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The New Testament

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INTRODUCTION TO THE R.U.S.H. BIBLE STUDY
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(New Testament)

(The Gospels, the 1st 3 being synoptic)

MATTHEW

This is an account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, authenticating Jesus as the King of the Jews. Written for a strict Jewish audience. Matthew traces Jesus' family lineage all the way to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob the father of the Jewish people, (the nation of Israel). Matthew references at least 7 prophecies that were fulfilled in Christ. These Old Testament references include the books of Psalms, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Hosea, Zechariah, and Malachi.

Author: Matthew, he was a tax collector before Jesus chose him.

In Matthew – Jesus is the Messiah, the King of the Jews

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44

MARK

Mark's brief account of Jesus' earthly ministry highlights Jesus' authority and servanthood.

Author: John Mark, a younger companion of Peter and later Paul, he was Barnabas cousin. Papias (an early church father), stated Mark was Peter's interpreter.

In Mark – Jesus is the Messiah who is a Servant

"Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Mark 6:50

LUKE

Luke writes the most thorough account of Jesus' life, pulling together eyewitness testimonies to tell the full story of Jesus.

Author: Luke. He was a Gentile convert of Paul's, a physician, very well educated.

In Luke – Jesus is the Messiah who delivers

"Nothing is impossible with God." Luke 1:37

(This 4th Gospel is an apologetic)

JOHN

John lists stories of signs and miracles with the hope that readers will believe in Jesus. It is the most intimate view of Jesus' personality and focuses on the Passion Week.

Author: John, Jesus' disciple.

In John – Jesus is the Messiah who is God in the flesh

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

(History)

ACTS

Jesus returns to the Father, the Holy Spirit comes to the church, and the gospel of Jesus spreads throughout the world. The start and early history of the church.

Author: Luke, the disciple of Paul

In Acts – Jesus is the Baptizer in the Spirit

".....what God has made clean, call not thou un-clean" Acts 10:15

(The Pauline Epistles)

ROMANS

Paul describes with legal due diligence how the gospel of Jesus works, both technically, and in the real world, in this letter to the churches at Rome, where he plans to visit. Here you will find "Romans Road"

Author: Paul. Born a Roman citizen to Jewish parents in Tarsus. A well-educated, brutally intelligent and articulate Pharisee.

In Romans – Jesus is the Righteousness of God

"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

1 CORINTHIANS

Paul writes a disciplinary letter to a church in Corinth that is having growing pains, and answers some questions that they've had about how Christians should behave. Included in this book is a thorough explanation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their proper use.

Author: Paul

In 1 Corinthians – Jesus is the Love of God

"God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear." 1 Corinthians 10:13

2 CORINTHIANS

Paul writes this second letter, one of reconciliation, not long after the first, that clarifies some points he made in the previous letter to the church at Corinth. He also clears up some concerns that they still have.

Author: Paul

In 2 Corinthians – Jesus is our Victory over the World

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

GALATIANS

Paul hears that some in the Galatian churches believe that salvation comes from the Law of Moses, and writes a short letter telling them where the false teachers have erred, explaining the beauty of justification by faith. Here Paul is very anti legalism.

Author: Paul

In Galatians – Jesus is our Liberty

**"But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
Against such things there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23**

EPHESIANS

Paul writes beautifully to the church at Ephesus about how to walk in grace, peace, and love for one another.

Author: Paul

In Ephesians – Jesus is the Head of His Church

**"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10**

PHILIPPIANS

An encouraging letter to the church of Philippi from Paul, telling them how to have joy in Christ.

Author: Paul

In Philippians – Jesus is our Joy

"My God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

COLLOSSIANS

Paul writes the church at Colossae a letter about who they are in Christ, and how to walk in Christ. Written during Paul's 1st imprisonment.

Author: Paul

In Colossians – Jesus is the Supreme Position in all things

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." Colossians 3:23

1 THESSALONIANS

Paul has heard a good report on the church at Thessalonica, and encourages them to "excel still more" in faith, hope, and love. The most quoted book concerning the Rapture.

Author: Paul

In 1 Thessalonians – Jesus is our Comfort and Hope

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

2 THESSALONIANS

Paul instructs the Thessalonians on how to stand firm until the coming of Jesus. This book covers the 2nd coming as opposed to the Rapture.

Author: Paul

In 2 Thessalonians – Jesus is our returning King

"Never tire of doing what is right." 2 Thessalonians 3:13

(These next 3 Pauline Epistles are sub-categorized as the Pastoral Epistles)

1 TIMOTHY

Paul gives Timothy instruction on how to lead a church through both teaching and a godly example.

Author: Paul

In 1 Timothy – Jesus is the Savior of the worst sinners

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." 1 Timothy 1:15

2 TIMOTHY

Paul is nearing the end of his life, and encourages Timothy to continue preaching the word.

