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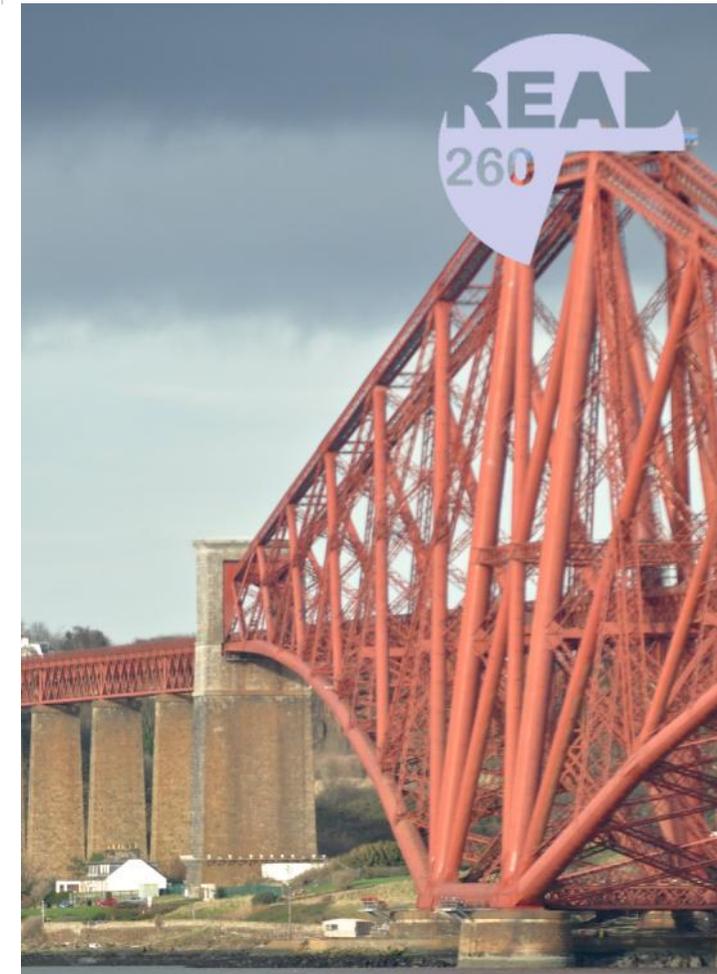
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**THE NEW TESTAMENT
IN ONE YEAR**

*March : Mark 16 -
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Did you know there are 260 chapters in the New Testament? Did you also know that there are 260 weekdays in a year? This seemed like an opportunity too good to miss, so here at Newcraigs we're reading the whole New Testament throughout 2014, from Matthew to Revelation.

How you take part is up to you; you might read a chapter each morning before you start the day or go to work, or read together with your family around the dinner table. You might meet up with a few friends, once a week, to read and discuss that week's chapters, or catch up online during your lunch break.

What really matters is that we're listening to God, as he speaks to us through his Word. We want this to be as flexible as it can be. We don't want to stress you out by giving you another thing you "have to do", or make you feel guilty if you miss a day, but we hope that you can carve out some time this year for READ260. The aim is simple; to listen to God, as we read his Word together, and let him transform us.



Picture: Fourth Rail Bridge

March brings us to the book of Luke, the final Synoptic Gospel (along with Matthew and Mark). As with the other Gospels, Luke gets its title from its author. Luke wasn't one of Jesus' first followers, but travelled with Paul and spent time learning from people who'd known Jesus during his earthly ministry (Colossians 4:14).

In the prologue to his Gospel Luke says how he has "carefully investigated everything from the beginning" and written "an orderly account" of all that Jesus has fulfilled. Although we can't be certain, it is most likely that Luke wrote his Gospel during the early 60s A.D.

The Gospel of Luke is really only the first part of a bigger story. In May we'll reach the sequel, Acts. Luke wrote both books and he addressed them both to the same Theophilus. To understand them best we should see them as a continuation of the same story, as Luke did. Jesus' work didn't finish as his earthly ministry ended; he continues to work through his church.

At the start of his book Luke tells us why he's writing; he wants Theophilus to "know the certainty of the things [he has] been taught" (Luke 1:4). Luke sets out a robust account of the life and work of Jesus, so that his readers are in no doubt about its truthfulness.

Throughout the Gospel we see God's great plan for salvation unfolding. This is one of the major themes of the book; the hope of the world, "good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10). But at the same time Luke

emphasises Jesus' care for individuals, particularly those sidelined by his society; women, children, the poor.

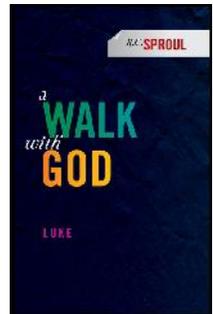
Helpful Resources



This month we recommend *'Opening up Luke's Gospel' by Gavin Childless. Part of the Day One series, this excellent little book will guide you through the message of Luke in easy stages and there is plenty to think (and talk) about in discussion points at the end of each chapter.

Maybe you would like to download this e-book— *'A Walk with God' by RC Sproul.

With an incisive mind and an ability to shine a clear light on his subject, R.C. Sproul's books have been widely read. With this book your heart will be stirred by arresting insights and your mind refreshed by helpful teaching.



Sproul divides Luke's account of the life of Jesus into devotional sections that help us to understand his profound impact and re-evaluate our response to it. The Study questions included will help you understand the Lord of the Universe who is also the friend of all who walk with him in faith.

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