Cor 11:23-26)

Teaching and Prayers from Upper Room to Gethsemane

218. Don't be troubled, you know where I'm going				Jn 14:1-31
219. The Vine and the branches				Jn 15:1-17
220. Opposition from the world				Jn15:18-16:4
221. Because I'm going the Helper is coming				Jn 16:5-15
222. Now you see me, now you don't				Jn 16:16-22
223. Promise of answered prayer and peace				Jn 16:23-33
224. Jesus prays for his disciples and all believers				Jn17:1-26
225. Second prediction of Peter's denials	Mt 26:30-35	Mk 14:26-31	Lk 22:39-40	Jn 18:1
226. Three agonizing prayers	Mt 26:36-46	Mk 14:32-42	Lk 22:41-46	
227. Betrayal and arrest	Mt 26:47-56	Mk 14:43-52	Lk 22:47-53	Jn 18:2-12

Trials, Condemnation and Crucifixion

228. Trial, Jewish phase one (Annas)				Jn 18:13-24
229. Trial, Jewish phase two (Caiaphas)	Mt 26:57-68	Mk 14:53-65	Lk 22:54	
230. Peter's denials	Mt 26:69-75	Mk 14:66-72	Lk 22:55-65	Jn 18:25-27
231. Trial, Jewish phase three (Sanhedrin)	Mt 27:1	Mk 15:1a	Lk 22:66-71	
232. Judas' remorse and suicide	Mt 27:3-10			(Acts 1:18-19)
233. Trial, Roman phase one (Pilate)	Mt 27:2,11-14	Mk 15:1b-5	Lk 23:1-5	Jn 18:28-38
234. Trial, Roman phase two (Herod Antipas)			Lk 23:6-12	
235. Trial, Roman phase three	Mt 27:15-26	Mk 15:6-15	Lk 23:13-25	Jn18:39-19:16
236. Mockery by the soldiers	Mt 27:27-30	Mk 15:16-19		
237. Road to Golgotha	Mt 27:31-34	Mk 15:20-23	Lk 23:26-33a	Jn 19:17
238. Crucifixion (first 3 hours)	Mt 27:35-44	Mk 15:24-32	Lk 23:33b-43	Jn19:18-27
239. Crucifixion (final 3 hours)	Mt 27:45-50	Mk 15:33-37	Lk 23:44-45a	Jn 19:28-30
240. Death witnesses	Mt 27:51-56	Mk 15:38-41	Lk 23:45b, 47-49	
241. Jesus' death certified	Mt 27:57-58	Mk 15:42-45	Lk 23:50-52	Jn 19:31-38
242. Jesus' body entombed	Mt 27:59-60	Mk 15:46	Lk 23:53-54	Jn 19:39-42
243. Tomb watched and guarded	Mt 17:61-66	Mk 15:47	Lk 23:55-56	

Empty Tomb

244. Women visit, stone is removed	Mt 28:1-4	Mk 16:1		
245. Women discover empty tomb	Mt 28:5-8	Mk 16:2-8	Lk 24:1-8	Jn 20:1
246. Peter and John run to the tomb			Lk 24:9-12	Jn 20:2-10

Post Resurrection Appearances

247. Appearance to Mary Magdalene	[Mk 16:9-11]		Jn 20:11-18
248. Appearance to the other women	Mt 28:9-10		
249. Soldiers' report to Jewish authorities	Mt 28:11-15		
250. Appearance to the Emmaus twosome	[Mk 16:12-13]	Lk 24:13-32	
251. Report of the twosome		Lk 24:33-35	(1Cor 15:5a)
252. Appearance to the 10 in Jerusalem	[Mk. 16:14]	Lk 24:36-43	Jn 20:19-25
253. Appearance to the 11 in Jerusalem		Jn 20:26-31	(1Cor 15:5b)
254. Appearance to the 7 while fishing			Jn 21:1-25

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| 255. Appearance to the 11 in Galilee | Mt 28:16-20 | [Mk 16:15-18] | (1Cor 15:6) |
| 256. Appearance to his brother, James | | | (1Cor 15:7) |
| 257. Appearance to the disciples in Jerusalem | | | Lk 24:44-49 (Acts 1:3-8) |
| 258. Parting blessings and ascension | | [Mk. 16:19-20] | Lk 24:50-53 (Acts 1:9-12) |