

What Vatican II Really Said about the Bible:
Studying the Word of God from the Heart of the Church
5 | New Testament

1. Gospels: The “Good News”

- a. History of Jesus’s life and ministry
- b. Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke
 - i. “Seen together” or “seen side-by-side”
 - ii. The Synoptic problem and “Q”
- c. Gospel of John
- d. 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. Letters intended for reading aloud to the community
- b. Undisputed epistles: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Philemon, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Romans

- c. Deutero-Pauline epistles: 2 Thessalonians., Colossians, Ephesians, Titus, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy
 - d. Protestant/Catholic debates about salvation
 - e. Preoccupation with the love of Christ
 - f. Romans 8:31-39**
4. Other Epistles
- 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**
6. Reading for Next Week
- a. Isaiah 5:1-7
 - b. Song of Songs 4:1-16