

# Bible Survey: New Testament

## Introduction:

### I. Why this course?

- You use the Scriptures daily
- Framework to understand larger story
- Foundational for future courses
- Gives you Resources

### II. New Testament in the Bible's Grand Narrative

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\*\*\*\* What is true \_\_\_\_\_ (what we believe)

Required \_\_\_\_\_ (how we live)

Mandated \_\_\_\_\_ (what we live for/do)

*"already" brought into God's kingdom by the work of Christ, but "not yet" enjoying the full benefits of God's redemptive program.*" (Moo, NIV Study)

## Intertestamental Period

*Silent period:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Years*

### I. Key developments in the \_\_\_\_\_

- Increased preoccupation with the Law
- Earliest developments of oral law
- Concept of synagogue
- Use of Aramaic language

### II. The Influence of \_\_\_\_\_

- Spread of Greek culture
- Septuagint
- Jewish Apocrypha
- Antiochus IV "Epiphanes"

### III. Maccabean Revolt and \_\_\_\_\_

- Ideals of revolution increasingly corrupted
- Emergence of Pharisees vs. Sadducees
- Key results:
  - a. Conservative backlash & hatred of foreigner
  - b. Messianic fervor but largely for political king

### IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ (63 BCE – 70 CE)

- Tolerance of other religions
- Pax Romana (Roman “peace”)
- Roads and Communications
- Unification

## First Century

### I. Non-Christian Religious Options

- \_\_\_\_\_ world: *Philosophies, Imperial cults, Mythology, Mystery religions and Magic, Gnosticism*
- Options in \_\_\_\_\_: *Pharisees, Sadducees, Zealots, Essenes, people of the land*

### II. Trends in Judaism in Jesus’ Day

- Three “Badges of National Righteousness” –
- Three Symbols of National Identity –
- The Theological Framework: Covenantal Nomism
- The Common Narrative and the Problem

### III. Solutions to the Problem of Exile

- \_\_\_\_\_ “Let’s Separate”
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Let’s Accommodate”
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Let’s Fight” – *Remember the Maccabees!*
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Let’s Isolate”
- \_\_\_\_\_ “Who Cares?”
- \_\_\_\_\_ “I Am – I am the one who brings exile to the end”

### IV. Socioeconomic Reality

# New Testament Overview

## I. Canon of the New Testament

- Gospels:
- Acts
- Letters of Paul
- Hebrews
- General (Catholic) Epistles
- Revelation

## II. The Gospel and the 4 Gospels

- The word “gospel” = \_\_\_\_\_
- The “gospel” as the proclaimed - \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor 15:1-5) (Mt 4:23)
- The 4 Gospels as a literary genre
- Main source of information about the life of Jesus

## III. Slide: Synoptic Gospels and John

1. Why Matthew, Mark and Luke so alike sometimes? \_\_\_\_\_ GOSPELS
2. How come John is so different?
3. **Example: Jesus walks on water:** Mat 14:22; Mar 45:52; John 6:16-24

# Gospel of Mark

## I. OVERVIEW

- Author:
- Date:
- Audience
- Purpose:
- Jesus:
- The \_\_\_\_\_ IS CENTRAL
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## II. Outline

- Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_

## III. MAIN TITLES AND THEMES

- Jesus is the “suffering servant” (Mk 10:45)
- Titles: Son of Man (Dan 7:13-14)
- Son of God
- Christ

- “The Kingdom of God is near”
- The “Messianic secret”
- Disciples cast at times in negative light
- Fast paced: Jesus as a man of action

## **Gospel of MATTHEW**

### **I. OVERVIEW**

- Author:
- Date:
- Audience
- Purpose:
- Jesus:

### **II. Outline: 5 MAIN SERMONS OF JESUS**

<b>Chpt 5-7</b>	<b>Chpt 10</b>	<b>Chpt 13</b>	<b>Chpt 18</b>	<b>Chpt 24-25</b>

### **III. MAIN TITLES AND THEMES**

- Jesus is the Son of David (King)
- Son of God and Lord
- To the Jew first, then the Gentile
- Discipleship and the Church
- Presence of Jesus
- Kingdom of Heaven
- Jesus is the great teacher and rabbi

## **Gospel of Luke**

### **I. OVERVIEW**

- Author:
- Date:
- Audience
- Purpose:
- Jesus:

II. **Outline of Luke and Acts**

The Birth of Jesus in Context of World History and Roman Rule
Jesus in _____
Jesus in _____
Jesus in _____ <i>Resurrection and Ascension</i>
Church in _____,
Church in _____
Church in _____
The preaching of the gospel by Paul extends as far as _____

III. **MAIN TITLES AND THEMES**

- Humanity of Jesus
- Savior
- Prophet
- Prayer
- Stewardship of Material Possessions
- The Holy Spirit

**Gospel of John**

I. **OVERVIEW**

- Author:
- Date:
- Audience
- Purpose:
- Jesus:

II. **Outline**

**7 Signs & 7 Discourses /Passion/Resurrection**

III. **MAIN TITLES AND THEMES**

- Christology
- Eternal Life
- Death/Resurrection as Glorification
- The Holy Spirit as Paraclete
- The “Signs” and the “I Am” statements: What are they?

