

Matthew

1. The Messiah Appears (1-4:12)
 - a. Birth Story
 - i. Prophecies of Messiah being born are coming true
 - b. Jesus' Baptism
 - i. Fulfill righteousness
 - c. Jesus' Temptation
 - i. Prove he will be the one to "crush the head of the snake"- Gen 3
2. Ministry in Galilee (4:12-14:12)
 - a. Collection of teachings
 - i. Law -> How to live right and treat each other
 - ii. There are laws and the meaning behind the laws.
 - b. Collection of miracles
 - i. Healings
 - ii. Calming Storm
 - iii. Raising Dead
 1. These show Jesus is Lord over chaos waters and even death which he will soon prove in his own resurrection
 - c. Sending of 12 disciples
 - i. Gospel spreading throughout Israel
 - d. Parables of the Kingdom of God
 - i. Describe what the kingdom of God is like
3. Ministry Outside Galilee (14:12-17:20)
 - a. Phoenicia
 - b. Decapolis
 - i. Feeding 5,000
 - c. Caesarea Philippi
 - i. Transfiguration
4. In Galilee (17:21-18:18)
 - a. Prediction of death
 - b. Life in the Kingdom of God
 - i. Welcoming
 - ii. Merciful
 - iii. Forgiving
5. Judea and Perea (19-20)
 - a. Teachings
 - b. Parable of workers in vineyard
 - i. Reward in God's Kingdom
 - c. Prediction of death
6. Jerusalem (21-28)
 - a. Entry into Jerusalem
 - i. Prophecies fulfilled
 - b. Temple

i. Cleansing of Temple

ii. Judgment of Temple/Jerusalem

c. Anointing

d. Arrest, Death, Resurrection of Jesus

i. Forgiveness flows, death is conquered

e. Commission

i. Spread the good news and make disciples

Mark

1. Ministry in Galilee (1-9)

a. Introduction as the beginning of the Gospel of Jesus

b. John the Baptist taught and prepared the people for Jesus

c. Jesus' Identity

i. Baptism-voice saying he is God's Son

ii. Temptation

iii. Lord of Sabbath

iv. Driving out Spirit

1. Victory over Satan

d. Kingdom of God

i. Parables about God's Kingdom

e. Series of Miracles

i. Calms the Storm

ii. Drive out demon

iii. Raising dead girl

iv. Feeding of 5,000

v. Walk on Water

vi. Healing of Deaf and mute

vii. Feed 4,000

viii. Healing of blind man

1. All of these are written to show who Jesus is as Lord over all creation

f. Transfiguration

i. Embodiment of the Old Covenant law and prophets

ii. Jesus' Identity revealed as the voice says he is the Son of God

2. Judea (10)

a. Predictions of Jesus' death

i. 8:27-30

ii. 9:30-37

iii. 10:32-45

b. Teachings

i. Entering God's Kingdom

3. Ministry in Jerusalem (11-16)

a. Royal Entry

b. Confrontation of Israel's leaders (11:27-12:40)

c. Temple Imagery (13)

i. Cleansing

ii. Destruction foretold

d. Death/Resurrection

Luke

1. Birth/Early Ministry (1-2)
 - a. John's Birth
 - i. Prophet who prepares the way
 - b. Jesus' Birth
 - i. Messiah who is the Way
2. Ministry in Galilee (3-9:9)
 - a. Beginning of ministry
 - i. Baptism
 - ii. Genealogy
 1. Proof Jesus is the Messiah to come from David's line
 - iii. Temptation
 - b. 3 trips around Galilee
 - i. Teachings
 - ii. Miracles
 - iii. Parables
 1. Kingdom of God
3. Journey to Jerusalem (9:10-19:28)
 - a. Sending of 70
 - b. Teachings
 - i. Prayer
 - ii. Generosity
 - c. Banquet Stories
 - i. Paralleled to show rejection of prideful leaders and exaltation of humble followers
 1. Kingdom of God
 - d. Prodigal Son
 - i. Israel's rejection
 - ii. God's Love
4. Jesus in Jerusalem
 - a. Entry into Jerusalem
 - b. Temple
 - i. Cleansing
 - ii. Destruction
 - c. Passover
 - i. Lord's Supper
 - d. Death/Resurrection
 - e. Ascension

