

NEW testament

THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF JESUS

- Christians get their information about Jesus from the Bible, but especially from _____

- The New Testament is divided into _____ books and _____ sections.

_____		_____		_____
Gospels	Early Church Life	Paul's Letters	General Letters	Apocalypse
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew • Mark • _____ • John 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romans • 1 & 2 Corinthians • _____ • Ephesians • Philippians • Colossians • 1 & 2 Thessalonians • 1 & 2 Timothy • _____ • Philemon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews • James • 1 & 2 Peter • _____ • Jude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation

- Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the _____ Gospels because they _____
_____ similar features and _____
- The shortest Gospel, that is also the first to be written is _____. It was written in _____
- Matthew was written in _____. Luke was written in _____. John in _____.
- The Gospels of _____ and _____ get a lot of their information from _____.

7. Matthew and Luke also draw information from an imaginary Gospel called _____.
8. If you want to read about Jesus's relationship with minorities such as the sick, poor and women, turn to the Gospel of _____.
9. If you want to read about the spirituality and divinity of Jesus, read the Gospel of _____.
10. The word "Gospel" means _____.
11. Archbishop _____ was the first to list the 27 New Testament books as the official Christian canon. "All other books about Jesus should be ignored", he said.
12. The Old Testament was written in _____. The New Testament was written in _____.

OTHER VIEWS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT JESUS

1. There were other Gospels written about Jesus and his followers. These are known as the _____
_____.
2. Three of the Gnostic Gospels are: _____, _____, and _____.
3. The Gnostic Gospels did not believe in the _____ or the _____.
4. For any doubters, there are other external sources of information about Jesus, which help to verify His existence. The Roman Historian _____ talks about Jesus being crucified under Pontius Pilate. He also talks about Jesus's _____.
5. Josephus, a _____ Historian talks about Jesus's amazing _____ and _____
_____. He also mentions Jesus _____ to his disciples after death.

BE AWARE, BE VERY AWARE...

1. The Book of _____, talks about the _____ of the world and the coming of _____. It can be very scary, if taken literally. Fortunately, Lutherans see the book as a _____ and full of symbolism.
2. Some Christians talk about being _____, the _____ and the _____. These terms are not in the Bible.

The "Lutheran Study Bible" reminds us to interpret scripture with its "plain sense." This means that passages are to be understood in the sense that would have seemed obvious to their original reader. [See the "Lutheran Study Bible" pages 1538-1552 for information on reading the Bible].