

Greek Gospels in a Year

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The Gospels vary in length. Their number of chapters and verses, according to the NA28, is as follows:

Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
28 chapters 1069 verses	16 chapters 674 verses	24 chapters 1150 verses	21 chapters 879 verses
avg. 38 vv/ch	avg. 42 vv/ch	avg. 48 vv/ch	avg. 42 vv/ch

There are a total of 89 chapters (3772 verses) in all of the Greek Gospels.

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The Reading Plan

One could read 10.33 verses every day to complete the Gospels in a year. This plan, however, makes some adjustments.

First, as Luke has nearly twice as many verses as Mark, an even distribution of the Gospel chapters across the year would have one spend significantly more days in Luke and Matthew and fewer in John and Mark. Although it is a somewhat arbitrary arrangement, this plan instead gives each Gospel its own quarter of the year (three months) and divides the readings accordingly. This means there are more verses per day in Q1 (Matthew) and Q3 (Luke), with Q2 (Mark) having the fewest verses per day.

Second, readings are distributed across five days a week: Monday (M), Tuesday (Tu), Wednesday (W), Thursday (Th), and Friday (F). Weekends are left available for review, other reading, catch-up, or a break. Friday always ends with the last verse of a chapter.

Third, Greek Gospels in a Year adds an optional component of working through Rod Decker's *Reading Koine Greek* (Baker Academic, 2014) throughout the year. As Decker covers grammar, vocabulary, and offers plenty of practice in biblical texts, readers can appropriately consider it "[cross-training](#)" for improving Greek facility.

Finally, this reading plan suggests incorporation of two devotional practices: *lectio divina* and Scripture memory. More details, and suggested passages each week, are below.

Jan-Mar: Matthew

Wk 1: Jan 1-5, Matt 1-4

M: [Matt 1:1-17](#)
Tu: [Matt 1:18-2:12](#)
W: [Matt 2:13-3:10](#)
Th: [Matt 3:11-4:7](#)
F: [Matt 4:8-25](#)

Wk 2: Jan 8-12, Matt 5-6

M: [Matt 5:1-16](#)
Tu: [Matt 5:17-32](#)
W: [Matt 5:18-48](#)

Th: [Matt 6:1-17](#)
F: [Matt 6:18-34](#)

Wk 3: Jan 15-19, Matt 7-8

M: [Matt 7:1-14](#)
Tu: [Matt 7:15-29](#)
W: [Matt 8:1-13](#)
Th: [Matt 8:14-22](#)
F: [Matt 8:23-34](#)

Wk 4: Jan 22-26, Matt 9-10

M: [Matt 9:1-17](#)
Tu: [Matt 9:18-34](#)
W: [Matt 9:35-10:15](#)
Th: [Matt 10:16-33](#)

F: [Matt 10:34-42](#)

Wk 5: Jan 29-Feb 2, Matt 11-12

M: [Matt 11:1-15](#)
Tu: [Matt 11:16-30](#)
W: [Matt 12:1-14](#)
Th: [Matt 12:15-32](#)
F: [Matt 12:32-50](#)

Wk 6: Feb 5-9, Matt 13-14

M: [Matt 13:1-17](#)
Tu: [Matt 13:18-35](#)
W: [Matt 13:36-58](#)
Th: [Matt 14:1-21](#)
F: [Matt 14:22-36](#)

Wk 7: Feb 12-16, Matt 15-17

M: [Matt 15:1-20](#)
Tu: [Matt 15:21-39](#)
W: [Matt 16:1-20](#)
Th: [Matt 16:21-17:8](#)
F: [Matt 17:8-27](#)

Wk 8: Feb 19-23, Matt 18-19

M: [Matt 18:1-14](#)
Tu: [Matt 18:15-22](#)
W: [Matt 18:23-35](#)
Th: [Matt 19:1-15](#)
F: [Matt 19:16-30](#)

Wk 9: Feb 26-Mar 2, Matt 20-21

M: Matt 20:1-16
Tu: Matt 20:17-34
W: Matt 21:1-13
Th: Matt 21:14-32
F: Matt 21:33-46

