

How to Study the Bible

Session 5: New Testament

1. Gospels: The “Good News”
 - a. Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke
 - i. “Seen together” or “seen side-by-side”
 - ii. The Synoptic problem and “Q”
 - b. Gospel of John
 - c. Compare accounts of Jesus’s baptism:
 - i. Mark 1:9-11**
 - ii. Luke 3:21-22**
 - iii. Matthew 3:13-17**
 - iv. John 1:29-34**
2. Acts of the Apostles
 - a. Second volume of Luke’s Gospel
 - b. Jesus’s life recapitulated in Peter, Paul, and the entire Church
 - c. Acts 9:36-42**

3. Epistles of Paul

- a. Undisputed epistles: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Philemon, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Romans
- b. Deutero-Pauline epistles: 2 Thessalonians., Colossians, Ephesians, Titus, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy
- c. Protestant/Catholic debates about salvation
- d. Preoccupation with the love of Christ
- e. Romans 8:31-39**

4. Other Writings

- a. Hebrews (author unknown)
- b. Catholic (general) epistles: James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude

5. Revelation (Apocalypse)

- a. Revered prophet receives visions from heavenly being
- b. Dualism (cosmic, historic, ethical)
- c. Eschatological visions
- d. Code words and symbols
- e. Revelation 17:1-18**