

New Testament Survey (NT1)

Gospel of John & Acts of the Apostles

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The Four Gospels

Three Synoptic Gospels

- Matthew – Presents Jesus as **King of Israel**, the Christ, greater than Moses.
- Mark – Presents Jesus as **Suffering Servant of the Lord**; probably the earliest Gospel.
- Luke – Presents Jesus as the **Son of Man**, the perfect man, providing salvation for all humanity.

John – Presents Jesus as the divine, eternal **Son of God** who came to earth in human form. The most theological and symbolic of the Gospels.

The Gospel of John

- Author: trad. John the Apostle
- Date: c. AD 65 - 85
- Theme: The most theological and most clearly evangelistic of the Gospels, emphatically presenting Jesus as God's divine Son and our Savior.
- Purpose: To give both historical and theological support for the divinity of Jesus & salvation thru Him.
- Outline:
 - *Incarnation of the Son of God (1:1-18)
 - *Presentation of Son of God (1:19-4:54)
 - *Opposition to the Son of God (5:1-12:20)
 - *Preparation of the Disciples (13:1-17:26)
 - *Crucifixion & Resurrection (18:1-21:25)

Gospel of John – Key Verses

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁶ There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:1-14

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:30-31 ⁵

Outline of the Gospel of John

1. Prologue (1:1-18)

2. The Book of Signs (1:19-12:50)

A. Jesus & the Baptist

B. Jesus & the Jewish Institutions

C. Jesus & Jewish Festivals

F. Foreshadowing Jesus' Death/Resurrection

3. The Book of Glory (13-20)

A. The Passover Meal

B. The Farewell Discourse

C. Suffering & Death of Jesus

D. The Resurrection

4. Epilogue (21)

The Acts of the Apostles

- **Author:** trad. Luke, companion of Paul
- **Date:** c. AD 63
- **Theme:** Written by a Gentile, Acts tells the story of the Early Church and its growth, especially through the work of the Holy Spirit & the ministries of Peter and Paul.
- **Purpose:** To show the Old Testament promises of God are fulfilled, and that Jesus was and is the Messiah, as shown in the miraculous way God blesses and expands the Church.
- **Outline:** ***Witness in Jerusalem (1:1-8:4)**
***Witness in Judea & Samaria (8:5-12:25)**
***Witness to Ends of the Earth (13:1- 28:31)**

The Acts of the Apostles – Key Verses

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him... ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear... ³⁶ "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ."

Acts 2:22-24, 32-33, 36

The Acts of the Apostles – Key Verses

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

³⁸ Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Outline of the Book of Acts

I. The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1-8:4)

A. The Power of the Church (1:1-2:47)

1. Prologue to Acts (1:1,2)
2. Appearance of the Resurrected Christ (1:3-8)
3. Ascension of Christ (1:9-11)
4. Anticipation of the Spirit (1:12-14)
5. Appointment of Matthias (1:15-26)
6. Filling With the Holy Spirit (2:1-4)
7. Speaking With Other Tongues (2:5-13)
8. Peter Explains Pentecost (2:14-41)
9. Practices of the Early Church (2:42-47)

Outline of the Book of Acts

I. The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1-8:4)

B. The Progress of the Church (3:1-8:4)

1. Peter Heals the Lame Man (3:1-11)
2. Peter's Second Sermon (3:12-26)
3. Peter and John Are Arrested (4:1-4)
4. Peter Preaches to the Sanhedrin (4:5-12)
5. Sanhedrin Commands Peter Not to Preach (4:13-22)
6. Apostles' Prayer for Boldness (4:23-31)
7. Early Church Voluntarily Shares (4:32-37)
8. Ananias and Sapphira Lie (5:1-11)
9. Apostles Mighty Miracles (5:12-16)
10. Apostles' Persecution (5:17-42)
11. Deacons Are Appointed (6:1-8)
12. Stephen is Martyred (6:9-7:60)
13. Saul Persecutes the Church (8:1-4)

Outline of the Book of Acts

II. The Witness in Judea and Samaria (8:5-12:25)

A. The Witness of Philip (8:5-40)

B. The Conversion of Saul (9:1-31)

1. Saul is Converted and Blinded (9:1-9)

2. Saul is Filled with the Spirit (9:10-19)

3. Saul Preaches at Damascus (9:20-22)

4. Saul Witnesses in Jerusalem (9:23-31)

C. The Witness of Peter (9:32-11:18)

D. The Witness of the Early Church (11:19-12:25)

1. The Witness of the Antioch Church (11:19-30)

2. The Persecution of Herod (12:1-25)

Outline of the Book of Acts

III. The Witness to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)

A. Paul's 1st Missionary Journey (13:1-14:28)

1. Barnabas and Paul Sent from Antioch (13:1-3)
2. Ministry at Cyprus (13:4-13)
3. Ministry at Antioch (13:14-50)
4. Ministry at Iconium (13:51-14:5)
5. Ministry at Lystra (14:6-20)
6. Ministry on the Return Trip (14:21-25)
7. Report on the 1st Journey (14:26-28)

B. The Jerusalem Council (15:1-35)

C. The 2nd Missionary Journey (15:36-18:22)

1. Contention Over John Mark (15:36-41)
2. Derbe and Lystra (16:1-5)
3. Troas: Macedonian Call (16:6-10)
4. Philippi: Extensive Ministry (16:11-40)
5. Thessalonica (17:1-9)
6. Berea: Many Receive the Word (17:10-15)
7. Athens (17:16-34)
8. Corinth (18:1-17)
9. Return Trip to Antioch (18:18-22)

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III. The Witness to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)

D. Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey (18:23-21:16)

1. Galatia and Phrygia (18:23)
2. Ephesus: Three Years of Ministry (18:24-19:41)
3. Macedonia (20:1-5)
4. Troas: Eutychus Falls from Loft (20:6-12)
5. Miletus: Paul Bids Farewell (20:13-38)
6. Tyre: Paul is Warned (21:1-6)
7. Caesarea: Agabus Prediction (21:7-16)

E. The Trip to Rome (21:17-28:31)

1. Paul Witness in Jerusalem (21:17-23:33)
2. Paul Witnesses in Caesarea (23:34-26:32)
3. Paul Witnesses in Rome (27:1-28:31)