Wk 10: Mar 5-9, Matt 22-23

M: Matt 22:1-14
Tu: Matt 22:15-33
W: Matt 22:34-46
Th: Matt 23:1-15
F: Matt 23:16-39

Wk 11: Mar 12-16, Matt 24-25

M: Matt 24:1-14
Tu: Matt 24:15-31
W: Matt 24:32-51
Th: Matt 25:1-30
F: Matt 25:31-46

Wk 12: Mar 19-23, Matt 26

M: Matt 26:1-16
Tu: Matt 26:17-35
W: Matt 26:36-46
Th: Matt 26:47-56
F: Matt 26:57-75

Wk 13: Mar 26-30, Matt 27-28

M: Matt 27:1-14
Tu: Matt 27:15-31
W: Matt 27:32-54
Th: Matt 27:55-28:10
F: Matt 28:11-20

**Apr-June:
Mark**

Wk 14: Apr 2-6, Mark 1

M: Mark 1:1-8
Tu: Mark 1:9-15
W: Mark 1:16-28
Th: Mark 1:29-38
F: Mark 1:39-45

Wk 15: Apr 9-13, Mark 2

M: Mark 2:1-5
Tu: Mark 2:6-12
W: Mark 2:13-17
Th: Mark 2:18-22
F: Mark 2:23-28

Wk 16: Apr 16-20, Mark 3-4

M: Mark 3:1-12
Tu: Mark 3:13-27
W: Mark 3:28-4:9
Th: Mark 4:10-25
F: Mark 4:26-41

Wk 17: Apr 23-27, Mark 5

M: Mark 5:1-13
Tu: Mark 5:14-20
W: Mark 5:21-24
Th: Mark 5:25-34
F: Mark 5:35-43

Wk 18: Apr 30-May 4, Mark 6

M: Mark 6:1-6
Tu: Mark 6:7-16
W: Mark 6:17-29
Th: Mark 6:30-44
F: Mark 6:45-56

Wk 19: May 7-11, Mark 7

M: Mark 7:1-8
Tu: Mark 7:9-13
W: Mark 7:14-23
Th: Mark 7:24-30
F: Mark 7:31-37

Wk 20: May 14-18, Mark 8-9

M: Mark 8:1-13
Tu: Mark 8:14-30
W: Mark 8:31-9:8
Th: Mark 9:9-27
F: Mark 9:28-50

Wk 21: May 21-25, Mark 10

M: Mark 10:1-9
Tu: Mark 10:10-22
W: Mark 10:23-31
Th: Mark 10:32-40
F: Mark 10:41-52

Wk 22: May 28-Jun 1, Mark 11

M: Mark 11:1-10
Tu: Mark 11:11-14
W: Mark 11:15-19
Th: Mark 11:20-25
F: Mark 11:27-33

Wk 23: Jun 4-8, Mark 12

M: Mark 12:1-11
Tu: Mark 12:12-17
W: Mark 12:18-27
Th: Mark 12:28-34
F: Mark 12:35-44

Wk 24: Jun 11-15, Mark 13

M: Mark 13:1-8

Tu: Mark 13:9-13
W: Mark 13:14-20
Th: Mark 13:21-27
F: Mark 13:28-37

Wk 25: Jun 18-22, Mark 14

M: Mark 14:1-11
Tu: Mark 14:12-21
W: Mark 14:22-42
Th: Mark 14:43-52
F: Mark 14:53-72

Wk 26: Jun 25-29, Mark 15-16

M: Mark 15:1-14
Tu: Mark 15:15-21
W: Mark 15:22-32
Th: Mark 15:33-47
F: Mark 16:1-20

