

#Lent2022atImmanuel

Read the Gospel of Matthew or the entire New Testament in 40 Days!

Lent? The Lenten season? What is that?

Lent is a very special time of the Christian year. Each year it is the 40 day period (excluding Sundays) leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season (which comes from the old Saxon word for “spring”).

In the early Church, Lent marked the final 40 days of a new Christian’s preparation for full entry into the Church prior to their baptism on Easter Sunday. As time went on, this annual time of reflection and repentance was extended to all Church members, giving all of us the chance to re-dedicate ourselves to the spiritual decisions we’ve made in the past.

Spending the 40 days of Lent reading God’s Word

This year, one of the ways Immanuel Church of Spring is encouraging its members to recognize Lent is through a renewed commitment to reading the Bible. Members can choose to either read through the Gospel of Matthew or the entire New Testament during the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Reading the Gospel of Matthew over a 40 day period will take (on average) about 5 minutes per day, while reading the whole New Testament will take about 30 minutes.

What do I need?

- The Reading Plan (on opposite side of page)

The left column has the date, the center column has the assigned reading for the Gospel of Matthew, and the right column has the reading for the New Testament.

- The Bible

Use a translation that’s easy for you to understand. Immanuel Church uses the NRSV in our worship services, but feel free to explore and choose a version that works for you. You can explore some on the YouVersion app or www.biblegateway.com

- A prayerful heart, ready and expecting God to show you some wonderful things.

What do I do?

- Set aside 5 - 30 minutes to read the Bible each day. *CAUTION: this may require logging off of Facebook and Twitter and turning off the television.*
- Pray. Ask God to open your eyes, ears and heart to what He has prepared for you as you read each day.
- Read the assigned section each day. Listen for God’s voice as you read!
- Put an X or checkmark in the box when you finish that day’s reading.
- Celebrate and worship on Sunday! There are no assigned readings, so feel free to rest or use it as a catch-up day if you need to.
- Invite someone (a family member, friend or neighbor) to join you. No matter what goal or challenge is before you, it’s always easier when you have someone to cheer you on, hold you accountable, and take the adventure with you.
- Share what God is showing you! Have a chat with a friend, or post your insights on your favorite social media using the hashtag: [#Lent2022atImmanuel](https://twitter.com/hashtag/Lent2022atImmanuel)
- If you miss a day, just pick up where you left off. No guilt! No shame! Just more and more Jesus every day!

Reading the Bible during Lent Can Revolutionize Your Walk with God!

Gospel of Matthew / New Testament Reading Guide for Lent 2022

WEEK ONE

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Wednesday, March 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 1-7
Thursday, March 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 8-12
Friday, March 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 13-18
Saturday, March 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 19-24

WEEK TWO

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Monday, March 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:1-26	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 25-28
Tuesday, March 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 5:27-48	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1-5
Wednesday, March 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 6-11
Thursday, March 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 12-16
Friday, March 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1-4
Saturday, March 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5-8

WEEK THREE

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Monday, March 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 10	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9-12
Tuesday, March 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13-19
Wednesday, March 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 12:1-32	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20-24
Thursday, March 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 12:33-50	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1-5
Friday, March 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 13:1-30	<input type="checkbox"/> John 6-9
Saturday, March 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 13:31-58	<input type="checkbox"/> John 10-14

WEEK FOUR

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Monday, March 21	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 14:1-21	<input type="checkbox"/> John 15-21
Tuesday, March 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 14:22-36	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 1-6
Wednesday, March 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 15:1-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 7-11
Thursday, March 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 15:21-39	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 12-17
Friday, March 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 18-23
Saturday, March 26	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 17	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 24-28

WEEK FIVE

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Monday, March 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 18	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 1-8
Tuesday, March 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Romans 9-16
Wednesday, March 30	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 1-8
Thursday, March 31	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 21:1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Corinthians 9-16
Friday, April 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 21:23-46	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Corinthians
Saturday, April 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 22:1-22	<input type="checkbox"/> Galatians

WEEK SIX

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Monday, April 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 22:23-46	<input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians
Tuesday, April 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 23	<input type="checkbox"/> Philippians & Colossians
Wednesday, April 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 24:1-28	<input type="checkbox"/> 1&2 Thessalonians
Thursday, April 7	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 24:29-51	<input type="checkbox"/> 1&2 Timothy
Friday, April 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 25	<input type="checkbox"/> Titus, Philemon, Hebrews 1-7
Saturday, April 9	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:1-25	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 8-13

WEEK SEVEN

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Monday, April 11	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:26-46	<input type="checkbox"/> James
Tuesday, April 12	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 26:47-75	<input type="checkbox"/> 1&2 Peter
Wednesday, April 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 27:1-23	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,2&3 John, Jude
Thursday, April 14	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 27:24-44	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 1-7
Friday, April 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 27:45-66	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 8-16
Saturday, April 16	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 28	<input type="checkbox"/> Revelation 17-22