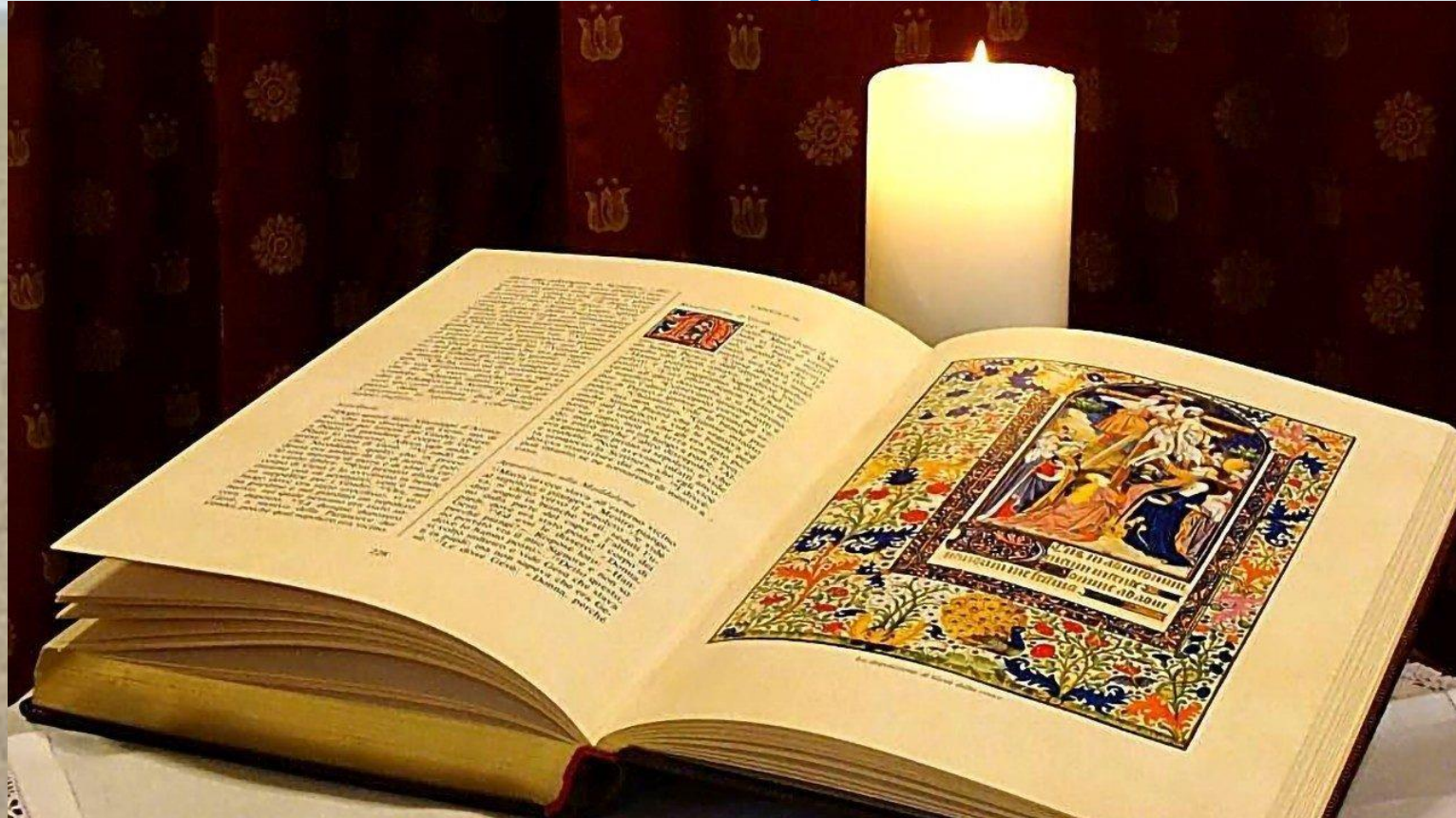


SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

- 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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WHAT IS A GOSPEL?

- The good news – story of Jesus
- Theology, not journalism



The gospels were written to be heard!

The majority of people in the time of the gospel writers and early Christians could not read and were dependent on hearing things read to them.

Even those that could read tended to read things aloud to themselves.

