

# New Testament Overview (NT240)

Australian College of Theology name: *New Testament Overview*

## Unit Description

Learn the historical and social setting of the New Testament. Gain an understanding of the major theological themes of the New Testament. Examine the distinctive features of selected books of the New Testament. Integrate the major themes of the New Testament, relating them to the task of interpreting and teaching. Incorporate the implications of your studies into your own life and ministry.

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## Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

### A. *Know and understand:*

1. The English text and structure of the New Testament
2. The leading theological themes of the New

### B. *Be able to:*

1. Use sources such as biblical and theological dictionaries, commentaries and on-line resources
2. Describe the historical, religious and socio-cultural background
3. Outline the contents and distinctive features of selected books
4. Trace the leading theological themes

### C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Apply the leading themes of the New Testament in personal life and for use in ministry contexts

## Content

### **Section A: *The Gospels – An Introduction to the New Testament and the Ministry of Jesus***

1. An Introduction the New Testament – context, background, theology and hermeneutics.
2. The Gospel of John
3. The synoptic Gospels
  - Matthew
  - Mark
  - Luke

**Section B: Acts to Revelation – The Birth of Christianity and the Epistles**

4. The continuing work of Jesus through the Acts of the Apostles (including / continuing on from the Gospel of Luke)
5. Introduction to the New Testament letters – context, background, hermeneutics and ethics
6. Paul's Letters with particular reference to the Letter to the Roman Church
7. Hebrews and the Catholic Letter
8. Revelation