

NEW TESTAMENT “WALK THROUGH” & OVERVIEW¹

INTRODUCTION:

- 400 “*Silent Years*”
- *Walkthrough Map:*
Israel – **Towns:** Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Caesarea; **Regions:** Perea, Samaria, Galilee, Judea,
Roman Empire – **Towns:** Perga, Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Rome; **Regions/Places:** Egypt, Cyprus, Galatia, Macedonia, and Patmos.

I. THE GOSPELS – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John Summary/format:

<u>Author</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Apostle or follower of</u>	<u>Written to</u>	<u>Presenting Christ as</u>
A. MATTHEW (<i>Levi</i>)	<i>Tax collector</i>	Apostle	Jews	<i>King (i.e. Messiah)</i>
B. MARK (<i>John Mark</i>)	<i>Young man</i>	follower of Peter	Romans	<i>Servant</i>
C. LUKE.	<i>Physician</i>	follower of Paul	Greeks/Gentiles	<i>Perfect Man</i>
D. JOHN.	<i>Beloved disciple</i>	Apostle	The whole world	<i>Son of God</i>

Synoptic Gospels: *Matthew, Mark & Luke*

E. THE GOSPEL STORY – I Corinthians 15: 3-4

1. CHRIST’S LIFE – Mt. 1-4, Mk. 1, Luke 1-4 & Jn. 1

- Bethlehem: His *birth*
- Jerusalem: His *dedication* – **He was poor, cf. some of today’s televangelists & preachers**
- Bethlehem: His *visitors*
- Egypt: His *protection*
- Nazareth: His *home*
- Jerusalem@12: His *wisdom*
- Perea at 30: His *baptism* – **Why baptized? How He was identified as Messiah** (Jn. 1:31-34)
- Wilderness: His *temptation* – **The Word of God is our key to victory over sin** – Mt. 4:1-10
- Perea: His *disciples*

2. CHRIST’S MINISTRY:

- Early GALILEAN ministry – John 2 Wedding at Cana (the 1st miracle)
- Early JUDEAN ministry – John 2-4 cf. Mt. 3-4
 - (1) Cleansing of the temple (**Anger is not necessarily sin! Also, how can we ignore evil?**) – John 2
 - (2) Discourse with Nicodemus – John 3
 - (3) Woman at the well-Samaria – Jn. 4 (**The Gospel is for everyone & there is no partiality with God!**)

¹ This outline and the “Walk Through” format I learned around 1975-76 from a friend, Rev. Mike Charles. At the time he was serving on the campus of Ohio State University as director of a collegiate ministry called the “Forever Generation,” a Christian organization active then across America. Mike later became the pastor of Portersville Bible Church, Portersville, Pennsylvania. I also extracted much of the Acts material from a class syllabus by Dr. Stewart Custer, professor emeritus of Bible, Bob Jones University & pastor emeritus of Trinity Bible Church, Greer, SC. In addition, I’ve added much supplementary information over the years e.g. dates, names, events, applications, etc. The book “A Harmony of the Gospels” by Robert L. Thomas & Stanley Gundry proved invaluable in that regard.–Mike Edwards. (originally compiled 1975-76, Madison, Ohio, revised March 2006 & Jan., 2013, St. Vincent, West Indies & Jan., 2015 & Sept. 2018, Madison, Ohio).

- c. **Later GALILEAN ministry** – Luke 4-9 cf. Mt. 5-18 & Mk. 1-6. Most of His ministry spent here)
- (1) **Miracles** – Performed to authenticate & demonstrate who He was- e.g. Isa. 35:5-6; 61:1-2; etc.
 - (2) **Parables** – Matt. 13; etc., cf. Ps. 78:2

d. **Later JUDEAN ministry** – Luke 9-13; Jn. 7-10 cf. Mt. 12-17

- (1) **10 lepers cleansed** (as He passes through Samaria)
- (2) **Blind man healed**
- (3) **Sending out of “the 70”**

e. **Later PEREAN ministry** – Luke 13-18 cf. Mt. 19-20; Mk. 10 & Jn. 11

3. **CHRIST’S DEATH** (*The Final Week*) – Mt. 21-28; Mk. 11-16; Lk. 19-24 & John 11-21

