

CANONICAL BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Holy Gospel of St. Matthew: It was written for Jews who converted to Christianity and focuses on the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messiah, the Highest Priest and King of Israel. He referred to the prophecies about the Lord Jesus Christ in the Old Testament. And so he started his Holy Gospel by the genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ in flesh. His main focus is that the Lord Jesus Christ came to make the Law perfect and Christianity is superior to Judaism. Kingdom of Heaven reported 32 times in his Holy Gospel.

2. Holy Gospel of St. Mark: it was written for Romans and reported the miraculous personality of the Lord Jesus Christ. As it was written to Gentile, so it started with “Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God”. St. Mark translated the Jewish and Aramaic words and habits for Romans. He declared that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lion of Judas and the Son of God who overcame the death by His death and granted life and victory for the believers.

3. Holy Gospel of St. Luke: It was written to Greeks and given to Theophilus one of the well-to-do persons in Alexandria. His focus is on the Lord Jesus Christ the Savior and servant of humans and so St. Luke’s genealogy of the Lord Jesus Christ dates back to Adam the father of humans (Luke 3:38). He presented the Lord Jesus Christ as a man without any sin, forgave sinners, healed sicknesses, comforted sorrows and cared for His followers.

4. Holy Gospel of St. John: It was written in Ephesus about 98 AD and focused mainly on the Divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ and He was the Son of God. So it is the Holy Gospel of Incarnation. It is the Holy Gospel of Christian love (John 3:16, 13:34).

5. Holy Book of Acts: Written by St. Luke to Theophilus and reported the work of the Holy Spirit in the growing Church and so the most common words in this book is the Spirit or Holy Spirit. He recorded the history of the Church from the Day of Pentecost to the first imprisonment of St. Paul in Rome and before Nero’s persecution in 64 AD.

6. Holy Epistles of St. Paul: He wrote 14 Holy Epistles between 52 AD and 66 AD. One Holy Epistle was written to the Roman believers around 55-57 AD about salvation through living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and through love and focuses on God’s righteousness revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation. Two Holy Epistles were written to the Corinthians around 55 AD regarding some problems there and focused on the Christian life in the sight of God, communion with God vs. communion with darkness and reconciliation and communion. The Holy Epistle to the Galatians was written about 49 AD and it compares true Holy Gospel vs. the false gospel. The Holy Epistle to the Ephesians was written in between 61 AD and 63 AD. It focuses on riches of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church. The Holy Epistle to the Philippians was written in between 61 AD and 63 AD and focuses on the dynamics of our life in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Holy Epistle to the Colossians focuses on living by the Will of God. The Holy First Epistle to the Thessalonians was written between 50 AD and 51 AD and focuses on the holy life which will lead to eternal life. The Holy Second Epistle to the Thessalonians was written about 51 AD and its theme is stand fast through Apostolic teachings. Two Holy Epistles were written to his disciple St. Timothy around 64-65 AD and focused on pastoral care of the faithful and overcoming hardship in the ministry. The Holy Epistle to Titus was written around 63 AD-65 AD and focused on overseeing the Church according to the true faith. The Holy Epistle to Philemon was written around 61-63 AD and focused on our brotherhood in the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally the Holy Epistle to the Hebrews was written around 66 AD and focused on preserving faith in

the Incarnate Son, the Lord Jesus Christ was superior to Moses, New Testament was superior to Old Testament.

7. Catholic Epistles: St James wrote one Holy Epistle around 55-60 AD about the harmony of faith and good deeds and works. St. Peter wrote 2 Holy Epistles about 50-66 AD about rejoice in sharing the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ and true knowledge vs. false knowledge. St. John wrote three Holy Epistles around 90-95 AD and focused on tests of true Christian life, tests of true Christian care, and genuine leadership vs. false leadership. St. Jude wrote one Holy Epistle around 60 AD-80 AD and focused on contending earnestly for the faith.

8. The Holy Book of Revelation: It is a prophetic book written by St. John, the Beloved around 95 AD and focused on faithfulness in tribulations and the ends of ages.