The gospels were intended to stimulate the ear as much as the eye.

** Pro tip - reading aloud also slows us down slightly; forcing us to give every word and phrase its due and so resist the temptation to skip over **what we think we already know**.

**Okay everyone, now listen carefully.
I don't want to end up with 4 different versions of this!**



THE LITURGICAL YEAR - A

- The lectionary is a set of readings used for the liturgy of the word during celebrations of the Eucharist.
- The church uses a 3-year cycle in its Sunday lectionary -

Year A - Gospel of Matthew

Year B - Gospel of Mark (some John is added)

Do you know why?????????

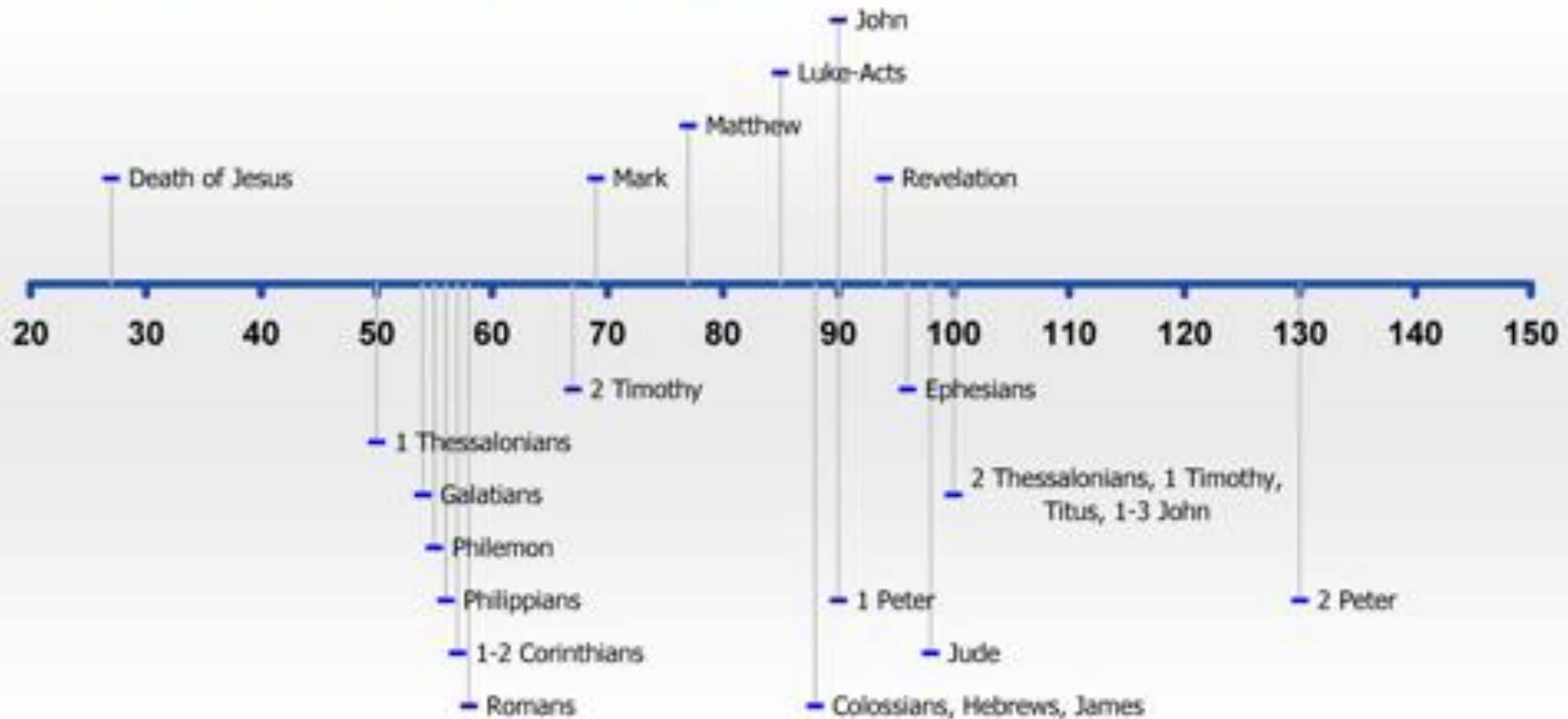
Year C - Gospel of Luke

An Overview of the Gospel Readings during Ordinary Time

Year A: mostly Matthew (2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2023, etc.)				Year B: mostly Mark (2012, 2015, 2018, 2021, 2024, etc.)				Year C: mostly Luke (2013, 2016, 2019, 2022, 2025, etc.)			
Week	2017	First Reading	Gospel Reading	Week	2018	First Reading	Gospel Reading	Week	2019	First Reading	Gospel Reading
[1A]	1/9	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Matt 3:13-17	[1B]	1/8	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Mark 1:7-11	[1C]	1/13	Isa 42:1-4, 6-7	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
2A	1/15	Isa 49:3, 5-6	John 1:29-34	2B	1/14	1Sam 3:3-10, 19	John 1:35-42	2C	1/20	Isa 62:1-5	John 2:1-12
3A	1/22	Isa 8:23—9:3	Matt 4:12-23 or shorter	3B	1/21	Jon 3:1-5, 10	Mark 1:14-20	3C	1/27	Neh 8:2-6, 8-10	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
4A	1/29	Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13	Matt 5:1-12	4B	1/28	Deut 18:15-20	Mark 1:21-28	4C	2/3	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19	Luke 4:21-30
5A	2/5	Isa 58:7-10	Matt 5:13-16	5B	2/4	Job 7:1-4, 6-7	Mark 1:29-39	5C	2/10	Isa 6:1-2, 3-8	Luke 5:1-11
6A	2/12	Sir 15:15-20	Matt 5:17-37 or shorter	6B	2/11	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46	Mark 1:40-45	6C	2/17	Jer 17:5-8	Luke 6:17, 20-26
7A	2/19	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18	Matt 5:38-48	7B	[Pent.]	Isa 43:18-25 (sel.)	Mark 2:1-12	7C	2/24	1Sam 26:2-23 (sel.)	Luke 6:27-38
8A	2/26	Isa 49:14-15	Matt 6:24-34	8B	[Trin.]	Hos 2:16-17, 21-22	Mark 2:18-22	8C	3/3	Sir 27:4-7	Luke 6:39-45
