

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

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

**** 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

Chpt 5-7	Chpt 10	Chpt 13	Chpt 18	Chpt 24-25

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?