

How does all this help me better apply the NT to my life?

New Testament Survey

Class 1: Introduction

Introducing Jesus: Luke 4:16-30

What do you see here?

Main goals of this class:

1. Understand the key themes of each individual book of the NT
2. Understand the overall message of the NT
3. See how God kept the promises made in the OT
4. To hear God speak to us today through His Word and to apply it to our lives.

1	10-Sep-23	NT Introduction
2	17-Sep-23	Matthew
3	24-Sep-23	Mark
4	1-Oct-23	Luke
5	8-Oct-23	John
6	15-Oct-23	Why Four Gospels?
7	22-Oct-23	Acts as history
8	29-Oct-23	Acts
9	5-Nov-23	Introduction to Paul
10	12-Nov-23	Romans
11	19-Nov-23	1 Cor
12	26-Nov-23	2 Cor

What is the New Testament?

What is the message of the NT?

How does it proclaim the fulfillment of the OT promises?

Why does the NT include the books that it does?

Where did they come from?

Who wrote them?

How do we know?

Why these books and not others?

How does understanding history help us understand the NT?

“It is, indeed, difficult to restrict a discussion of the New Testament writings to the purely historical plane; theology insists on breaking in. But that is as it should be; history and theology are inextricably intertwined in the gospel of our salvation, which owes its eternal and universal validity to certain events which happened in Palestine when Tiberius ruled the Roman Empire.” (F. F. Bruce, *The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*, Preface)

Basic outline of major events and dateable letters in NT

Date (AD)	Event (chronologically ordered)	Scripture
33 [or 30]	Death and resurrection of Christ	Gospels
30/33	Pentecost	Acts 2
31-34*	Saul/Paul persecutes Christians	Acts 8:1-3
33/34*	Paul converted on the way to Damascus	Acts 9:1-19
46-47	Paul's first missionary journey (1.5 years?)	Acts 13:1-14:26
48*	Paul and Barnabas back in Antioch, Paul writes Galatians	Acts 14:28; Gal 2:11-14
48-49*	“The Jerusalem Council”	Acts 15:1-35
48/49-51*	Paul's second missionary journey, including 1.5 years in Corinth (2.5 years total?); Paul writes 1 and 2 Thessalonians during this time	Acts 15:36-18:22; 1 Thes 3:1, 6
52-57*	Paul's third missionary journey (5 years?)	Acts 18:23-21:17
52-55	Paul spends 3 years in Ephesus (during 3 rd missionary journey); writes 1 Corinthians	Acts 19
54-68	Nero's reign	
55-56*	Paul travels north to Macedonia, meets Titus; writes 2 Corinthians sometime after	Acts 20:1; 2 Cor. 2:12-13
57*	Paul winters in Corinth, writes letter to the Romans from Corinth	Acts 20:2-3; cf. 2 Cor. 9:4
57*	Paul travels to Jerusalem and is arrested	Acts 21:27-36
57-59	Paul imprisoned at Caesarea for two years	Acts 24:27
60*	Paul's voyage to Rome; shipwrecked for three months on Malta (Acts 28:11)	Acts 27:1-28:14
62*	Paul under house-arrest in Rome for 2 years; writes Eph, Phil, Col, Philem	Acts 28:15-31
62-67*	Paul released from house-arrest in Rome and extends his mission?, writes 1 Timothy and Titus; is rearrested, writes 2 Timothy	

* approximate date

Note: Only Paul's letters can be dated with any certainty.