

**Gospel Of Matthew
Bible Reading Plan
Week 17 Review**



We read through several passages of Scripture that centered around the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus. I know this week has been busy with Christmas gatherings and trying to put the house in order.... Perhaps you'll have that done by March. 😊 Let's review a bit of what we've read.

Luke 1:5–25

1. What was Zechariah doing in the temple when the angel appeared to him, and what news did the angel give?
2. How did Zechariah respond to the angel's message, and what consequence did he face for his response?
3. What does this story teach us about God's timing and answering prayer?

In the timing, think about the fact that it was Jewish tradition that a priest only serve in burning the incense once in his lifetime.

Luke 1:26–38

1. What was Mary's initial reaction to the angel Gabriel's greeting and message?
2. What promise did the angel make about the child Mary would bear, and how did the angel describe this child?
3. How does Mary's response to God's calling inspire your own trust in God when facing the unknown?

Luke 1:39–55

1. What happened when Mary greeted Elizabeth, and how did Elizabeth respond?
2. What does Mary's song (the "Magnificat") reveal about her understanding of God's character and promises?
3. How can you express gratitude and praise to God for His faithfulness in your own life?

Matthew 1:18–25

1. What dilemma did Joseph face when he learned Mary was pregnant, and how did God reassure him?
2. What names are given to the child, and what do they mean for us?
3. How does Joseph's obedience to God's message encourage you in situations that are difficult or misunderstood?

Luke 2:1–20

1. Why were Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, and where was Jesus placed after His birth?
2. Who first received the news of Jesus' birth, and what was their response to seeing Him?
3. In what ways can you "make known" the good news of Jesus this week?