

Red-Letter Sayings of Jesus in Canonical Gospel Order

This guide organizes the major red-letter sayings and teaching sections of Jesus through the four Gospels in biblical order. Exact red-letter formatting varies by Bible translation and publisher.

Gospel of Matthew

- Matthew 3:15 – Jesus speaks at His baptism
- Matthew 4:4–10 – Temptation in the wilderness
- Matthew 5–7 – Sermon on the Mount
- Matthew 8–10 – Healings, discipleship, commissioning of the Twelve
- Matthew 11–13 – Teachings, rebukes, and kingdom parables
- Matthew 14–18 – Teachings on faith, humility, and forgiveness
- Matthew 19–25 – Kingdom teachings, Olivet discourse, judgment parables
- Matthew 26–28 – Last Supper, Gethsemane, crucifixion, resurrection commission

Gospel of Mark

- Mark 1–2 – Early ministry and calling disciples
- Mark 3–4 – Kingdom parables and teaching
- Mark 5–7 – Healings and confrontations
- Mark 8–10 – Discipleship and predictions of His death
- Mark 11–13 – Temple teachings and Olivet discourse
- Mark 14–16 – Last Supper, crucifixion, resurrection

Gospel of Luke

- Luke 2:49 – Boy Jesus in the temple
- Luke 4–6 – Nazareth sermon and teachings
- Luke 7–9 – Miracles, discipleship, kingdom preaching
- Luke 10–15 – Parables including Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son
- Luke 16–21 – Teachings on stewardship, prayer, and end times
- Luke 22–24 – Last Supper, crucifixion, resurrection appearances

Gospel of John

- John 1:38–51 – Calling disciples
- John 2–4 – Temple cleansing, Nicodemus, Samaritan woman
- John 5–6 – Authority of the Son and Bread of Life discourse
- John 7–10 – Feast teachings and Good Shepherd discourse
- John 11–12 – Lazarus and final public teachings

- John 13–17 – Upper Room discourse and High Priestly Prayer
- John 18–21 – Trial, crucifixion, resurrection appearances

Seven Sayings from the Cross

1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." — Luke 23:34
2. "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." — Luke 23:43
3. "Woman, behold thy son!" — John 19:26–27
4. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" — Matthew 27:46 / Mark 15:34
5. "I thirst." — John 19:28
6. "It is finished." — John 19:30
7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." — Luke 23:46

For complete verbatim red-letter text, consult a red-letter edition of the Bible such as the KJV, NKJV, NASB, ESV, or NIV.