John

1. Jesus Messiah (1)
 - a. Identity Revealed
 - i. Redeemer
 - ii. Messiah
 - iii. Fulfillment of Old Testament
 - iv. Son of God
 - b. Purpose of Messiah (2-3)
 - i. Believe in Him
 - ii. Give eternal life
 - iii. Save world
2. Miracles and Teachings
 - a. Nicodemus
 - b. Woman at Well
 - i. Both are Witnesses of Jesus
 - c. Jesus Identity: I AM
 - i. Bread of Life
 - ii. Light of World
 - iii. Gate for Sheep
 - iv. Good Shepherd
 - d. Signs
 - i. Water into wine
 - ii. Sick boy healed
 - iii. Paralyzed healed
 - iv. Feeding 5,000
 - v. Healing blind man
 - vi. Raising Lazarus
3. Lazarus
 - a. Raising Lazarus moves Jesus into Jerusalem
4. Teachings
 - a. Jesus Identity: I AM
 - i. Resurrection
 - ii. Way Truth Life
 - iii. True Vine
 - b. Holy Spirit
 - i. Promises Spirit
 - ii. Given to empower believers to be a witness
5. Death/Resurrection
 - a. The women were witness of his death and resurrection
 - b. Jesus commissions his followers to continue spreading the good news
 - i. They would receive Spirit at Pentecost
 - c. The writer is a witness to these things

Acts

1. Jerusalem

- a. Apostles together
 - i. Ascension of Jesus
 - ii. Selecting Matthias

b. Pentecost

- i. Spirit comes on Apostles
- ii. Gospel preached
- iii. Church started

- c. Jerusalem Ministry
 - i. Healing of lame
 - ii. Persecution
 - iii. Stephen
 - 1. Speech
 - 2. Stoning

2. Judea and Samaria

- a. Conversions
 - i. Samaritans
 - ii. Eunuch
 - iii. Saul
 - iv. Cornelius
- 1. Start of Gentile Ministry

3. The Nations and Paul's Journeys

- a. First Journey
 - i. Antioch
 - ii. Iconium
 - iii. Back to Antioch
- b. Second Journey
 - i. Macedonia
 - ii. Jailor Conversion
 - iii. Thessalonica
 - iv. Corinth
 - v. Antioch
- c. Third Journey
 - i. Galatia
 - ii. Ephesus
 - iii. Macedonia
- d. Jerusalem
 - i. Compared to Jesus' trip to Jerusalem
 - ii. Arrest
 - iii. Paul Defends himself against:
 - 1. Jews
 - 2. Sanhedrin

3. Felix
 4. Festus/Agrippa
- iv. Journey to Rome
 1. Paul is preaching and teaching under house arrest
 2. Story ends with a cliffhanger

Romans

1. The Gospel (1-4)

- a. The gospel is power and righteousness
 - b. All are guilty
 - i. Nations
 - ii. Israel
 - c. Justification
 - i. In Christ
 - d. Promise of Abraham
 - i. Faith
2. Law and Life (5-8)
- a. Adam and Jesus
 - i. Death and Life
 - 1. Baptism
 - b. Law vs Spirit
 - i. The law binds
 - ii. The Spirit sets free
3. Promise to Israel (9-11)
- a. Israel
 - i. No longer based on ethnicity and family
 - ii. Based on faith
 - b. Tree
 - i. Some Jews rejected
 - 1. Broken off
 - ii. Some Gentiles believed
 - 1. Grafted in
4. The Church (12-16)
- a. Serving through Love
 - i. Serve
 - ii. Lead
 - iii. Prophecy
 - iv. Teach
 - v. Give
 - b. Love
 - i. Fulfills Torah
 - ii. Binds everyone together

1 Corinthians

1. Divisions

- a. Followers of Christ not apostles
- b. Everyone needs to be servants
- c. Need for Unity among people

2. Freedom in Christ

- a. Sex
 - i. Free from guiltiness not freedom to sin
- b. Food
 - i. Jewish vs Non-Jewish
 - ii. Eating meat used for idols
 - 1. Love others

