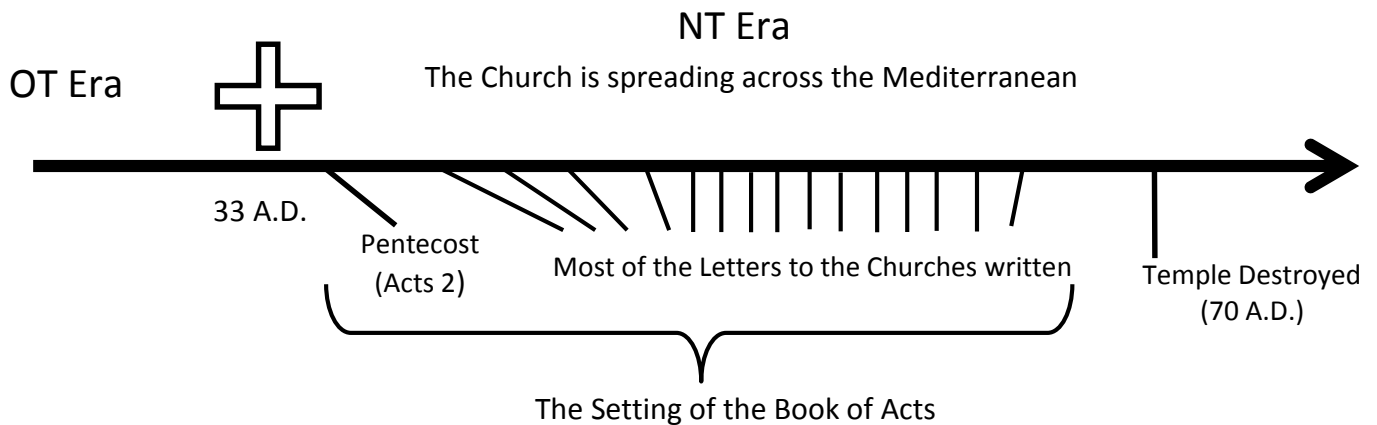


Basics of Christianity Series
New Testament Overview

Recap: The Question of Silence

God has given us enough in the Word, His Son and His Spirit. Hebrews 1:1-3 and 2 Tim. 3:16-17. We trust the word given through the Apostles because they saw Jesus and performed signs that confirmed their word (Eph. 2:20).



The Gospels and Acts

History with a purpose.

The gospels present different views of Jesus and so they may describe the same event differently but still accurately. We can see this in how a bride and groom describe their wedding ceremony very differently than one another. The gospel writers chose to portray the life of Jesus in different ways to emphasize different aspects of his ministry. Example: Mark emphasizes his human nature as one who identifies with us but John emphasizes his divine nature as one who gives life to us.

Why did the Apostles write letters to Churches?

Churches have problems because we still struggle with sin. They wrote letters with instructions and commands that deal with the problems found in the Churches. They wrote them to encourage believers to continue in the faith and to teach them how their faith should impact their life so that people will see the greatness of the One we worship.

The 2 Purposes of the NT:

- 1) Teach who Jesus is
- 2) Teach you how to imitate him

Why are New Testament commands and teachings still relevant?