



13 Oct – 19 Oct

As we read the four accounts of the “Life of Lives”—the Life of Christ—we will follow the order given in *The Fourfold Gospel*, by J. W. McGarvey and Philip Y. Pendleton. The purposes for this are: 1) this book is excellent and it will be far easier to study it (if the reader owns it) by retaining their order, 2) the exact chronology of His life is not always easy to determine, for the writers were not necessarily writing in exact chronological order at all times, 3) this is a good arrangement, and 4) the parallel records of the same events are grouped together.

Monday
13 Oct

Luke 1:1-4

Luke's preface states the need for a record that is based on “having had perfect understanding,” which is what we have in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Note that he writes to a man named Theophilus, which means “lover of God.” Are you a lover of God (John 14:15)?

John 1:1-18

The “prologue” to John teaches that the Word has the characteristics of Deity because He *is* Deity (1:1-5). This Word Who became flesh was introduced by John (1:6-14). This Word brought the final and full revelation of God to the earth (1:15-18).

Matthew 1:1-17

This is the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph, the royal line.

Luke 3:23-38

This is the genealogy of Jesus through Mary, the fleshly line.

Luke 1:5-80

There are several items here, relating to the conception and birth of John and the conception of Jesus in the womb of the virgin Mary.

Tuesday
14 Oct

Matthew 1:18-25

Here are the only two accounts of the birth and early childhood of Jesus.

Luke 2:1-39

Take note of His enemies and of the friendly witnesses to His birth.

Matthew 2:1-23

Luke 2:40-52

Wednesday 15 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 3:1-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:1-8 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 3:1-18 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 3:13-17 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:9-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 3:21-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:1-11 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:12-13 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:1-13 <input type="checkbox"/> John 1:19-34	<p>In these parallel accounts, the writers tell of the preaching of John and its results.</p> <p>Here is the record of the Lord's immersion in obedience to the command of the Father.</p> <p>He immediately confronts and defeats Satan by properly using the Bible to escape temptation (see I Corinthians 10:13; I John 2:15-17). As the transition from the ministry of John to that of Jesus continues, John gives further testimony about the "Lamb of God."</p>
Thursday 16 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1:35-51 <input type="checkbox"/> John 2:1-25 <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:1-36 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:12 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:14 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 3:19, 20 <input type="checkbox"/> John 4:1-4 <input type="checkbox"/> John 4:5-42	<p>Here, Jesus begins to gather His disciples. This chapter illustrates two things about the Lord. First, we learn of His power over time and nature in making the wine (obviously non-alcoholic, for if He made alcohol, He would have sinned according to Habakkuk 2:15,16). Second, we learn of His hatred of sin in the first cleansing of the temple.</p> <p>Here is the discussion with Nicodemus about the new birth, wherein Jesus clearly taught "there is water in the plan"—a person must be born of water before he can enter the kingdom (church; Matthew 16:18,19). We also read perhaps the most famous verse in the Bible (John 3:16), and the Lord's lesson about light and darkness.</p> <p>Now we read of the reasons for His journey to Galilee.</p> <p>On the way north to Galilee, Jesus went through Samaria and taught the woman at the well. This passage affirms one of the "I AM's" of Jesus: I am the Messiah.</p>
Friday 17 Oct	<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:14 <input type="checkbox"/> John 4:43-45 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:17 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:14-15 <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:15 <input type="checkbox"/> John 4:46-54 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:13-16 <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 4:18-22 <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 1:16-20	<p>Jesus arrives in Galilee.</p> <p>A summary of His teaching.</p> <p>Jesus heals the nobleman's son from a distance. He stops at Capernaum and fulfills prophecy. Four fishermen follow Jesus.</p>

- Luke 5:1-11
- Mark 1:21-28
- Luke 4:31-37
- Matthew 8:14-17
- Mark 1:29-34
- Luke 4:38-41
- Matthew 4:23-25
- Mark 1:35-39
- Luke 4:42-44

He casts a demon out of a man in a synagogue.

He heals the mother-in-law of Peter (thus proving that Peter was married and not qualified to be a "Pope").

Jesus preaches in Galilee.

Saturday
18 Oct

- Matthew 8:2-4
- Mark 1:40-45
- Luke 5:17-26
- Matthew 9:2-8
- Mark 2:1-12
- Luke 5:17-26
- Matthew 9:9
- Mark 2:13-14
- Luke 5:27-28
- John 5:1-47

Jesus heals a leper.

Jesus heals a paralyzed man.

Matthew (Levi) follows Jesus.

Jesus heals a man at the pool of Bethesda, and a controversy follows.

Sunday
19 Oct

- Matthew 12:1-8
- Mark 2:23-28
- Luke 6:1-5
- Matthew 12:9-14
- Mark 3:1-6
- Luke 6:6-11
- Matthew 12:15-21
- Mark 3:7-12
- Matthew 10:2-4
- Mark 3:13-19
- Luke 6:12-16

His disciples pick grain on the Sabbath and Jesus defends them.

A man with a withered hand is healed.

Multitudes are healed by the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus prays all night and selects twelve apostles.