

# New Testament Overview

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## Matthew – John

(Jn 20:30-31)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
  - a. Greeting...
2. Starting a new series of lessons, "New Testament Overview."
  - a. We finished up the Old Testament overview and have moved into the New Testament.
3. Matthew through John are known as the four gospel accounts.
  - a. Many mistakenly call them the four gospels but there is only one gospel not four.
4. Let us dive in and examine these scriptures.

### I. Matthew

#### A. History

1. Name means gift of the Lord.
  - i. Surname was Levi – **Mk 2:14**
2. Matthew was a tax collector.
  - i. Tax collectors were despised.
3. Matthew was written to the Hebrew people.
  - i. This is seen by the numerous references to the Old Law.
  - ii. This is also seen in the “kingdom” references.
    - a. Kingdom of heaven – 33
    - b. Kingdom of God – 5
    - c. Kingdom in various ways – 18

#### B. Outline

1. **(1-4:11)** The King’s credentials
2. **(4:12-14:12)** The King’s Galilean ministry
3. **(14:13-17:21)** The King’s trans-Galilean ministry
4. **(17:22-18:35)** The King’s return to Galilee
5. **(19-20)** The King’s Judean/Perean ministry
6. **(21-27)** The King’s final week on earth/His death
7. **(28)** The King’s conquest over death/Resurrection

#### C. Lessons Learned

1. Jesus is Lord & King
  - a. **Rv 15:3** "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!"<sup>1</sup>
  - b. **Rv 17:14** "These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful."

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the NKJV unless otherwise noted.

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2. If Jesus is King then there is a kingdom
  - a. **Mt 16:18-19** "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
  - b. **Rv 1:9** "I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ."
  - c. **Co 1:13** "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love"

## II. Mark

### A. History

1. John Mark was the cousin of Barnabas – **Co 4:10**
  - i. Son of Mary – **Ac 12:12**
2. John went with Paul on his first missionary journey but deserted and left Paul dissatisfied with him.
  - i. Later he got Paul's trust back – **Pi 24**
3. The Gospel according to Mark was written to the Romans.
  - i. Notice how each Jewish custom is given careful explanation.
4. Mark writes more on what Jesus did than what He said.
  - i. He wanted to show Jesus the servant.

### B. Outline

1. **(1-10)** The daily service of the Servant
2. **(11-16)** The ultimate sacrifice of the Servant

### C. Lessons Learned

1. We are to be servants
  - i. **Mk 10:45** "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."
  - ii. Wouldn't it be great to be called a loyal servant of God.
    - a. **Lk 16:13** "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

## III. Luke

### A. History

1. Neither an apostle or a Jew Luke was a doctor – Co 4:14
2. Luke seems to almost always be with Paul working and evangelizing.
3. The book of Luke was written as a two part treatise with Acts to Theophilus (all Gentiles).
  - i. Luke is a history of Christianity.
  - ii. Luke emphasizes Jesus' humanity giving hope to mankind.

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- a. Son of “Man” – 24
4. Luke’s medical background can be seen through out the book.
- B. Outline
  1. **(1:1-4)** Purpose for writing
  2. **(1:5-4:13)** Jesus’ forerunner, birth, baptism, temptation
  3. **(4:14-9:50)** Public ministry
  4. **(9:51-24:53)** Death & rejection during His final days
- C. Lessons Learned
  1. If Jesus can make it we can make it
    - i. Jesus should be our inspiration.
      - a. **He 2:17-18** "Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted."
      - b. **He 5:8-9** "though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. 9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him"
      - c. **He 12:2** "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

## IV. John

- A. History
  1. John was the apostle whom Jesus loved.
    - i. John & James (brother) were called the “sons of thunder.”
    - ii. Son of Zebedee
  2. John’s life work was done in Ephesus before being banished to the island of Patmos – **Rv 1:9**
  3. Four other books are attributed to John.
    - i. I, II, III John & Revelation
  4. John differs from the other gospel accounts in that he records no parables.
    - i. John was writing to refute Gnosticism.
    - ii. Thus he showed Christ’s physical nature yet still God.
      - a. Christ’s hunger, thirst, being tired.
      - b. Christ’s miracles,
  5. John also gives us numerous person interview with Jesus and his disciples.

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1. (1:1-18) The Prologue
  2. (1:19-4) The Period of Consideration
  3. (5-6) The Period of Controversy
  4. (7-11:53) The Period of Conflict
  5. (11:54-12:36a) The Period of Crisis
  6. (12:36b-17:26) The Period of Conference
  7. (18-20) Period of Consummation
  8. (21) Epilogue
- C. Lessons Learned
1. We must believe in Jesus
    - i. **Jn 20:30-31** "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."
    - ii. There is too much evidence to not believe in Him.

## CONCLUSION

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