

Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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Background to New Testament Part 2

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Social Background

In Palestine...

- Aristocrats– “Elders”
 - Non-religious land owners
- Religious Establishment
 - Chief Priests
 - Scribes
- People of the Land– “multitude”

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Social Background

- The Diaspora—the dispersed 80% of Jews
 - Hebraists (Acts 6:1)
 - Hellenists (Acts 6:1)
 - Proselytes (Acts 2:10; 6:5; 13:43)
 - God-fearers (Acts 10, 13, 16, 17, 18)

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Religious Background

The Places

- Temple
 - Center of Jewish worship
- Synagogues
 - Centers of religious and social life

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Religious Background

The Parties

- Hassideans (Hassidim)
- Pharisees
- Sadducees
- Zealots
- Sicarii
- Essenes

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Introduction to Gospels

- Multiple accounts
 - OT precedent
 - Will of the Holy Spirit
- Literary Genre(s) (type[s])
 - History
 - Memoirs
 - Biography
 - Gospel

Theological
History

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Introduction to Gospels

Relationship between the gospels

Gospel	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Date range	AD 40-50	AD 64-68	AD 58-60	AD 80-90
Primary Audience	Jewish	Gentile	Gentile	Jewish
Purpose	Didactic	Evangelistic	Didactic	Evangelistic

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Introduction to Gospels

Summary of relationship:

- MATTHEW for Jewish Believers
- MARK for Gentile Unbelievers
- LUKE for Gentile Believers
- JOHN for Jewish Unbelievers

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