3. Gatherings

- a. Body of Christ
 - i. Each part has a job
- b. Gatherings
 - i. Order
 - ii. Build Up

4. Resurrection

- a. Some say there is no resurrection
 - i. Jesus did rise
- b. Resurrection provides victory over sin and death

2 Corinthians

1. Paul defends his ministry/Reconciles to Corinthians
 - a. False teachers discredited Paul's teaching
 - b. Leadership
 - i. Pointing others to Jesus
 - c. Letter of Recommendation
 - i. The Corinthians were proof that Paul was authentic
 1. Their faith was proof
 2. Covenant Comparison
 - a. God->Moses->Israel
 - b. God->Jesus->Spirit/Gentiles
 - d. Paul's life reflects Jesus' life
 - i. Suffering
 - ii. Humility
2. Generosity
 - a. Collection for Jerusalem Christians
 - i. This was about being generous
3. Paul defends his apostleship
 - a. Super Apostles vs Paul
 - i. Paul boasts of all he has done
 - ii. But then boasts of his weakness
 1. Through weakness Christ is glorified
 - b. Warning to the Corinthians

Galatians

1. Paul's defense of Apostleship
 - a. Gospel
 - i. Paul received Gospel from God
 - ii. Paul's conversion
 1. Testimony
 - b. Relation to Apostles
 - i. Peter
 - ii. James
 - iii. John
 - iv. Council
2. Paul's argument for justification
 - a. First came the promise then the law
 - i. Abraham
 - ii. Curse of law
 - iii. Purpose of law
 - b. In Christ they are:
 - i. Unified
 - ii. Heirs of the promise
 - iii. Allegory of Hagar and Sarah
 1. Hagar- covenant of Mt. Sinai
 2. Sarah- covenant of Heaven-Jesus
3. Freedom in Christ
 - a. Freedom of Circumcision
 - i. Circumcision is not required as by law
 - ii. We should have faith in Jesus
 - b. Freedom fulfills the law
 - i. Not to be bound to the law
 - ii. Loving others fulfills the law
 - c. Freedom in the Spirit
 - i. Not obeying works of flesh
 - ii. Fruits of the Spirit are evidence of having Spirit
 - iii. Spirit helps us love one another

Ephesians

1. The Gospel
 - a. In Christ
 - i. We are made sons of God
 - ii. We have redemption
 - iii. We have the Spirit
 1. Salvation happens when Spirit is received
 - b. Prayer
 - i. A prayer to experience power
 - c. God's grace
 - i. Reconciliation
 - ii. Live in peace
 - d. Paul as a messenger to non-Jews
 - i. Mystery of the gospel
 1. All can access Jesus and eternal life
 - a. Israel and Gentiles in the same family
2. Response to the Gospel
 - a. Unity
 - b. Spiritual Gifts
 - i. All gifts different
 - ii. Used to build up the church
 - c. Old vs New Self
 - i. Spirit brings new life to live in new way
 - ii. Christian Household
 1. Husbands- Wives
 2. Children- Parents
 3. Slaves- Masters
 - iii. Armor of God
 1. Used against evil forces
 2. Faith-Truth-Salvation defends us
 3. Word of God is weapon
 - a. Not to kill but to build up

Philippians

1. Paul's Introduction
 - a. Prayer of good work
2. Paul in Prison
 - a. Execution vs Release
 - i. Dying for Messiah
 - ii. Living for Jesus
3. Jesus Poem
 - a. Quotes prophets about suffering Messiah
 - b. Jesus is Messiah
 - i. Jesus was humbled and exalted
 - c. We should follow Jesus
 - i. Timothy
 - ii. Epaphroditus
4. Living by Paul's example
 - a. Paul's past vs living for Jesus
 - i. We await Jesus from heaven
5. Exhortation
 - a. Two women arguing
 - i. Live in peace
 - b. Prayer
 - i. Asking God for what we need
 - ii. Lean on Jesus