9A	[Pent.]	Deut 11:18, 26-28	Matt 7:21-27	9B	[Body]	Deut 5:12-15	Mark 2:23—3:6	9C	X	1Kgs 8:41-43	Luke 7:1-10
10A	[Trin.]	Hos 6:3-6	Matt 9:9-13	10B	6/10	Gen 3:9-15	Mark 3:20-35	10C	[Pent.]	1Kgs 17:17-24	Luke 7:11-17
11A	[Body]	Exod 19:2-6	Matt 9:36—10:8	11B	6/17	Ezek 17:22-24	Mark 4:26-34	11C	[Trin.]	2Sam 12:7-10, 13	Luke 7:36—8:3 or shorter
12A	6/25	Jer 20:10-13	Matt 10:26-33	12B	[6/24]	Job 38:1, 8-11	Mark 4:35-41	12C	[Body]	Zech 12:10-11	Luke 9:18-24
13A	7/2	2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16	Matt 10:37-42	13B	7/1	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24	Mark 5:21-43	13C	6/30	1Kgs 19:16, 19-21	Luke 9:51-62
14A	7/9	Zech 9:9-10	Matt 11:25-30	14B	7/8	Ezek 2:2-5	Mark 6:1-6	14C	7/7	Isa 66:10-14	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20
15A	7/16	Isa 55:10-11	Matt 13:1-23 or shorter	15B	7/15	Amos 7:12-15	Mark 6:7-13	15C	7/14	Deut 30:10-14	Luke 10:25-37
16A	7/23	Wis 12:13, 16-19	Matt 13:24-43 or shorter	16B	7/22	Jer 23:1-6	Mark 6:30-34	16C	7/21	Gen 18:1-10	Luke 10:38-42
17A	7/30	1Kgs 3:5, 7-12	Matt 13:44-52 or shorter	17B	7/29	2Kgs 4:42-44	John 6:1-15	17C	7/28	Gen 18:20-32	Luke 11:1-13
18A	[8/6]	Isa 55:1-3	Matt 14:13-21	18B	8/5	Exod 16:2-4, 12-15	John 6:24-35	18C	8/4	Ecccl 1:2, 2:21-23	Luke 12:13-21
19A	8/13	1Kgs 19:9, 11-13	Matt 14:22-33	19B	8/12	1Kgs 19:4-8	John 6:41-51	19C	8/11	Wis 18:6-9	Luke 12:32-48 or shorter
20A	8/20	Isa 56:1, 6-7	Matt 15:21-28	20B	8/19	Prov 9:1-6	John 6:51-58	20C	8/18	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10	Luke 12:49-53
21A	8/27	Isa 22:15, 19-23	Matt 16:13-20	21B	8/26	Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18	John 6:60-69	21C	8/25	Isa 66:18-21	Luke 13:22-30
22A	9/3	Jer 20:7-9	Matt 16:21-27	22B	9/2	Deut 4:1-2, 6-8	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	22C	9/1	Sir 3:17-29 (sel.)	Luke 14:1, 7-14
23A	9/10	Ezek 33:7-9	Matt 18:15-20	23B	9/9	Isa 35:4-7	Mark 7:31-37	23C	9/8	Wis 9:13-18	Luke 14:25-33
24A	9/17	Sir 27:30—28:7	Matt 18:21-35	24B	9/16	Isa 50:4-9	Mark 8:27-35	24C	9/15	Exod 32:7-11, 13-14	Luke 15:1-32 or shorter
25A	9/24	Isa 55:6-9	Matt 20:1-16	25B	9/23	Wis 2:12, 17-20	Mark 9:30-37	25C	9/22	Amos 8:4-7	Luke 16:1-13 or shorter
26A	10/1	Ezek 18:25-28	Matt 21:28-32	26B	9/30	Num 11:25-29	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48	26C	9/29	Amos 6:1, 4-7	Luke 16:19-31

