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New Testament Survey

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Lesson 3 answers

Inspiration: Is the way in which the Holy Spirit worked with the Authors of the scriptures as He gives them insight not overshadowing them but co -working with the writers to have an infallible product.

1. Matthew was one of Jesus original 12 disciple. He was a Tax Collector for the Roman Government.
 - A. The story that that was included in Matthew that fits His profession was that of Taxation with the coin in the Fish mouth, mention in chapter 17 verses 24-26.
 - B. Matthew connects with the idea of us being in debt for our sins.
 - C. The great commission is Jesus telling His disciples to go make disciples of all nations, found in Matthew 28:18-20.
 - D. The concepts that Matthew wrote about is that of the Kingdom and Jesus being the King of that Kingdom and Messiah of Israel.
 - E. Matthew target audience were the Jews.
 - F. Matthew quote almost all Old Testament books.
 - G. The five great teachings of Jesus are the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5:1-7
 - H. Matthew Focus on Jesus Teachings while Mark Focus on Jesus Actions.
 - I. Woe to you interpreters of the Law, woe to you because of your Pride , Woe to you because you Lead Others astray, woe to you because focus on the Letter not the Heart, woe to you who focus on the outward appearance,
 - J. The word Kingdom comes from the Greek word Basileia, it is a noun that gives the idea of Sovereignty, dominion or rule. There are several concepts refer to in the Kingdom such as a spiritual Kingdom where the elect of all ages experienced the new birth by the power of the Holy Spirit, there is also the Millennial Kingdom that is the fulfilment of the Davidic covenant.

2. Mark was the son of a wealthy Jerusalem widow and also the Nephew of Barnabas a well-known Church leader.
 - a. A unique feature of Mark's Gospel is He uses a lot of Latin.
 - b. According to tradition Peter greatly influenced the material of Mark's Gospel.
 - c. We find Roman terminologies and expressions used in the Gospel of Mark like Centurion and Legion.
 - d. A key element of Mark is Action.
 - e. As Old Testament references were made in Matthew to reach His audience the Jews so was Latin and Roman terms used by Mark to reach the Roman audience with the good news or Gospel. Matthew uses teaching to convey a story and Mark uses action and picture.
 - f. The crucifixion is the event that took up a third of Mark's Gospel.
 - g. A Major theme of Mark is Discipleship.
3. Luke was a gentile Physician who wrote the book of Luke and the book of Acts.
 - a. Luke approach to writing the Gospel of Luke was to present an historically accurate and chronologically correct account of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.
 - b. There are 28 events that is in the book of Luke that is not found in the other synoptic Gospels.
 - c. The theme that resonate with Luke is Jesus Christ was a Man, a real human being, Jesus Christ was viewed as the perfect man and a picture of unfallen man.
 - d. Luke's approach and view of Christ would appeal to His targeted audience the Greeks.
 - e. Luke quoted from the Greek Old Testament version of the Septuagint the book of Daniel 7:13.
 - f. Luke focus on the Miraculous work of Jesus.
 - g. A major theme of Luke is the Humanity and Messiahship of Jesus, presenting the perfect sinless Son of Man.
 - h. It is well recognized that there are similarities in the outline of the synoptic Gospels and the differences has to do with the style of the Author and the interest of the targeted audience.

- i. The Gospel of Mark was not appreciated because it was not clearly understood. We cannot see God for who He is unless we sincerely want to then He will reveal Himself. The world did not realize Christ identity until the Roman Centurion saw the events unfolding at His death. Mark waits until the end of the book to reveal who Christ was, according to Dr Dongell by holding back the evidence it stands for itself, undeniable that He is who He said He was. As there was systematic revelation of Christ through out the book. The son of God means Christ is King of Israel and King of the world. It is a royal title. Psalm 72 help us to understand this.