Colossians

1. Jesus
 - a. Prayer for them
 - b. Image of God
 - c. First-born of Creation
 - d. Jesus is head of church
 - e. First-born of dead
2. Paul
 - a. Paul's ministry
 - i. He has suffered for Jesus
 - b. Two influences of Colossae
 - i. Idolatry
 - ii. Obeying Torah
 1. Jesus fulfills law
3. Kingdom of God
 - a. Our minds are transformed
 - i. We become new humanity in Jesus
 - ii. All one in Christ
 - b. Families are reconstructed under Jesus
 - i. Everyone is to love and respect one another
 - c. Greetings
 - i. Former slave turned brother

1 Thessalonians

1. Faithfulness
 - a. Prayer for Thanksgiving
 - i. Hearing the Gospel
 - ii. Paul's Visits
 - b. Persecution
 - c. Faith of Thessalonians
 - i. Prayer for perseverance
2. Challenge in Faith
 - a. Holiness
 - i. Sexual Purity
 - ii. Love/Generosity
 - b. Hope of Jesus' return
 - i. Those who have died will rise again
 - c. Hope-> Faithfulness
 - i. Prayer of Hope

2 Thessalonians

1. Hope
 - a. Prayer of Thanksgiving
 - b. Suffering for Christ
 - c. Jesus' return will be final justice
2. Day of the Lord
 - a. Denial of apparent accusation that Jesus already came
 - b. Recalls Jesus' teaching
 - i. Everyone will know Jesus has come
 - c. Man of Lawlessness
 - i. Satan or someone like him
 - d. Day of the Lord should bring comfort not confusion
3. Call to Work for God
 - a. Some had been idle
 - i. Not working or causing chaos
 - b. Call to follow Paul's example
 - i. Generosity

1 Timothy

1. Intro to Timothy
 - a. False Teachers
 - i. Spreading false rumors
 - b. Torah or Law
 - i. Purpose is to reveal sinful condition
2. False Teachings
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Gatherings
 - i. Men should be orderly
 - ii. Women should be orderly
 - iii. Leadership
 1. Elders
 2. Deacons
 3. All should have good relationships in home and church
3. More Instruction
 - a. All of creation is good
 - b. Widows should be taken care of
 - c. Older men should conduct themselves upright
 - d. Households should be transformed
4. Charge to Timothy
 - a. Confront bad teachers
 - b. Teach what Jesus taught

2 Timothy

1. Calling

- a. References Louis and Eunice
- b. Not ashamed of gospel of Paul
 - i. Phygelus & Hermogenes
- c. Jesus' Grace
 - i. Soldier
 - ii. Athlete
 - iii. Farmer
 - iv. Paul

1. Faith in Jesus

2. False Teachers

- a. False resurrection teachings
- b. Scripture as a source of truth
 - i. By God
 - ii. Useful to teach

1. Good works result from Scripture

3. Paul's Charge

- a. Visit
 - i. Bring coat and scrolls
- b. Watch for Alexander

Titus

1. Titus' Jobs
 - a. Appoint Elders
 - i. Men of Integrity
 - b. Get rid of false teachers
 - i. Teaching Torah over Jesus
2. Christian Households
 - a. Christians are not acting like Christians
 - i. Older men and women
 - ii. Younger men and women
 - iii. Servant and Masters
 - iv. Gospel discredited
3. Gospel
 - a. Jesus saved
 - i. Holy Spirit

Philemon

1. Prayer
 - a. Love and faithfulness from Philemon
 - b. Partnership with others because of faith in Jesus
2. Forgiveness
 - a. Philemon to Receive Onesimus
 - i. Philemon did not want to
 - ii. Paul encourages this because of Jesus' love
 - b. Final Greetings

Hebrews

1. Angels and Law
 - a. Jesus is superior to angels
 - b. Israel had Torah
 - i. We have Jesus' teachings
 - c. Warning: Do not drift
2. Moses
 - a. Moses built tabernacle
 - i. We are made new through Jesus
 - b. Warning: Do not disobey
3. Priests
 - a. Levitical priests led to sin
 - b. Melchizedek line of Jesus leads to life
 - c. Warning: Do not reject reconciliation
4. Sacrifice
 - a. Law allowed animal sacrifice
 - i. Daily and Yearly
 - b. Jesus is our sacrifice
 - i. Once for all
 - ii. He is the better promise, dwelling place, sacrifice
 - c. Warning: Do not reject forgiveness
5. Faith
 - a. Follow examples of faith
 - i. Abel-Rahab
 - b. This letter is an urge "exhortation"
 - i. Elevate Jesus
 - ii. Remain faithful

