Part One: Introduction to the Son of Man (1:1-4:13)
1:5-56  B. The Events Preceding Christ’s Birth
1:57-2:38  C. The Events Concerning Christ’s Birth
2:39-53  D. The Events Concerning Christ’s Childhood
3:1-4:13  E. The Events Preceding Christ’s Presentation

Part Two: The Ministry of the Son of Man (4:14-9:50)
4:14-30  A. The Presentation of Christ
4:31-5:28  B. The Demonstration of Christ’s Powers
5:29-6:49  C. The Explanation of Christ’s Ministry
7:1-9:50  D. The Expansion of Christ’s Ministry

Part Three: The Rejection of the Son of Man (9:51-19:27)
9:51-11:54  A. The Increasing Opposition to Christ

Part Four: The Crucifixion & Resurrection of the Son of Man (19:28-24:53)
19:28-23:56  A. The Last Week of Christ
24:1-53  B. The Victory of Christ

Inductive Study Approach
To facilitate “hearing” God’s Word as you study, the Inductive Study Approach employs three basic, sequential techniques:
- Observation
- Interpretation
- Application

Observation
Teaches you to see what the passage says and is the basis for accurate interpretation & correct application. Observation answers the question, “What does the passage say?”

Step 1: Begin with Prayer
Step 2: Ask the “5 W’s & an H”
- Who is speaking? Who is this about? Who are the main characters? To whom are they speaking?
- What is the subject or event covered in the chapter? What do you learn about the people, event or teaching?
- When do/will the events occur or do/will something happen to someone in particular?
- Where did or will this happen? Where was it said? Does the location have a relevant past or future mention elsewhere in Scripture?
- Why is something being said or mentioned? Why would/will this happen? Why at that time/to this person/in that place?
- How will it happen? How is it illustrated?

Step 3: Mark Keywords & Phrases
Step 4: Look for Lists
Step 5: Watch for Contrasts & Comparisons
Step 6: Note Expressions of Time
(Don’t forget “until”, “then”, “when”, etc.)
Step 7: Identify Terms of Conclusion
(“wherefore”, “finally”, “for this reason”, “therefore”, “so”, etc.)
Step 8: Develop Chapter Themes
Ignore the ones printed in your Bible and instead write in the margin the theme YOU see, centering on the main person, event, teaching or subject of Scripture. (Sometimes themes span chapters.)

Interpretation
Answers the question, “What does the passage mean?”

Follow these basic rules:
1. Remember that context always rules first.
2. Always seek the full counsel of the Word of God. (Compare and contrast similar passages.)
3. Remember that Scripture will never contradict Scripture.
4. Don’t base your convictions on an obscure passage of Scripture.
5. Interpret Scripture literally.
6. Allegories and typology are used to illustrate & confirm, never the basis to replace and/or create.
7. The NT has priority.

Application
Answers the question, “What does it mean to me personally? What truths can I put into practice? What changes should I make to my life?”

“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”
2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)