**July-
September:
Luke**

Wk 27: Jul 2-6, Luke 1

M: Luke 1:1-20
Tu: Luke 1:21-38
W: Luke 1:39-56
Th: Luke 1:57-66
F: Luke 1:67-80

Wk 28: Jul 9-13, Luke 2-3

M: Luke 2:1-14
Tu: Luke 2:15-35
W: Luke 2:36-52
Th: Luke 3:1-20
F: Luke 3:21-38

**Wk 29: Jul 16-20,
Luke 4-5**

M: Luke 4:1-13
Tu: Luke 4:14-30
W: Luke 4:31-5:11
Th: Luke 5:12-26
F: Luke 5:27-39

**Wk 30: Jul 23-27,
Luke 6-7**

M: Luke 6:1-19
Tu: Luke 6:20-40
W: Luke 6:41-7:10
Th: Luke 7:11-30
F: Luke 7:31-50

**Wk 31: Jul 30-Aug
3, Luke 8**

M: Luke 8:1-10
Tu: Luke 8:11-21
W: Luke 8:22-33
Th: Luke 8:34-48
F: Luke 8:49-56

**Wk 32: Aug 6-10,
Luke 9**

M: Luke 9:1-11
Tu: Luke 9:12-22
W: Luke 9:23-36
Th: Luke 9:37-45
F: Luke 9:46-62

**Wk 33: Aug 13-17,
Luke 10-11**

M: Luke 10:1-20
Tu: Luke 10:21-37
W: Luke 10:38-11:4
Th: Luke 11:5-32
F: Luke 11:33-54

**Wk 34: Aug 20-24,
Luke 12-13**

M: Luke 12:1-21

Tu: Luke 12:22-40
W: Luke 12:41-59
Th: Luke 13:1-21
F: Luke 13:22-35

**Wk 35: Aug 27-31,
Luke 14-16**

M: Luke 14:1-15
Tu: Luke 14:16-35
W: Luke 15:1-31
Th: Luke 16:1-17
F: Luke 16:18-31

**Wk 36: Sep 3-7,
Luke 17-18**

M: Luke 17:1-19
Tu: Luke 17:20-37
W: Luke 18:1-17
Th: Luke 18:18-30
F: Luke 18:31-43

**Wk 37: Sep 10-14,
Luke 19-20**

M: Luke 19:1-10
Tu: Luke 19:11-28
W: Luke 19:29-47
Th: Luke 20:1-26
F: Luke 20:27-47

**Wk 38: Sep 17-21,
Luke 21-22**

M: Luke 21:1-24
Tu: Luke 21:25-38
W: Luke 22:1-27
Th: Luke 22:28-51
F: Luke 22:52-71

**Wk 39: Sep 24-28,
Luke 23-24**

M: Luke 23:1-23
Tu: Luke 23:24-49
W: Luke 23:50-24:12
Th: Luke 24:13-35
F: Luke 24:36-53

October- December: John

**Wk 40: Oct 1-5,
John 1**

M: John 1:1-13
Tu: John 1:14-23
W: John 1:24-34
Th: John 1:35-42
F: John 1:43-51

**Wk 41: Oct 8-12,
John 2-3**

M: John 2:1-12
Tu: John 2:13-25
W: John 3:1-15
Th: John 3:16-24
F: John 3:25-36

**Wk 42: Oct 15-19,
John 4-5**

M: John 4:1-26
Tu: John 4:27-42
W: John 4:43-54
Th: John 5:1-24
F: John 5:25-47

**Wk 43: Oct 22-26,
John 6**

M: John 6:1-15
Tu: John 6:16-29
W: John 6:30-51
Th: John 6:52-59
F: John 6:60-71

**Wk 44: Oct 29-
Nov 2, John 7**

M: John 7:1-9
Tu: John 7:10-24
W: John 7:25-36

Th: John 7:37-44
F: John 7:45-53

**Wk 45: Nov 5-9,
John 8**

M: John 8:1-11
Tu: John 8:12-20
W: John 8:21-36
Th: John 8:37-47
F: John 8:48-59

**Wk 46: Nov 12-16,
John 9**

M: John 9:1-7
Tu: John 9:8-17
W: John 9:18-23
Th: John 9:24-34
F: John 9:35-41

**Wk 47: Nov 19-23,
John 10-11**

M: John 10:1-21
Tu: John 10:22-39
W: John 10:40-11:16
Th: John 11:17-37
F: John 11:38-57