James

1. Introduction
 - a. Perfection
 - i. Perfection or wholeness is repeated 7 times
 - b. Wholesome
 - c. Gaining wisdom
 - d. Following instruction
 - e. Generosity
2. 12 Teachings
 - a. Favoritism
 - b. Faith
 - c. Tongue
 - d. Wisdom
 - e. Divided Heart
 - f. Condemnation
 - g. Wealth
 - h. Pride
 - i. Danger
 - i. Patience
 - j. Honesty
 - k. Prayer
 - l. Restoration

1 Peter

1. Identity

- a. Introduction
- b. New family
 - i. Israel and Gentiles are in the same family
- c. Old Testament Images
 - i. Wilderness
 - ii. Passover
 - iii. Temple

2. Faith through Suffering

- a. Submission to authority
- b. Households
 - i. Husband/Wife
 - ii. Servant
- c. Suffering
 - i. Persecution
 - ii. Baptism
 - iii. Exaltation

3. Suffering

- a. Rejoice with persecution
- b. Leaders care for church
- c. Resist evil

2 Peter

1. Challenge
 - a. Love
 - i. Out of love flows
 1. Goodness
 2. Knowledge
 3. Self-Control
 4. Godliness
 5. Perseverance
 - b. Witness
 - i. False claim: Apostles are lying
 - ii. Response: They are witnesses to Jesus' ascension
2. Warning against Evil actions
 - a. False claim: No final judgment
 - b. Response: Judgment is coming
 - i. Spiritual rebellion
 - ii. Flood
 - iii. Sodom and Gomorrah
 - c. False teachers way of life is evil
3. Warning against Evil teachings
 - a. False claim: Jesus is taking too long to return
 - b. Response: God is patient
 - i. God's time and our time are different
 - c. Day of the Lord
 - i. Heavens are peeled back- metaphor
 - ii. Earth is exposed
 1. Evil is judged and removed

1 John

1. God is Light
 - a. Walk in the Light
 - i. Keep the commands
 - ii. Love one another
 - b. Evil is going away
 - i. Do not love the world
 - c. False teachers
 - i. Know the truth
 - ii. Do good to others
2. God is Love
 - a. Love over hate
 - i. Jesus on the cross is love
 - b. Love over fear
 - i. False prophets
 - c. Love equals victory
 - i. Trust the truth
 1. God's testimony which is Jesus
 - d. Stay true to God
 - i. No idols

2 John

1. Reject deceivers and false teachers

3 John

1. Welcome fellow Christians and brothers

Jude

1. Stand Strong
 - a. Corrupt Leaders
2. Judgment
 - a. Judgment for false leaders
 - i. Three examples of rebellion
 1. Wilderness
 2. Spiritual rebellion
 3. Sodom
 - ii. Three more examples
 1. Cain
 2. Balaam
 3. Korah
 - b. Warning from Enoch
 - i. Judgment will come
 - c. Evil leaders are coming
3. Stand Strong
 - a. We are a new temple
 - b. Stay alert

Revelation

1. Letter to 7 churches
 - a. Stand firm
 - b. Stay true
 - c. Reward for those who overcome
2. Throne of God
 - a. Slain Lamb=Jesus
 - i. Jesus is victorious
3. Judgment
 - a. 7 Seals
 - b. 7 Trumpets
 - c. Signs
 - i. Spiritual battle
 - ii. Earthly battle
 1. Pattern of evil rulers throughout time
 - iii. Army of Lamb
 - iv. Final judgment
 1. Lamb vs beast
 - d. 7 Bowls
 - i. All proclaim divine judgment
 - ii. Prophetically proclaim how Gods kingdom will come from 3 perspectives
 - e. Fall of Babylon
 - i. Rome will be judged
4. War and Vindication
 - a. Jesus will come
 - b. Martyrs reign
 - i. 1,000 years
 - c. Judgment for all evil
5. Heaven and Earth
 - a. Bride meets the Lamb
 - b. Heaven and Earth reunited
 - i. Temple and Garden Imagery