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Compositon of the New Testament Books



- Individual stories remembered from stories circulated in the community.
- Some stories placing was obvious – birth, baptism before ministry...
- The stories, as told, came with little in the way of a time frame. For example, which stories occurred before the journey to Jerusalem, which ones on the road there, and which ones actually took place in Jerusalem?



Activity 1 –

1. In your group, put the stories from Matthew's gospel into the order that you would put them if you were writing an account of the life of Jesus.
2. Make sure you justify with each other why you put stories where you do.

ACTIVITY 2 –

1. Compare your order with Matthew's and discuss what you find:

- How close were you?
- Did you use some of the criteria that Matthew appears to have used?
- What have you noticed about how Matthew put his gospel together?

Matthew:

1. Plotted out the life events of Jesus first.
2. Gathered similar passages together into blocks or discourses of speeches.
3. The two passages from the activity – which name and send out the twelve disciples are from the block on the missionary activity of the disciples.

The story of Jesus is not affected by the fact that the Evangelists relate the words and deed of Jesus in a different order, and express his sayings not literally, but differently, while preserving their sense. ~
Instruction Concerning the Historical Truth of the Gospels
(1964)

ACTIVITY 3 -

Group 1 - All about Matthew (read through the information and share important facts on Matthew in some way)

Group 2 - Discourse One (instructions on sheet)

Group 3 - Discourse Three (instructions on sheet)



ALL ABOUT MATTHEW



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW - DISCOURSE ONE



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW - DISCOURSE TWO

Matthew chapter 10 - the missionary discourse

Disciples named in 1-:2-3

Jesus advises the disciples how
to travel, what they will come up
against etc...



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW - DISCOURSE THREE

*A parable is a story
that illustrates or delivers
a message.*



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW - DISCOURSE FOUR

Matthew chapter 18 - the discourse on the Church.

Some parables which also refer to the Kingdom of Heaven.

General theme is the anticipation of a future community of followers and the role the disciples have in leading the community.

Emphasises the importance of humility and self-sacrifice within this community - child-like humility, not social clout.



THE FIVE DISCOURSES OF MATTHEW - DISCOURSE FIVE

Matthew chapters 23-25 - the Olivet (given on the Mt of Olives) or end of times discourse

Mostly about judgement and the expected conduct of followers of Jesus.



THE CONCLUSION (26-28)