## **Bible Survey: New Testament** Friday and Saturday

### Life of Christ

- Birth and childhood
- Early ministry in Galilee (obscurity)
- Gospel of John visits to Jerusalem
- Later Galilean ministry (popularity)
- Later Judean and Perea ministry (rejection)
- Passion, resurrection and ascension

### Great Commissions

- Matt 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15
- Luke 22:44-49
- John 20:21-23
- Acts 1:4-9

Proclaim the gospel in word, deed and through our life together in Christ until Christ establishes his reign in the new heavens and new earth.

### Contemporary Application of the Gospels

- Mark – The cost of discipleship includes suffering
- Matthew – Jesus as ethical teacher in light of unethical world
- Luke – compassion for outcasts in light of socio-economic disparities
- John – highest Christology in light of today's pluralism

God's Big Story: God's long-awaited Messiah has come!

### Acts of the Apostles

- Author: Luke, Gentile physician & companion of Paul.
- Date: 60s AD (likely around 62 AD)
- Audience: "Theophilus"; mainly Gentile believers, some who are wealthy
- Purpose: To give a theological history of the origins and growth of the early church to bear witness to the good news of Jesus beginning in Jerusalem and reaching to the heart of the Roman Empire.
- Main Characters: Peter (1-12) & Paul (13-28); Key Verse: 1:8
  
- Acts 2: Pentecost – Birth of the Church
- Acts 3-6: More preaching and the church continues to grow
- Acts 7: Stephen and Phillip – Evangelism by Hellenistic Jews
- Acts 8: Ministry of Phillip Gentiles.
- Acts 9: Paul's conversion: from persecutor to promoter
- Acts 10: Conversion of Cornelius
- Acts 15: Council of Jerusalem

### Paul's Missionary Journeys (Acts 13-28)

- First missionary journey (Acts 13-14) AD 48-49
- Second missionary journey (15:22-18:22) AD 50-52
- Third missionary journey (18:23-21:8) AD 53-57
- Captive journey (Acts 21:27-26) AD 58-62
- Tradition: Paul released and eventually imprisoned again

## Paul's Missionary Strategy - What patterns do we see in Paul's missionary journeys?

### The Epistles in God's Story (Fee and Stuart, pp. 315-6)

- Salvation of God's people
- The empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Situational writings (not doctrinal treatises)
- Tension of the "already and not yet: (Eschatological)
- Christian ethics – how to live as God's redeemed people

### The Typical Greco-Roman Letter

### Introduction to the life of Paul

### Paul's Letters to Churches

- Galatians – Freedom in Christ
- I & II Thessalonians: Be ready! Christ is coming soon, but not that soon
  - I Thessalonians – Christ is coming soon
  - II Thessalonians – But not that soon
- 1 Corinthians – Spiritual Immaturity
- 2 Corinthians – Paul defends his apostleship
  - 2 Corinthians 8-9 on Stewardship
    - Sacrificial (8:1-4)
    - Holistic (8:5-7)
    - Promise-Keeping (8:8-11)
    - Proportional/Graduated (8:12-15)
    - Protected/Accountable (8:16-9:5)
    - Rewarded: Materially and/or Spiritually (9:6-15)
- Romans – The Gospel: The Righteousness of God

### Paul's letters to churches written from prison (60-62 CE)

- Ephesians - Building up the Church
- Colossians – Preeminence of Christ
- Philemon – From slave to brother
- Philippians – "To live is Christ"

### Letters to Leaders – Pastoral Epistles

- Titus – Evangelistic Conduct
- I Timothy – Leadership Manual
- II Timothy – Pass it on

#### Hebrews and the General Epistles

- James – “Faith without works is dead”
- Hebrews – Jesus is Superior
- 1 Peter – Perseverance Despite Persecution
- 2 Peter: “Where is the promise of his coming?”
- Jude: “Contend for the faith”
- Letters of John – Fellowship without False Teaching  
Vital Signs: The Tests of Life (1 John 3:23-24)

1. Keeping \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_
3. Believing \_\_\_\_\_

#### Revelation and the Final Chapter of the God’s Story: Jesus wins!

##### Outline (John’s Perspective)

- Past (Ch 1)
- Present (Chs. 2-5)
- Future (Chs. 6-22)

##### Approach – Preterist/Futurist

##### Slide: Three Views of the Rapture

- Pre-tribulation
- Mid-tribulation
- Post-tribulation

##### Slide: Three Views of the Millennium

- Premillennialism
- Amillennialism:
- Postmillennialism

#### New Heavens and New Earth Comparison of Gen 1-3 & Rev 20-22

The story continues!

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus!