

NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION PROJECT

Context: Individual

Focus: Competencies

It may be begun only **after** the Old Testament Introduction Project is entirely completed.

The parts of this assignment can be completed in any order.

1. Listen to the series of 24 lectures on *New Testament Survey* by Dr. David T. Gordon (via Real Player on CD). As you listen to each lecture please:
 - a. Skim the corresponding New Testament chapters in the Bible.
 - b. Read corresponding chapters in *Early Church History* by Verbrugge. This book gives a good concise summary of events in the New Testament. It will be particularly useful as you proceed through the book of Acts.
 - c. Study *New Testament Introduction Charts & Maps* as you proceed.
 - d. Complete *Reflections* questions as you proceed.
2. Read *The Secular Settings of the New Testament* by Robert Gundry.
3. Spend 30-60 minutes exploring *Get Lost in Jerusalem* CD. Start with the “Guided Tour” and then browse through the other features.
4. Read *A Short History of the Early Church* by Harry R. Boer.
5. Watch *The Secrets of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. This will give you some introduction to the issue of the Dead Sea Scrolls and also a little look at Israel’s geography.
6. Optional: watch *Enigma of the Dead Sea Scrolls*. Deals with some of the intrigue surrounding the scrolls.
7. Read *Archaeology and the New Testament* by Pat Zukeran.
8. Read *Are the Biblical Documents Reliable?* by Jimmy Williams: chapters on *New Testament* and *Conclusion*.

9. Watch *Rome: Power & Glory*. Introduces the world context of the New Testament.
10. Watch *Jerusalem: Within These Walls*. A National Geographic video about the Old City of Jerusalem.
11. Please submit a written affirmation that you have effectively read/skimmed the required texts, listened to the lectures, watched the videos and DVDs, perused the CD, and completed the exercises for this project.