

# Daily Bible Readings for January 2023

The readings for the month of January, 2023, are centered around Jesus' Baptism by John the Baptizer, in Matthew's gospel (3:13-17) and concludes with the well-known section called the Beatitudes in the 'sermon on the mount' in Matthew, chapter 5.

The two Sundays between the aforementioned texts presents John the Baptizer again as he gives testimony to his disciples and the people about Jesus, calling Jesus "the Lamb of God." To bring HOPE to the people Jesus begins calling his disciples. Continuing the work of gathering up his helpers/disciples, he continues calling more disciples. Finally, as part of this process, Jesus, with his new disciples following him, he goes up on the hill and has a worship service...preaching the first part of his sermon on the mount. The first 12 verses of chapter 5 of Matthew are a delight to read and consider as you reflect on your own walk with Jesus Christ.

Jan 1 Su *Holy Name of Jesus (Mary, Mother of God)*

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8  
Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11  
Luke 2:15-21

Jan 1 Su *New Year's Day*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

*Second Sunday after Christmas Day,  
January 2-5*

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12  
Psalm 147:12-20 or Wisdom 10:15-21  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Jan 2 M Psalm 20  
Genesis 12:1-7  
Hebrews 11:1-12

**Days around Epiphany**

Jan 3 Tu Psalm 72  
Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22

Jan 4 W Psalm 72  
Exodus 3:1-5  
Hebrews 11:23-31

Jan 5 Th Psalm 72  
Joshua 1:1-9  
Hebrews 11:32—12:2

Jan 6 F *Epiphany of the Lord*  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Jan 7 Sa Psalm 72  
1 Kings 10:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21

Jan 8 Su Psalm 72  
1 Kings 10:14-25  
Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

Jan 9 M Psalm 72  
Micah 5:2-9  
Luke 13:31-35

**Baptism of the Lord / Epiphany 1 [Lectionary/Ordinary 1]**

Jan 5 Th Psalm 29  
1 Samuel 3:1-9  
Acts 9:1-9

Jan 6 F Psalm 29  
1 Samuel 3:10—4:1a  
Acts 9:10-19a

Jan 7 Sa Psalm 29  
1 Samuel 7:3-17  
Acts 9:19b-31

**Jan 8 Su *Baptism of the Lord***  
**Isaiah 42:1-9**  
**Psalm 29**  
**Acts 10:34-43**  
**Matthew 3:13-17**

Jan 9 M Psalm 89:5-37  
Genesis 35:1-15  
Acts 10:44-48

Jan 10 Tu Psalm 89:5-37  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Acts 8:4-13

Jan 11 W Psalm 89:5-37  
Isaiah 51:1-16  
Matthew 12:15-21

**Epiphany 2**  
*[Lectionary/Ordinary 2]*

Jan 12 Th Psalm 40:1-11  
Isaiah 22:15-25  
Galatians 1:6-12

Jan 13 F Psalm 40:1-11  
Genesis 27:30-38  
Acts 1:1-5

Jan 14 Sa Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Kings 19:19-21  
Luke 5:1-11

**Jan 15 Su *Second Sunday after the Epiphany***  
**Isaiah 49:1-7**  
**Psalm 40:1-11**  
**1 Corinthians 1:1-9**  
**John 1:29-42**

Jan 16 M Psalm 40:6-17  
Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28  
Acts 8:26-40

Jan 17 Tu Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 53:1-12  
Hebrews 10:1-4

Jan 18 W Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 48:12-21  
Matthew 9:14-17

**Epiphany 3***[Lectionary/Ordinary 3]*

Jan 19 Th Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 1:1-20  
Galatians 1:11-24

Jan 20 F Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8  
Galatians 2:1-10

Jan 21 Sa Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 15:34—16:13  
Luke 5:27-32

Jan 22 **Su *Third Sunday after the Epiphany***  
**Isaiah 9:1-4**  
**Psalm 27:1, 4-9**  
**1 Corinthians 1:10-18**  
**Matthew 4:12-23**

Jan 23 M Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 6:11-24  
Ephesians 5:6-14

Jan 24 Tu Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 7:12-22  
Philippians 2:12-18

Jan 25 W Psalm 27:7-14  
Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13, 21-26  
Luke 1:67-79

**Epiphany 4 [Lectionary/Ordinary 4]**

Jan 26 Th Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 16:18-20  
1 Peter 3:8-12

Jan 27 F Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 24:17—25:4  
1 Timothy 5:17-24

Jan 28 Sa Psalm 15  
Micah 3:1-4  
John 13:31-35

Jan 29 **Su *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***  
**Micah 6:1-8**  
**Psalm 15**  
**1 Corinthians 1:18-31**  
**Matthew 5:1-12**

Jan 30 M Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Philemon 1-25

Jan 30 Tu Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 2:1-16  
James 5:1-6

Jan 31 W Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22  
Luke 6:17-26

\*The foundational premise of these daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday and festival lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings. The first citation listed in each daily set is the suggested psalm or other scriptural canticle, followed by the two suggested readings for the day. (Additional daily readings are not provided for Sundays and festivals.)

Consult *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings* (Augsburg Fortress, 2005) for a fuller explanation of the background and principles of this daily lectionary, together with brief reading descriptors and complete indexes.

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