

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 1 (January 4-8)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16

Historical Context

- 30 AD** Jesus is crucified in Jerusalem at the start of the Passover Festival. He rises from death and appears to hundreds of his followers. He is taken up to heaven from the Mount of Olives.
- 30 AD** The disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.
- 30 AD** Peter and John heal a crippled man in the Temple courts.
- 30 AD** Peter and John are arrested and appear before the Jewish council.
- c. 32 AD** The believers share their possessions. Joseph the Levite ('Barnabas') sells a field and donates the money to provide for poor believers. Ananias and Sapphira lie about the price obtained for a property.
- c. 32 AD** The apostles perform many miraculous signs and wonders. The believers meet regularly in Solomon's Porch on the edge of the outer court of the Temple.
- c. 33 AD** The apostles are arrested by the High Priest but are released during the night by an angel. They are brought before the Jewish council, flogged, and ordered not to preach about the resurrection of Jesus.

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<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	Acts 1	(:1) <i>Theophilus</i> = God (theo) + lover (philus) = "Lover of God."
Tues.	2	(:38) <i>Repent</i> = Turn around, think differently.
Wed.	3	(:12) <i>Godliness</i> = Reverence for all of life, including God.
Thur.	4	(:12) <i>Salvation</i> = Deliverance, preservation, rescue, save.
Fri.	5	(:31) <i>Forgiveness</i> = release, pardon, cancel, set free.