**Wk 48: Nov 26-30,
John 12**

M: John 12:1-11
Tu: John 12:12-19
W: John 12:20-26
Th: John 12:27-36
F: John 12:37-50

**Wk 49: Dec 3-7,
John 13**

M: John 13:1-11
Tu: John 13:12-17
W: John 13:18-20
Th: John 13:21-30
F: John 13:31-38

**Wk 50: Dec 10-14,
John 14-15**

M: John 14:1-11
Tu: John 14:12-24
W: John 14:25-15:8
Th: John 15:9-17
F: John 15:18-15:27

**Wk 51: Dec 17-21,
John 16-18**

M: John 16:1-18
Tu: John 16:19-17:5
W: John 17:6-25
Th: John 18:1-18
F: John 18:19-40

**Wk 52: Dec 24-28,
John 19-21**

M: John 19:1-22
Tu: John 19:23-42
W: John 20:1-18
Th: John 20:19-31
F: John 21:1-25

Decker's Reading Koine Greek

Below is a weekly schedule for working through Rod Decker's *Reading Koine Greek*. While reading through Matthew, the plan encourages review of Decker's Reference Charts ([Appendix A](#)). When Mark begins, the plan suggests a chapter of Decker per week.

Jan-Mar: Matthew

Wk 1: Jan 1-5, Matt 1-4

Appendix A, A.1.
[The Article](#)

Wk 2: Jan 8-12, Matt 5-6

Appendix A, A.2.
[Nouns](#); A.3 [First- and Second-Declension Notes](#)

Wk 3: Jan 15-19, Matt 7-8

Appendix A, A.4.
[Third-Declension Nouns](#)

Wk 4: Jan 22-26, Matt 9-10

Appendix A, A.5-A.13.
[Adjectives](#)

Wk 5: Jan 29-Feb 2, Matt 11-12

Appendix A, A.14-A.19.
[Pronouns](#)

Wk 6: Feb 5-9, Matt 13-14

Appendix A, A.20-A.21. [-omega Verbs](#)

Wk 7: Feb 12-16, Matt 15-17

Appendix A, A.22-A.23. [-omega Verbs \(cont'd\)](#)

Wk 8: Feb 19-23, Matt 18-19

Appendix A, A.24. [-omega Verbs \(cont'd\)](#)

Wk 9: Feb 26-Mar 2, Matt 20-21

Appendix A, A.25-A.27. [-omega Verbs \(cont'd\)](#)

Wk 10: Mar 5-9, Matt 22-23

Appendix A, A.28. [-omega Verbs \(cont'd\)](#)

Wk 11: Mar 12-16, Matt 24-25

Appendix A, A.29. [-eimi Verbs](#)

Wk 12: Mar 19-23, Matt 26

Appendix A, A.30-A.34. [-mi Verbs](#)

Wk 13: Mar 26-30, Matt 27-28

Appendix A, A.35. [-mi Verbs \(cont'd\)](#)

