

The story of God part 2 (The Life of Christ and the Early Church)

Week 1

Day 1: John 1:1-18, Luke 1:5-38, Luke 1:57-66, Luke 2 (Why Jesus came. Jesus and his cousin John the Baptist are born)

Day 2: John 1:19-34, Matthew 3:1-4:11 (What John the Baptist taught about Jesus. Jesus gets baptized and is tempted)

Day 3: John 1:35-51, John 2-3 (Jesus calls his first disciples, challenges the religious leaders mindsets)

Day 4: John 4:1-42, Matthew 4:17, Luke 4:16-44 (Jesus shows love to a sinful Samaritan woman. Jesus preaches the kingdom of heaven, is rejected in his hometown so preaches in the other towns.)

Day 5: Mark 1:40-45, Mark 2:1-22, John 5 (Jesus touches a leper, breaks the religious rules by healing a paralyzed man on the Sabbath)

Day 6: Matthew 5-7 (Jesus teaches about life in the kingdom of heaven)

Day 7: Luke 7, Matthew 13:1-51 (Jesus heals more people, teaches what the kingdom of heaven is like)

Week 2

Day 1: Mark 5-6 (Jesus rids a man of a demon, heals a woman with a long-term sickness, brings a girl back from the dead. Nazareth still doesn't believe. Jesus sends out the 12. John the Baptist is killed. Jesus feeds the 5,000, walks on water, heals more sick... pretty much a very busy week.)

Day 2: Mark 7-9 (Jesus explains what makes people unclean, heals a deaf man, feeds 4,000, Peter confesses Jesus is Lord and Jesus declares he will die and come back from the dead.)

Day 3: John 7-8 (Jesus' brothers think he's insane, people try to figure out who he really is, Jesus declares that he is God.)

Day 4: Luke 10-12 (Jesus sends out 72 people to preach the gospel and heal others, Jesus gives warnings about being ready for judgment.)

Day 5: John 9-10 (Jesus heals a blind man, religious leaders are blind to who Jesus really is)

Day 6: Luke 14-17 (Jesus teaches on how difficult it is to be a disciple, how important loving sinners is to God, the dangers of wealth)

Day 7: John 11 (Jesus' friend Lazarus dies, Jesus brings him back to life.)

Week 3

Day 1: John 12:1-11, Luke 19:28-48, John 12:27-50, Matthew 21:19-22 (Mary anoints Jesus as a way to prepare him for burial. Jesus arrives to Jerusalem to die. Jesus weeps over their unbelief and rejection of the Son of God. Jesus withers a tree that was supposed to bear fruit but didn't. This represents Jerusalem not responding to him.)

Day 2: Matthew 22:15-46, Matthew 23 (Religious people try to stump Jesus and fail. Jesus pronounces woes on the religious leaders for their wickedness and unbelief)

Day 3: Matthew 24-25 (Jesus talks about the end of the world and how to be prepared)

Day 4: Matthew 26:1-25, John 13 (The last supper and a new commandment to love one another the way he loved us)

Day 5: John 14-16 (Jesus gives his disciples his last advice. Promises them the Holy Spirit.)

Day 6: John 17, Matthew 26:36-46 (Jesus prays for his disciples, those coming after them, and for us. Jesus prays for himself.)

Day 7: John 18-19:16, Matthew 27:3-10 (Jesus on trial and Judas hangs himself)

Week 4:

Day 1: Matthew 27:27-66 (Jesus is crucified in humiliation and buried with the tomb tightly secured and many witnesses)

Day 2: Matthew 28, Luke 24, John 20-21 (Jesus resurrects and appears to many witnesses)

Day 3: Acts 2-3 (The disciples wait in Jerusalem just as Jesus told them to. The Holy Spirit comes and everyone is filled with power and courage to share the gospel)

Day 4: Acts 4-5 (Persecution begins. Disciples don't pray to be saved from persecution, they pray to be more bold)

Day 5: Acts 6-7 (Stephen preaches the gospel and is killed. Saul approves)

Day 6: Acts 8-9 (Saul persecutes and scatters the church. The gospel spreads across the world. Saul converted and preaches the gospel)

Day 7: Acts 10-11 (Peter realizes the gospel is not only for Jews, but for all people anywhere)

Week 5:

Day 1: Acts 12-13 (More persecution but the gospel still spreads. Paul and Barnabas bring the gospel to Greece)

Day 2: Acts 14-15 (More non-Jewish people are saved. The church figures out whether non-Jewish people should have to follow Jewish customs to follow Jesus)

Day 3: Acts 16-17 (Paul arrested, preaches the gospel in Jail and in court)

Day 4: Acts 18-19 (The gospel continues to spread but Ephesus riots because of the gospel)

Day 5: Acts 20-21 (Paul continues to preach the gospel)

Day 6: Acts 22-24 (Paul on trial with Rome for preaching the gospel part 1)

Day 7: Acts 25-27 (Paul on trial with Rome for preaching the gospel part 2)

Week 6:

Day 1: Acts 28 (Paul preaches the gospel in Rome)

(Congratulations! You've completed the story of God part 2. In part 3, we'll find out what all this means for us today)