- a. Triumphal entry
- b. Cleansing of the temple (cf. Ps. 69:9)
- c. Passover/Lord’s Supper – *Christ is our redemption & delivers us, not from Egypt but from sin!*
- d. Prayer in Gethsemane
- e. Betrayal (cf. Ps. 41:9)
- f. Arrest
- g. Trials
- h. Scourging (cf. Isa. 53)
- i. Crucifixion (cf. Ps. 22)
- j. Death
- k. Burial
- l. Resurrection (*This is the keystone of Christianity & what separates Christ from all others!*)
- m. Ascension (Acts 1:9-11)

II. **HISTORY** – The “ACTS” *of the risen Christ, through the Apostles, by the Holy Spirit!*

A. **KEY VERSE:** Acts 1:8

B. **KEY PERSONS:** Peter (1-12) & Paul (13-28)

C. **GENERAL OUTLINE** – Acts 1:8

- 1- Witnesses in Jerusalem – Acts 1-7
- 2- Witnesses in Judea and Samaria – Acts 8-12
- 3- Witnesses to the Uttermost Parts of the Earth – Acts 13-28

D. **DETAILED OUTLINE:**

The witness in JERUSALEM – 1-7

- 1- Commission & Ascension; Matthias chosen (*There are no apostles today or they’d be 2000 years old!*)
- 2- Pentecost; Peter’s 1st sermon (*NT preaching was fearless, pointed, & held people responsible for their actions—consequently it wasn’t always welcome or popular*)
- 3- Lame man healed; Peter’s 2nd sermon
- 4- Peter & John before the Sanhedrin
- 5- Ananias & Sapphira; the Apostles imprisoned (“*We ought to obey God rather than men*”)
- 6- The “Deacons” – (*The main priorities in pastoral ministry are the Word, prayer, & shepherding. Help your pastor by doing other tasks so that he can keep “first things first”*)
- 7- Stephen’s sermon and martyrdom (*Sometimes conviction leads not to conversion, but to anger & rebellion*)

The witness in JUDAEA & SAMARIA – 8-12

- 8- Philip, Simon the sorcerer, & the Ethiopian eunuch (***Baptism is by immersion, & comes after believing—so infant baptism is out!*** Also, ***God cares about one as much as 100!***)
- 9- Paul converted; Peter heals Aeneas & raises Dorcas
- 10- Peter & Cornelius (***There is no partiality with God & God rewards earnest seekers***-cf. Jer. 29:13; Heb. 11:6; Matt. 7:7-8; etc.)
- 11- Peter defends Cornelius' conversion; the Church at Antioch
- 12- Arrest & deliverance of Peter; Death of Herod Agrippa I (***We're responsible to do what we can ourselves, and we need to trust God for what we can't do!*** Also: ***James is killed & Peter delivered. Why? Answer: God's sovereign will. Don't ask God "Why?" [Dt. 29:29]. Instead ask Him "What?"*** e.g. ***"What are you trying to teach me? What am I supposed to learn & What am I supposed to manifest through this?"***)