Apr-June: Mark

Wk 14: Apr 2-6, Mark 1

[Introduction](#): The Language of Koine Greek

Wk 15: Apr 9-13, Mark 2

[ch 1](#), Alphabet: Getting Started

Wk 16: Apr 16-20, Mark 3-4

[ch 2](#), Nouns: Part 1, Nominative and Accusative Cases

Wk 17: Apr 23-27, Mark 5

[ch 3](#), Nouns: Part 2, Genitive and Dative Cases

Wk 18: Apr 30- May 4, Mark 6

[ch 4](#), Pronouns: Part 1, Personal Pronouns

Wk 19: May 7-11, Mark 7

[ch 5](#) Verbs: Part 1, Verb Basics

Wk 20: May 14-18, Mark 8-9

[ch 6](#) Modifiers, Adjectives and Adverbs

Wk 21: May 21-25, Mark 10

[ch 7](#) Verbs: Part 2, Simple Aorist Verbs

Wk 22: May 28- Jun 1, Mark 11

[ch 8](#) Syntax: Part 1, Conjunctions

**Wk 23: Jun 4-8,
Mark 12**

ch 9 Syntax: Part
2, Prepositions

**Wk 24: Jun 11-15,
Mark 13**

ch 10 Pronouns:
Part 2, Other Types
of Pronouns

**Wk 25: Jun 18-22,
Mark 14**

ch 11 Third
Declension: Part 1,
Nouns

**Wk 26: Jun 25-29,
Mark 15-16**

ch 12 Third
Declension: Part 2,
Adjectives and
Pronouns

July- September: Luke

**Wk 27: Jul 2-6,
Luke 1**

ch 13 Verbs: Part
3, Verbal
Semantics

**Wk 28: Jul 9-13,
Luke 2-3**

ch 14 Verbs: Part
4, Present
(Imperfective)
Indicative Verbs

**Wk 29: Jul 16-20,
Luke 4-5**

ch 15 Verbs: Part
5, Passive Voice
and Middle-Only
Verbs

**Wk 30: Jul 23-27,
Luke 6-7**

ch 16 Verbs: Part
6, Imperfect
(Remote
Imperfective)
Indicative Verbs

**Wk 31: Jul 30-Aug
3, Luke 8**

ch 17 Verbs: Part
7, Aorist
(Perfective)
Indicative Verbs

**Wk 32: Aug 6-10,
Luke 9**

ch 18 Verbs: Part
8, Second Aorist
(Perfective)
Indicative Verbs

**Wk 33: Aug 13-17,
Luke 10-11**

ch 19 Verbs: Part
9, Future Indicative
Verbs

**Wk 34: Aug 20-24,
Luke 12-13**

ch 20 Verbs: Part
10, Perfect and
Pluperfect (Stative)
Indicative Verbs

**Wk 35: Aug 27-31,
Luke 14-16**

ch 21 Verbs: Part
11, Contract and
Liquid Verbs

**Wk 36: Sep 3-7,
Luke 17-18**

ch 22 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 1,
Infinitives

**Wk 37: Sep 10-14,
Luke 19-20**

ch 23 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 2,
Imperfective
Adverbial
Participles

**Wk 38: Sep 17-21,
Luke 21-22**

ch 24 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 3,
Perfective
Adverbial
Participles

**Wk 39: Sep 24-28,
Luke 23-24**

ch 25 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 4,
Adjectival
Participles

October- December: John

**Wk 40: Oct 1-5,
John 1**

ch 26 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 5,
Stative and Future
Participles

**Wk 41: Oct 8-12,
John 2-3**

ch 27 Non-finite
Verbs: Part 6,
Genitive Absolutes
and Periphrastics

**Wk 42: Oct 15-19,
John 4-5**

ch 28 Verbs: Part
12, Subjunctive-
Mood Verbs

**Wk 43: Oct 22-26,
John 6**

ch 29 Verbs: Part
13, Imperative-
and Optative-
Mood Verbs

**Wk 44: Oct 29-
Nov 2, John 7**

ch 30 Syntax: Part
3, Formal
Conditions

**Wk 45: Nov 5-9,
John 8**

ch 31 Syntax: Part
4, Informal
Conditions and
Discourse

**Wk 46: Nov 12-16,
John 9**

ch 32 *-mi* Verbs:
Part 1, Indicative
Mood

**Wk 47: Nov 19-23,
John 10-11**

ch 33 *-mi* Verbs:
Part 2, Non-
indicative Forms

**Wk 48: Nov 26-30,
John 12**

Appendix B:
Morphology
Catalog of
Common Koine
Verbs

**Wk 49: Dec 3-7,
John 13**

Appendix B:
Morphology
Catalog of
Common Koine
Verbs (*cont'd*)

**Wk 50: Dec 10-14,
John 14-15**

Appendix B:
Morphology
Catalog of

Common Koine
Verbs (*cont'd*)

**Wk 51: Dec 17-21,
John 16-18**

Appendix C:
Participle Chart;
Appendix D:
Vocatives: The
Fifth Case

**Wk 52: Dec 24-28,
John 19-21**

Epilogue

Devotional Practices

There are many ways to interact with the Bible devotionally. Two practices are especially beneficial when interacting with the Greek text: *lectio divina* and verse memorization.

