

The Core and More New Testament Exam

GUIDANCE: The following is intended to be a CLOSED BOOK test. Do not refer to your Bible (not even its table of contents!) notes, the Internet, friends, or any other resources. An answer key will be distributed at Mission Central and on our web site beginning February 24.

Because the test is lengthy, you might find it helpful to work on it over several days.

PART I: Identification

Mark each of the items in the left column with the letter of its corresponding description in the right column.

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| ___ Antioch | A. A blind beggar |
| ___ Agrippa | B. Asked Jesus how a person could be born again |
| ___ Ananias | C. Author of many of the New Testament letters |
| ___ Armageddon | D. Beheaded by Herod |
| ___ Athens | E. Believer who took in Saul after he was blinded by his Damascus road experience |
| ___ Barnabas | F. City where Jesus was born |
| ___ Bartimaeus | G. Collected the body of Jesus after the crucifixion |
| ___ Bethlehem | H. First church where believers were called "Christians" |
| ___ Elizabeth | I. Killed himself after having betrayed Jesus |
| ___ Galilee | J. King who heard Paul's defense in his trial at the end of Acts |
| ___ John the Baptist | K. Location of the final battle between forces of good and evil in the book of Revelation |
| ___ Joseph of Arimathea | L. Parted company with Paul over whether John Mark should join their apostolic journey |
| ___ Judas | M. Region in Israel where the resurrected Jesus met his disciples |
| ___ Laodicea | N. Relative of Mary the mother of Jesus |
| ___ Martha | O. Rendered unable to speak until the birth of his son after he doubted that his wife could become pregnant. |
| ___ Nero | P. Roman emperor possibly identified by the three digit number "666" in Revelation |
| ___ Nicodemus | Q. Sister of Lazarus and Mary |
| ___ Onesimus | R. Slave about whom Paul wrote to Philemon |
| ___ Patmos | S. Stoned to death in Acts 7 after making passionate defense of his faith |
| ___ Paul | T. The church in the opening chapters of Revelation that is described as "luke warm" |
| ___ Peter | U. Walked on water toward Jesus before sinking in fear |
| ___ Pilate | V. Washed his hands of the crucifixion punishment the crowd had demanded for Jesus |
| ___ Stephen | W. Where John wrote the book of Revelation |
| ___ Timothy | X. Where Paul witnessed religions of many varieties, and debated philosophers and skeptics |
| ___ Zechariah | Y. Young pastor to whom Paul was a mentor |

PART II: Short Answer

1. Name the four Gospels. Circle the one which was likely written first.
2. We spoke at great length about the fact that three of the four Gospels are called the “**synoptic**” Gospels. Which three Gospels are those, and why are they called the synoptics?
3. The principal focus of Jesus’ preaching and teaching in the synoptic gospels is the _____.
4. What’s the main difference between a “letter” and an “epistle”?
5. In more than one NT book we read about a conflict over circumcision. What was the core disagreement about? Those who taught incorrectly about circumcision were frequently called what? *[HINT: The answer is one of the recurring themes we discovered in the New Testament.]*
6. The book of Revelation is a classic of example of “**apocalyptic**” literature. List two or three characteristics of such literature.
7. We encountered many references to “gentiles.” Who were the gentiles?
8. Again and again in the NT we saw evidence that following Jesus is more than just believing in him. What was the other component of following him that we discovered multiple times?
9. Which two Gospels contain a story about Jesus’ birth?
10. In his letter to the Romans, Paul argues that we are made right with God by Jesus’ death on the cross. Summarize his basic point of view.
11. What’s a miracle?
12. We encountered more than one troubling NT passage regarding women and their role/place in the family or the church. Give a couple of examples of the troubling sentiments we ran into (*no need to cite specific Bible books, chapters, or verses*).

13. In the Old Testament, the central event is the exodus out of Egypt. What is the central event in the New Testament?
14. Jesus had recurring conflicts with the religious leaders of his day - Pharisees, Sadducees, and others. The leaders were envious of Jesus' popularity and critical of his claims to be God's son. List one or two of Jesus' principal criticisms of the leaders.
15. **Spiritual gifts:**
- To whom are they given?
 - What are they for?
 - Name three of the many gifts identified in the New Testament

PART III: Name That Book

Identify the New Testament book described by each of the following statements.

1. Begins with "In the beginning was the Word, and the word was with God, and the word was God."
2. Refers to the high priest Melchizedek
3. Paul spends an entire chapter defining love
4. The shortest of the four Gospels
5. Paul declares that nothing in death or life can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
6. Contains the famous verse, "Faith without works is dead"
7. Book that divides into two distinct sections: First two-thirds are deeply and complexly theological; final one-third focuses instead on very practical matters of living a Christian life.
8. Recounts Peter's vision of a sheet from heaven covered with animals he thought were unclean.

PART IV: The Last Questions

1. At least one of the following persons was NOT one of Jesus' twelve disciples. Which one(s)?
 - a. Matthew
 - b. James
 - c. Andrew
 - d. Luke
 - e. Thaddaeus
 - f. Paul

2. The book of Acts reports the formation and actions of the very early church. Which one of the following statements most accurately describes that earliest church community?

- a) Believers met in the temple on the first day of the week during which time they took offerings to support the church.
- b) Believers met daily in the temple and met needs by sharing everything they had in common.
- c) Believers met primarily in each others' homes and collected special offerings when needed.

3. Put the following twelve events of Jesus' life in proper sequence as reported in the Gospels:

- ___ Baptism
- ___ Birth
- ___ Calling first disciples
- ___ Crucifixion
- ___ Entry into Jerusalem on a donkey
- ___ First preaching
- ___ Healing the man born blind
- ___ Last supper
- ___ Raising Lazarus
- ___ Resurrection
- ___ Sermon on the Mount
- ___ Temptation in the wilderness

Part V. These Two Matter, but Don't Count

[For these last two questions you MAY refer to your Bible or notes. Just DON'T CHANGE ANY OF YOUR PREVIOUS ANSWERS because of what you find when you do so!]

1. Name up to three New Testament books you enjoyed the most during our study.

2. Which New Testament book was your least favorite during our study?
