



**History**  
of the  
**New**  
**Testament**

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# **Homework/Study Guide**

## **History of the New Testament**

### **Chapter 1: The Land and the People**

1. Why were there so many good roads in the Roman Empire?
2. Give three examples from the New Testament that indicate that there were good roads in the Roman Empire.
3. Pick one of the five geographic areas discussed in the book and research facts about it. Share those facts on the Discussion Board.
4. Find out three facts about the Hasmonaean Period.

### **Chapter 2: Beginnings and Transitions**

5. How did each of the the four Gospel writers began their Gospels.
6. In your book, pages 26-28 have boxes about each of the four Gospel writers. In each box is a key verse. Memorize those verses, including book, chapter and verse. Recite them to your mentor.
7. Read Luke, chapters 1 and 2. What Old Testament couple had a similar situation to Zechariah and Elizabeth? What did that couple name their son?
8. Without looking at your Bible or any other books, write as much of the Christmas story that you can remember.
9. Without using your Bible or any other books, tell the story of 12-year-old Jesus in the Temple.
10. Search in your Bible for the story about John the Baptizer's death and, in your own words, write about why and how it happened.

11. Search in your Bible for the temptation of Jesus. What are the three temptations Satan used? How did Jesus resist the temptation and defeat the devil?
  
12. Find a book or encyclopedia about the Essenes. Read about them and then write what you learned about the Essenes.

### **Chapter 3: Behold! The Lamb**

13. Find and read the story of Jesus meeting Nicodemus. Tell, in your own words, the entire story.
  
14. Memorize verse 4 and verse 16 from that story. Recite them to your mentor.
  
15. Find and read the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. Use a concordance to find other Bible verses that talk about living water. Post those verses on the Discussion Board.
  
16. Find the names of the 12 Disciples and memorize them. Be able to spell them correctly. Recite them to your mentor.
  
17. Make a list of as many of the miracles Jesus did that you can find in the four Gospel books. Separate the miracles into two categories. A) Healing and resurrections; B) Command over nature. Write the miracle name, and the book, chapter and verse where it is in the Bible.

#### **HEALING & RESURRECTIONS**

#### **COMMAND OVER NATURE**

18. Why did Jesus leave Nazareth and go to Galilee? Show Bible verses that support your answer.
  
19. Draw a map of Palestine (Holy Land) on the back of this sheet. On this map, show the areas where Jesus ministered to Gentiles. Tell how Jesus ministered to the Gentiles in each area.

20. Find and write down at least two Bible verses supporting the idea that Matthew summarizes Jesus' ministry in three words, Preaching, Teaching and Healing. (Two or more Bible verses for each - Preaching, Teaching, Healing).

Preaching

Teaching

Healing

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## **Chapter 4: Confrontation and Commitment**

21. Find five Bible verses about Pharisees and five Bible verses about Sadducees. Write down the verses and compare the two groups.
22. What happened to the Zealots? Research online and find out. Share that on the Discussion Board.
23. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus met with Moses and Elijah. Research some facts about the life of Moses and the life of Elijah. Share at least three facts for each on the Discussion Board.
24. Describe a) the crown of life, b) who gets the crown of life, and c) how can a person earn the crown of life?
25. On page 41 of your book are nine questions. The Bible verses containing the answers are listed next to the questions. Using those Bible verses, find and write the answers to all nine questions.
26. Research and tell us about Mary and Martha from Bethany, the sisters of Lazarus. Post what you find on the Discussion Board.
27. During the last week before Jesus' crucifixion He taught often, "You must be ready." Find four parables from Jesus' last week and write a paragraph or two explaining each parable.
28. Did Judas repent and go the Heaven? Back up your answer with Bible verses.
29. Peter wrote two short books in the New Testament. Read those two books. What verses prove that Peter understood:
  - a) the forgiveness of sins
  - b) the power of Baptism
  - c) the priesthood of all believers

## **Chapter 5: For the Joy Set Before Him, Christ Endured**

30. Find and write down Old Testament verses that are fulfilled in the Gospel accounts of Jesus' trials.
31. Look up Pontius Pilate in an encyclopedia, other book or online, and share what you found out about him on the Discussion Board.
32. Make a time line for the day Jesus died. Mark on this time line which events happened at what time.
33. In all four Gospel books, read the accounts from the resurrection until the ascension. Make a list of every time where Jesus meets someone. Tell who Jesus meets and the situation.

## **Chapter 6: Into All the World**

34. Find in the Bible ALL the spiritual gifts. List them and briefly explain each one.
35. Read the Pentecost story in Acts. Make a list of all the countries and areas mentioned. Now look at a map and find those areas. Find the scale of the miles and write down approximately how far each area is from Jerusalem.
36. What was the vision God gave to Peter while Peter was in the trance? What did the vision mean?
37. Read Acts 9:15. Find in the Bible where it records much of the suffering Paul experienced. Make a list of the different sufferings he endured.
38. Find maps of the areas of Paul's missionary journeys. Read in Acts about Paul's three missionary journeys and follow on your maps where he went.
39. Why didn't Paul want to take John Mark on any other missionary journeys?
40. Paul wrote four epistles while he was in prison. What are those four epistles? (Called the "Prison Letters" or the "Captivity Letters")