Lectio Divina

For a short primer on the ancient spiritual practice, see [here](#) and [here](#). The key is for this prayerful way of interacting with Scripture to be less formulaic and more an approach that opens up a space for communion with God.

Each week below includes a single suggested passage for *lectio divina*, whether one chooses to engage with that text once, or repeatedly throughout the week. Certainly there are other passages within a week's reading that one could select! Shorter passages or groups of verses are a good idea for the practice.

Jan-Mar: Matthew

**Wk 1: Jan 1-5,
Matt 1-4**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 4:12-17](#)

**Wk 2: Jan 8-12,
Matt 5-6**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 5:3-10](#)

**Wk 3: Jan 15-19,
Matt 7-8**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 7:7-11](#)

**Wk 4: Jan 22-26,
Matt 9-10**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 9:10-13](#)

**Wk 5: Jan 29-Feb
2, Matt 11-12**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 12:15-21](#)

**Wk 6: Feb 5-9,
Matt 13-14**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 13:44-50](#)

**Wk 7: Feb 12-16,
Matt 15-17**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 16:13-16](#)

**Wk 8: Feb 19-23,
Matt 18-19**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 18:1-5](#)

**Wk 9: Feb 26-
Mar 2, Matt
20-21**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 20:17-19](#)

**Wk 10: Mar 5-9,
Matt 22-23**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 22:29-33](#)

**Wk 11: Mar
12-16, Matt 24-25**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 25:37-40](#)

**Wk 12: Mar
19-23, Matt 26**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 26:36-39](#)

**Wk 13: Mar
26-30, Matt 27-28**

Lectio Divina:
[Matt 28:16-20](#)

Apr-June: Mark

**Wk 14: Apr 2-6,
Mark 1**

Lectio Divina:
[Mark 1:1-3](#)

**Wk 15: Apr 9-13,
Mark 2**

Lectio Divina:
[Mark 2:23-28](#)