Author: Paul

In 2 Timothy – Jesus is the Leader of the Leaders

"All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." 2 Timothy 3:16

TITUS

Paul advises Titus on how to lead orderly, Godly churches on the island of Crete.

Author: Paul

In Titus – Jesus is the Foundation of Truth

"But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy." Titus 3:4-5

PHILEMON

Paul strongly recommends that Philemon accept his runaway slave as a brother, not a slave.

Author: Paul

In Philemon – Jesus is our Mediator

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit." Philemon 25

(General Epistles)

HEBREWS

A letter encouraging Christians to cling to Christ despite persecution, because he is greater. A passionate call to un-saved Jews to accept Jesus for the Messiah that He is.

Author: Nobody knows, but it is written in the style of Paul, Clement of Rome claimed it was Paul's and I believe it was Paul.

In Hebrews – Jesus is our High Priest

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25

JAMES

A letter telling Christians to live their lives in ways that demonstrate their faith in Christ. If you're going to call yourself a Christian, act like it.

Author: James (½ brother of Jesus)

In James – Jesus is He that matures our faith

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up." James 4:10

1 PETER

Peter writes to Christians who are being persecuted, encouraging them to testify to the truth and live accordingly.

Author: Peter, the disciple of Christ.

In 1 Peter – Jesus is our Hope

"In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord." 1 Peter 3:15

2 PETER

Peter writes a letter reminding Christians about the truth of Jesus as an eye witness, and warning them that false teachers will come.

Author: Peter

In 2 Peter – Jesus is our Purity

"Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord." 2 Peter 1:2

1 JOHN

John writes a letter to Christians about keeping Jesus' commands, loving one another, and important things they should know.

Author: John, Jesus disciple.

In 1 John – Jesus is our Fellowship

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

2 JOHN

A very brief letter about walking in truth, love, and obedience.

Author: John

In 2 John – Jesus is God in the flesh

"His command is that you walk in love." 2 John 6

3 JOHN

An even shorter letter about Christian fellowship.

Author: John

In 3 John – Jesus is All Truth

"Do not imitate what is evil but what is good." 3 John 11

JUDE

A letter encouraging Christians to contend for the faith, and live holy lives even though ungodly persons have crept in unnoticed.

Author: Jude, was the ½ brother to Jesus and full brother to James.

In Jude – Jesus is our Foundation

"Be merciful to those who doubt." Jude 22

(The Apocalypse)

REVELATION

John sees visions of things that have been, things that are, and things that are yet to unfold including the end of the world.

Author: John

**In Revelation – Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
The Alpha and the Omega, The Beginning and the End,
The First and The Last, The soon coming King,
and the One who makes all things new.**

**"It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.
To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life." Revelation 21:6**



“Do not let your heart be troubled (afraid, cowardly). Believe [confidently] in God *and* trust in Him, [have faith, hold on to it, rely on it, keep going and] believe also in Me. ² In My Father’s house are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you. ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and I will take you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.” ⁵ Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going; so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

⁷ If you had [really] known Me, you would also have known My Father. From now on you know Him, and have seen Him.”

⁸ Philip said to Him, “Lord, show us the Father and then we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time, and you do not know Me yet, Philip, *nor* recognize clearly who I am? Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words I say to you I do not say on My own initiative *or* authority, but the Father, abiding *continually* in Me, does His works [His attesting miracles and acts of power]. ¹¹ Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe [Me] because of the [very] works themselves [which you have witnessed]. ¹² I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in Me [as Savior] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in My name [as My representative], this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified *and* celebrated in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask Me anything in My name [as My representative], I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you [really] love Me, you will keep *and* obey My commandments.

¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), to be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you *continually* and will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you as orphans [comfortless, bereaved, and helpless]; I will come [back] to you. ¹⁹ After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ On that day [when that time comes] you will know for yourselves that I am in My Father, and you *are* in Me, and I *am* in you. ²¹ The person who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who [really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him [I will make Myself real to him].” ²² Judas (not Iscariot) asked Him, “Lord, what has happened that You are going to reveal Yourself to us and not to the world?” ²³ Jesus answered, “If anyone [really] loves Me, he will keep My word (teaching); and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him. ²⁴ One who does not [really] love Me does not keep My words. And the word (teaching) which you hear is not Mine, but is the Father’s who sent Me.

²⁵ “I have told you these things while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid. [Let My perfect peace calm you in every circumstance and give you courage and strength for every challenge.] ²⁸ You heard Me tell you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming *back* to you.’ If you [really] loved Me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going [back] to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does take place, you may believe *and* have faith [in Me]. ³⁰ I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me]; ³¹ but so that the world may know [without any doubt] that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father has commanded Me [and act in full agreement with Him].

Get up, let us go from here.

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