The witness unto THE UTTERMOST PART OF THE WORLD – 13-28

- 13- 1st Missionary Journey: Paul & Barnabas (all journeys begin at Antioch)
 - a. Cyprus: Elymas the sorcerer; Paul takes over the leadership – (***This is true discipleship!***)
 - b. Perga: John Mark quits – (***Failure is not final!*** cf. II Tim. 4:11)
 - c. Antioch of Pisidia: Paul's sermon; "***Then we will go to the Gentiles***"
- 14- Iconium, Lystra (Paul stoned cf. II Cor. 12:1-10), Derbe, & return to Antioch via same route (***Galatians possibly written at this time***)
- 15- The Jerusalem Council; 2nd Missionary Journey begins – Paul & Silas and Barnabas & Mark (***This council refutes the idea of Peter as the 1st pope & also that the Sabbath is for today***)
- 16- Derbe, Lystra (***Timothy-What we think are failures God may use to accomplish great things!***), Iconium, Galatia; Troas: Macedonian call-Philippi – (***"Need" does not necessarily constitute a "call!"***-Ryrie, *The Acts of the Apostles*)
- 17- Thessalonica, Berea – (***Evaluate everything by the Word of God***), Athens (Mars Hill) (app: ***In evangelism, try to find some common ground with unbelievers when you witness***)
- 18- Corinth (*I & II Thessalonians* written); Ephesus (*Apollos*); 3rd Missionary Journey begins
- 19- Derbe, Lystra, Iconium, Galatia, Ephesus (***burned the occult books***), Diana of the Ephesians – (***The Gospel & Scripture trumps culture & tradition!***)
(*I & II Corinthians* written at Ephesus)
- 20- Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Corinth & back; Troas; address to the Ephesian elders – (***Guard the sheep because wolves will come***)
(*Romans* written at Corinth)
Galatians written at Corinth, if not at end of the 1st journey
- 21- Trip to Jerusalem (Philip's house); Paul seized in the Temple
- 22- Paul's *defense to the Jewish multitude*
- 23- Paul's *defense to the Sanhedrin; The assassins; Caesarea*
- 24- Paul's *defense to Felix*
- 25- Paul's *defense to Porcius Festus*; the Appeal to Caesar – (***It's ok to use our rights as citizens to protect ourselves &/or further God's work!***)
- 26- Paul's *hearing before Herod Agrippa II* ("***To be almost persuaded is to be almost saved, but to be almost saved is to be completely lost***"-Brundage)
- 27- Final Missionary Journey: The voyage to Rome: Sidon, Fair Havens-Crete, Melita (Malta)
- 28- Events on Melita – (***A believer is indestructible until his work on earth is done!***); Paul at Rome: (Prison epistles written: *Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians & Philemon*)

Epilogue: Paul was apparently released from prison then subsequently arrested again, probably during the reign of Nero, and beheaded—a “*privilege*” reserved only for Roman citizens. (*I & II Timothy & Titus* written, prior to his death).

III. **PAULINE EPISTLES** (theme/content)

- A. **Romans:** *Doctrine*
- B. **I Corinthians:** *Church problems*
- C. **II Corinthians:** *Defense of the gospel & of Paul’s apostleship*
- D. **Galatians:** *Law vs. Grace – (We’re saved by grace, not works!)*
- E. **Ephesians:** *The Church: the Body of Christ*
- F. **Philippians:** *Personal exhortations; Rejoicing in their faith*
- G. **Colossians:** *The Church: Christ the Head of the Body – (Christ is God, equal with God the Father)*
- H. **I Thessalonians:** *The 2nd Coming*
- I. **II Thessalonians:** *Apostasy in the end times* (Note: **All** “second” books carry this theme)
- J. **I Timothy:** *Pastoral instruction*
- K. **II Timothy:** *Apostasy in the end times*
- L. **Titus:** *Pastoral instruction*
- M. **Philemon:** *Forgiveness*

IV. **GENERAL EPISTLES** (theme/content)

- A. **Hebrews:** *The New Covenant* (64-68 A.D., author unknown)
- B. **James:** *Practical Christian living* (49 A.D., half-brother of Jesus. Perhaps the earliest NT book)
- C. **I Peter:** *Suffering* (63-64 A.D.) – (**Faithful believers will suffer persecution!** cf. II Tim. 3:12)
- D. **II Peter:** *The Word of God inerrant & supreme & Apostasy in the end times* (66-67 A.D.)
- E. **I John:** *The marks of a true Christian; Love & truth* (88-90 A.D. from Ephesus?)
- F. **II John:** *Apostasy in the end times* (90 A.D.) – (**Ecclesiastical separation is biblical!**)
- G. **III John:** *Christian hospitality* (90 A.D.)
- H. **Jude:** *Apostasy in the end times* (70-80 A.D. a half-brother of Jesus cf. Mt. 13:55; Mk. 6:3)

V. **PROPHECY** - *Revelation* (90-96 A.D.)

- A. **Key Verse:** **Rev. 1:19** (“*write the things which you have seen (past), and the things which are (present) and the things which will take place after this*” (**future**))

B. **Outline:**

- 1. **The things that “WERE”** – Rev. 1 – *The vision of Christ*
- 2. **The things that “ARE”** – Rev. 2-3 – *The seven churches of Asia Minor*
- 3. **The things that “SHALL BE”** – Rev. 4-22
 - a. “*The throne in heaven*” – Rev. 4 (Ryrie, p. 1901)
 - b. “*The scroll in heaven*” – Rev. 5 (Ibid)
 - c. *The Tribulation* – Rev. 6-19
 - d. *The Millennium* – Rev. 20
 - e. *The New Heavens & New Earth* – Rev. 21-22