

41 Gospel Stories and Their Locations in Scripture

(There's lots more in there too.)

- The birth of Jesus is promised (**Luke 1:26–38**)
- Mary gives birth to Jesus (**Luke 2:1–7**)
- The shepherds and the angels (**Luke 2:8–20**)
- The visit of the wise men (**Matthew 2:1–12**)
- Jesus is taken to the temple (**Luke 2:22–40**)
- Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape to Egypt (**Matthew 2:13–23**)
- Jesus gets lost in the temple (**Luke 2:41–52**)
- John the Baptist announces Jesus (**Matthew 3:1–12**)
- Jesus is baptized (**Mark 1:9–11**)
- Jesus is tempted in the wilderness (**Luke 4:1–13**)
- Jesus calls the first disciples (**Mark 1:16–20**)
- Jesus changes water into wine (**John 2:1–11**)
- Jesus heals a paralyzed man (**Mark 2:1–12**)
- Jesus talks to a Samaritan woman (**John 4:4–42**)
- Jesus calms a storm (**Matthew 8:23–27**)
- Jesus heals Jairus' daughter (**Mark 5:21–43**)
- John the Baptist is beheaded (**Matthew 14:1–12**)
- Jesus feeds five thousand people (**John 6:1–15**)
- Jesus walks on water (**Matthew 14:22–33**)
- Peter recognizes Jesus as the Messiah (**Mark 8:27–30**)
- The transfiguration of Jesus (**Luke 9:28–36**)
- Jesus rescues a woman caught in adultery (**John 8:1–11**)
- Jesus heals a man born blind (**John 9**)
- The parable of the good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25–37**)
- Mary, Martha, and Jesus (**Luke 10:38–42**)
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (**John 11:1–44**)
- The parable of the prodigal son (**Luke 15:11–32**)
- The parable of the rich man and Lazarus (**Luke 16:19–31**)
- Zacchaeus the tax collector (**Luke 19:1–10**)
- Mary anoints Jesus' feet (**John 12:1–8**)
- Jesus washes the disciples' feet (**John 13:1–30**)
- Jesus has a last supper with his friends (**Mark 14:12–26**)
- Jesus is arrested in the garden of Gethsemane (**John 18:1–13**)
- Peter denies Jesus (**Luke 22:54–62**)
- Jesus is crucified (**Mark 15:20–41**)
- Jesus is buried (**Matthew 27:57–66**)
- The resurrection (**Matthew 28:1–15**)
- The road to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13–35**)
- Mary meets the risen Jesus (**John 20:1–18**)
- The great commission (**Matthew 28:16–20**)
- Jesus forgives Peter (**John 21**)

Scripture Study Basics

“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ”

- St. Jerome

Scripture study is essential for any Christian at any time in their Christian life and especially during seasons of particular formation. The Church herself encourages all of us to pursue a deep understanding of Scripture in order to better understand who God is, who we are, and to worship God properly and effectively. The Bible is a fundamental tool for knowing and understanding God and His plan for our lives and our salvation.

Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. – Hebrews 4:12

Reading the Bible doesn't need to be intimidating. The prayers and basic questions shown below are intended to provide a basic structure for an individual or group Bible study. If studying alone, journaling in order to remember and organize thoughts and conclusions is encouraged.

General Bible study questions

These questions can help you better understand the word and help it come alive in you.

- What do you think is the key message of this chapter? Explain why you think this.
- What did you learn from this chapter?
- Which point in this chapter spoke to you the most? How did it affect you?
- Why do you think God included this chapter in the Bible? What's the point?
- What was the context? What was going on at the time it was written?
- Do any of these truths written thousands of years ago apply today? If so, which ones? How do they apply?
- Are there truths in this chapter that contradict the ideas we hear in the world? If so, what are they?
- Is there something in this chapter that surprised you? If so, how were you surprised?
- Are there any verses in this chapter that confuse you or that seem to contradict other parts of the Bible?
- In view of what we have read, what changes do you think God would want you to make in your attitude, words, or actions?

“What is one passage” Bible study questions

These questions address the same issues but come at them from a slightly different angle.

- What is one passage that encourages you? How does it encourage you?
- What is one passage that inspires you? How does it inspire you?
- What is one passage that convicts you of sin? How does it convict you?
- What is one passage that challenges you to change? How does it challenge you?

“Who/what/when/where/why” Bible study questions

For a deeper dive, use these questions along with footnotes and/or a concordance to bring new Bible insights to light.

- Who wrote this passage?
- What is the message of this passage?
- When was it written?
- Where was it written?
- Why was it written? (What was the purpose?)