**Wk 16: Apr
16-20, Mark 3-4**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 3:31-35

**Wk 17: Apr
23-27, Mark 5**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 5:30-34

**Wk 18: Apr 30-
May 4, Mark 6**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 6:7-13

**Wk 19: May 7-11,
Mark 7**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 7:17-23

**Wk 20: May
14-18, Mark 8-9**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 9:33-37

**Wk 21: May
21-25, Mark 10**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 10:13-16

**Wk 22: May 28-
Jun 1, Mark 11**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 11:7-10

**Wk 23: Jun 4-8,
Mark 12**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 12:41-44

**Wk 24: Jun
11-15, Mark 13**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 13:9-13

**Wk 25: Jun
18-22, Mark 14**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 14:22-25

**Wk 26: Jun
25-29, Mark
15-16**

Lectio Divina:
Mark 16:1-8

**July-
September:
Luke**

**Wk 27: Jul 2-6,
Luke 1**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 1:46-55

**Wk 28: Jul 9-13,
Luke 2-3**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 2:8-14

**Wk 29: Jul 16-20,
Luke 4-5**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 4:16-21

**Wk 30: Jul 23-27,
Luke 6-7**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 6:27-31

**Wk 31: Jul 30-
Aug 3, Luke 8**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 8:16-18

**Wk 32: Aug 6-10,
Luke 9**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 9:23-27

**Wk 33: Aug
13-17, Luke
10-11**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 10:25-28

**Wk 34: Aug
20-24, Luke
12-13**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 12:22-26

**Wk 35: Aug
27-31, Luke
14-16**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 16:10-13

**Wk 36: Sep 3-7,
Luke 17-18**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 17:20-21

**Wk 37: Sep
10-14, Luke
19-20**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 19:8-10

**Wk 38: Sep
17-21, Luke
21-22**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 22:24-27

**Wk 39: Sep
24-28, Luke
23-24**

Lectio Divina:
Luke 24:4-9

**October-
December:
John**

**Wk 40: Oct 1-5,
John 1**

Lectio Divina:
John 1:1-5

**Wk 41: Oct 8-12,
John 2-3**

Lectio Divina:
John 3:14-17

**Wk 42: Oct
15-19, John 4-5**

Lectio Divina:
John 4:21-24

**Wk 43: Oct
22-26, John 6**

Lectio Divina:
John 6:35-40

**Wk 44: Oct 29-
Nov 2, John 7**

Lectio Divina:
John 7:37-39

**Wk 45: Nov 5-9,
John 8**

Lectio Divina:
John 8:34-38

**Wk 46: Nov
12-16, John 9**

Lectio Divina:
John 9:35-41

**Wk 47: Nov
19-23, John
10-11**

Lectio Divina:
John 10:11-18

**Wk 48: Nov
26-30, John 12**

Lectio Divina:
John 12:27-33

**Wk 49: Dec 3-7,
John 13**

Lectio Divina:
John 13:12-15

**Wk 50: Dec
10-14, John
14-15**

Lectio Divina:
John 14:1-7

**Wk 51: Dec
17-21, John
16-18**

Lectio Divina:
John 17:20-24

**Wk 52: Dec
24-28, John
19-21**

Lectio Divina:
John 20:25-31

Scripture Memory

Memorizing Greek verses solidifies the language (and the biblical message) in a way that even a slow, reflective reading does not. Consider committing at least one verse to memory each week--perhaps drawing from the suggested *lectio divina* passage that week, or from any other verse that stands out.

Here are **16 ways** to memorize Bible verses. These methods work for Bible memory in Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, English, Spanish, or any other language.

1. Read the verse(s) over and over until it solidifies in your memory.
2. Color code the text with highlights to enhance visual associations.
3. Create a sentence flow or diagram where you set apart subordinate clauses. This wouldn't have to be fancy, just a way to break up the text and see the relationships spread out.
4. Start by reading one word of a given verse, then two words, then three words, etc. So memorizing [John 3:16](#) would go like this: "For. For God. For God so. For God so loved. For God so loved the. For God so loved the world." And so on. Better yet, in

Greek: οὕτως. οὕτως γὰρ. οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν. οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ. οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς. Etc.

- 5.** Write it out! Whether you note structural relationships between components of sentences and paragraphs is optional. Writing slowly helps you to turn the words and phrases over more carefully, helping you to remember them better.
- 6.** Make flash cards. Write the verse reference on one side and the verse on the other. Or the verse reference and part of the verse on side A, with the remainder of the verse on side B.
- 7.** Listen to the text on audio, so you have another sense engaged.
- 8.** For that matter, record yourself reading the text, not straight through, but with repetitions on each verse. So you could record yourself reading [John 3:1-17](#) out loud, but reading verse 1 five times, then verse 2 five times, and so on.
- 9.** Find someone to whom you can attempt to quote the passage, asking them to stop you when you don't get it verbatim.
- 10.** Copy the single page you're working on, put it in a weatherproof, sealable bag, and tape it up somewhere in your house where you'll see it (bedroom, bathroom, kitchen).
- 11.** Write a song or really silly rap that helps you commit the verse to memory.
- 12.** Read the verse out loud, but backwards.
- 13.** Do the same as above, but writing it out.
- 14.** Give yourself some signposts—if you're memorizing a whole chapter, start by memorizing verse 1, then verse 6, then verse 10, etc. Then come back and fill in the rest.
- 15.** Brainstorm your own list of ways to memorize, keeping it handy for when you need to change it up.
- 16.** Consider memorizing in a group setting or congregational context. (See [here](#).)