

“THE BLUE SHEET”
Journey in the Word 2023
60th Edition: Jan 16-Apr 9
Epiphany – Lent - Easter

Welcome to the 60th edition of “The Blue Sheet Readings!” This edition will take us through the remainder of Epiphany, into the Lenten season, ending with Easter Sunday!

This edition is like previous editions in that on Sundays we follow the Revised Common Lectionary Year A. We will also follow the Revised Common Lectionary on particular days such as Presentation Day when Jesus was presented in the temple, Ash Wednesday when Lent begins, and the entire week of Holy Week. These are incredible readings, along with many believers around the world who will be reading them as well.

This edition will seem to move across both the Old Testament and New Testament. We will begin our journey with Ruth and it will be great for you to spend some time studying the context and content of this powerful book. You’ll have to dig somewhat to understand the concept of a “kinsman-redeemer.” (see [Ruth](#) as a great resource) We will then be digging through Paul’s powerful letter to the Roman believers – again pay attention to the context – the great city of Rome – and understand all that Paul was trying to explain regarding the gospel in this city “at the center of the world.” A great commentary resource in 2 volumes is [Romans](#) – follow the link to the Foundry Publishing Company.

From Romans we will journey through 2 short but powerful books – Jonah and Habakkuk. Again spend time in study - [Habakkuk](#) and [Jonah](#)

Then we will pick up Luke’s narrative, in chapter 11, where Jesus teaches His disciples about prayer and follow Luke up to the Holy Week passages. (Resource for volume 2 is [Luke Vol 2](#))

As always, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be read and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Thanks for being a part of this journey – pk!

JANUARY

Jan 16 – Ruth 1:1-22
Jan 17 – Ruth 2:1-23
Jan 18 – Ruth 3:1-18
Jan 19 – Ruth 4:1-12
Jan 20 – Ruth 4:13-22
Jan 21 – Romans 1:1-7
Jan 22 – Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Cor. 1:10-18; Matt. 4:12-23
Jan 23 – Romans 1:8-17
Jan 24 – Romans 1:18-32
Jan 25 – Romans 2:1-16
Jan 26 – Romans 2:17-3:20
Jan 27 – Romans 3:21-31
Jan 28 – Romans 4:1-25
Jan 29 – Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
1 Cor. 1:18-31; Matt. 5:1-12
Jan 30 – Romans 5:1-11
Jan 31 – Romans 5:12-21

FEBRUARY

Feb 1 – Romans 6:1-14
Feb 2 – **Presentation Day**
(Baby Jesus presented in the temple)
Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 84; Heb. 2:14-18
Luke 2:22-40
Feb 3 – Romans 6:15-22
Feb 4 – Romans 7:1-25
Feb 5 – Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;
1 Cor. 2:1-12; Matt. 5:13-20
Feb 6 – Romans 8:1-17
Feb 7 – Romans 8:18-39
Feb 8 – Romans 9:1-18
Feb 9 – Romans 9:19-29
Feb 10 – Romans 9:30-10:15
Feb 11 – Romans 10:16-11:10
Feb 12 – Deut. 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8
1 Cor. 3:1-9; Matt. 5:21-37
Feb 13 – Romans 11:11-36
Feb 14 – Romans 12:1-8
Feb 15 – Romans 12:9-21
Feb 16 – Romans 13:1-14
Feb 17 – Romans 14:1-12
Feb 18 – Romans 14:13-15:4
Feb 19 – Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;
2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9
Feb 20 – Romans 15:5-13
Feb 21 – Romans 15:14=22

Feb 22 – **LENT BEGINS**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17;
2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10; Matt. 6:1-6,16-21

Feb 23 – Romans 15:23-33

Feb 24 – Romans 16:1-16

Feb 25 – Romans 16:17-27

Feb 26 – Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Psalm 32;
Romans 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

Feb 27 – Jonah 1:1-17

Feb 28 – Jonah 2:1-10

MARCH

Mar 1 – Jonah 3:1-10

Mar 2 – Jonah 4:1-11

Mar 3 – Habakkuk 1:1-11

Mar 4 – Habakkuk 1:12-2:1

Mar 5 – Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121;
Romans 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17

Mar 6 – Habakkuk 2:2-20

Mar 7 – Habakkuk 3:1-19

Mar 8 – Luke 11:1-13

Mar 9 – Luke 11:14-28

Mar 10 – Luke 11:29-54

Mar 11 – Luke 12:1-13:9

Mar 12 – Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95;
Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Mar 13 – Luke 13:10-21

Mar 14 – Luke 13:22-35

Mar 15 – Luke 14:1-24

Mar 16 – Luke 14:25-35

Mar 17 – Luke 15:1-17:10

Mar 18 – Luke 17:11-19

Mar 19 – 1 Sam 16:1-13; Psalm 23;
Eph. 5:8-14; John 9:1-47

Mar 20 – Luke 17:20-18:34

Mar 21 – Luke 18:35-43

Mar 22 – Luke 19:1-27

Mar 23 – Luke 19:28-48

Mar 24 – Luke 20:1-19

Mar 25 – Luke 20:20-26

Mar 26 – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;
Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45

Mar 27 – Luke 20:27-40

Mar 28 – Luke 20:41-21:4

Mar 29 – Luke 21:5-28

Mar 30 – Luke 21:29-36

Mar 31 – Luke 21:37-38

APRIL

Apr 1 – Luke 22:1-6

HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Apr 2 – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Matt. 26:14-27:66

Apr 3 – Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 36:5-11;
Heb 9:11-15; John 12:1-11

Apr 4 – Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 71:1-14;
1 Cor. 1:18-31; John 12:20-36

Apr 5 – Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70;
Heb 12:1-3; John 13:21-32

Apr 6 – Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19;
1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Apr 7 – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22;
Heb 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Apr 8 – **DAY OF SILENCE**

Apr 9 – Jeremiah 31:1-6; Acts 10:34-43;
Ps. 118:1-2, 12-24; Col. 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Some Suggestions

- ~ Find a quiet place
- ~ Try to find a consistent time
- ~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as a companion to your readings
- ~ Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the date of that reading
- ~ Share at least one verse with at least one person during the week
- ~ If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date
- ~ Enjoy the journey
- ~ Whatever you do, don't give up!
- ~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

RACK PRINCIPLE

Stay in the Word – Read

Stand on the Word – Apply – journal/notes

Share from the Word – Confirm – others

Strength through the Word – Know God in a deeper way