

# Week 1

## Small Group

**Old Testament:** The Old Agreement

**New Testament:** The New Agreement

\_\_\_\_\_ years between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

### People Groups in Palestine:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Samaritans
3. Gentiles

### Religious Groups:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sadducees

### Jewish Institutions:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Synagogues
3. The Sanhedrin

### Literature:

1. The Translation of the Old Testament
  - a. Aramaic Version
  - b. Septuagint
  - c. Samaritan
2. Oral Law

### Authority of the Early Church

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The teaching of Jesus
3. The teaching of the Apostles

## The Official Canon

1. \_\_\_\_\_: did this book agree with the accepted doctrines of the church.
2. It is connected to Apostles or their close circle, Matthew, John, Peter, Mark, Luke, Paul, James, Jude, and author of Hebrews.
3. Antiquity: they had to come from the time of the Apostles, before 70 AD.

## \_\_\_\_\_ New Testament Authors

### Three Divisions in the New Testament:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Section
2. Theological Section
3. Prophetic (Apocalyptic) Section

### The Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke)

- Synoptic comes from the Greek word Synopsis
- Synopsis meaning \_\_\_\_\_ having common viewpoint.

Writer of Matthew: \_\_\_\_\_

Original intended Audience: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Matthew: To show that Jesus was the Messiah who fulfilled the Old Testament.

Avoids the name of God to not offend the Jews who feared blasphemy.

- Father in Heaven (15 times to once in Mark and none in Luke)
- Kingdom of Heaven (33 times)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4 times)

Identifies Jesus as a descendant of Abraham and heir of David

- Jesus is called "son of David" \_\_\_\_\_ times

50 as of his Authority and 75 different allusions to the Old Testament

Matthew is the only Gospel that mention the \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Genealogy of Jesus through Joseph (this is different from the one in Luke which is the Biological Genealogy through Mary)

The Sermon on the Mount:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Nine different "be-attitudes")
2. The two Similitudes are metaphors describing how the Church should effect the world.
  - a. You are the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. You are the Light of the World.
3. The Antithesis: Jesus illustrates this using the formula "you have heard...but I say..."

Matthew has \_\_\_\_\_ unique parables to his gospels.