

A Survey of the New Testament – Part 1 NT Introduction and The Gospels

Recommended Reading:

“A Popular Survey of the New Testament” – Norman Geisler

“New Testament Survey” – Robert Gromacki

“Exploring the New Testament Book by Book” – John Phillips

“A Survey of the New Testament” – Robert Gundry

A Very (Ridiculously) Brief Introduction to the NT

1. Comparing the Testaments

	Old Testament	New Testament
Christ		
Penned		
Authors		
Books		

2. Layout of the NT Books

History	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts
Paul’s Letters to Churches	Romans, 1 & 2 Cor, Gal, Eph, Phil, Col, 1 & 2 Thess.
Paul’s Letters to Individuals	1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
Letters by Others	Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1 2 & 3 John, Jude
Prophecy	Revelation

3. Christ in the Old and New

- A. Law – The _____ for Christ
- B. History – The _____ for Christ
- C. Poetry – The _____ for Christ

- D. Prophecy – The _____ of Christ
- E. Gospels – The _____ of Christ
- F. Acts – The _____ of Christ
- G. Epistles – _____ of Christ and _____
- H. Revelation – The _____ in Christ

The Gospels

1. Matthew

A. Author

- Not internally stated but consistently ascribed to _____
- The Apostle Matthew (aka. Levi) – former _____

B. Date – As Early as _____

C. Focus

- Written to _____ Audience
- Jesus, the Messiah, Fulfills _____
- Links the _____ to the _____
- Jesus is the Messiah, _____
- Key Verse: _____

D. Distinct Content

- 1) _____ of Jesus
 - Explanation to Joseph
 - Visit of the Magi
 - Flight to Egypt and killing of the infants by Herod
- 2) _____
 - Wheat and Tares
 - The Hidden Treasure
 - Merchant and the Pearl

- The Unmerciful Servant
- The Wise and Foolish Virgins
- The Talents
- The Sheep and the Goats

3) _____

- Healing of 2 Blind Men
- The Mute Demoniac
- The Coin in the Fish's Mouth

4) _____

- Peter walks on water
- Church built on the "Rock"
- When a brother sins against you
- Pilate washes his hands
- The Great Commission

E. Simple Outline

- 1) The _____ of Christ (1:1 – 4:11)
- 2) The _____ of Christ (4:12 – 16:20)
- 3) The _____ of Christ (16:21 – 28:20)

2. Mark

A. Author

- Early, Strong, and Consistently ascribed to _____, AKA _____
- Not an Apostle but served with both _____ and _____

B. Date

- Much disagreement! Anywhere from _____

C. Focus

- Written to _____ Audience

- Jesus's _____ vs. His _____
- Quickly Paced – Immediately, used _____
- Jesus is the _____
- To Present Christ to _____
- Key Verse: _____

D. Distinct Content

- 1) _____ of Jesus
 - No Genealogy Given
- 2) _____
 - Seed Growing Secretly
- 3) _____
 - Healing of Deaf and Mute
 - Healing of Blindman of Bethsaida
- 4) _____
 - Bartimaeus Named
 - Jesus's Family says that He is "Out of His Mind"
 - Centurion Saying, "This was the Son of God"
 - No reference to Samaritans
 - Mark Explains Jewish Customs

E. Simple Outline

- 1) The _____ of Christ (1)
- 2) The _____ of Christ (2-10)
- 3) The _____ of Christ (11-15)
- 4) The _____ of Christ (16)

3. Luke

A. Author

- Early and consistently ascribed to _____

- Not an Apostle but served with _____

B. Date

- Most likely during Paul's imprisonment at Caesarea, _____

C. Focus

- To Compile a _____, to provide an "orderly account" (1:1,3)
- To Edify and Strengthen, not necessarily for _____ (1:4)
- Written to _____ = "Loved of God" or "Friend of God"
- Written to _____
- Jesus is the _____
- To Present Christ as _____
- Key Verse: _____

D. Distinct Content

1) _____ of Jesus...And _____

- Narrative of John's Birth
- Genealogy back to Adam
- The manger and shepherds at Christ birth
- Jesus presented at the Temple (8 days old)
- 12 yr. old Christ at the Temple

2) _____

- The two Debtors
- The Good Samaritan
- The Rich Fool and His Barns
- The Prodigal Son
- The Rich Man and Lazarus
- The Pharisee and Tax Collector

3) _____

- Let down Your Nets

- Healing of 10 Lepers
- Raising of the Widow's Son

4) _____

- Luke highlights people – ex. Zacharias, Elizabeth, Zacchaeus
- Luke Elevates and Honors Women – referenced 43x's
- Luke highlights the prayer life of Jesus
- Luke mentions Angels more than the rest – 23x's
- Luke highlights the empowering ministry of the Holy Spirit

E. Simple Outline

- 1) The _____ of Christ (1:1 – 4:13)
- 2) The _____ of Christ (4:14 – 9:50)
- 3) The _____ of Christ (9:51 – 23:56)
- 4) The _____ of Christ (24)

4. John

A. Author

- Early, Strong, and consistently ascribed to _____
- One of the Twelve, an Apostle

B. Date

- Most likely between _____

C. Focus

- Written to _____
- To Present Jesus as _____
- To lead people to _____ in Jesus Christ – 100 x's
- His gospel is both _____ and _____
- The _____ of Jesus
- _____ through Christ

- Key Verse: _____

D. Distinct Content

- 1) _____ of Jesus
 - Vaguely mentioned (1:14)
 - No Genealogy given
 - He is Eternally Existent (1:1-3)
- 2) _____ – None...Instead, 7 “I Am” Statements
 - I am the bread of life
 - I am the light of the world
 - I am the door for the sheep
 - I am the Good Shepherd
 - I am the Resurrection and the Life
 - I am the way, the truth, and the life
 - I am the true vine
- 3) _____
 - Water to Wine
 - Healing of Official’s son
 - Healing of paralyzed man
 - Feeding of 5,000
 - Walking on water
 - Healing of man born blind
 - Raising of Lazarus
- 4) _____
 - John highlights many private conversations of Jesus
 - John highlights different contrast such as light and dark
 - John highlights more details on the last days of Jesus
 - John gives the only record of Jesus’s early Judean Ministry (2-4)
 - The last Gospel to be written and one of the last NT books written

E. Simple Outline

- 1) The _____ of Christ (1)
- 2) The _____ of Christ (1-12)
- 3) Jesus _____ the Disciples (13-17)
- 4) _____ is Accomplished (18-20)
- 5) The _____ of Peter (21)