NT Overview Part 2  
John, Acts, Romans

1. **The Gospel of John**

**John 20:31**: “these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

**John 17:3**: “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

***\*\*Theme: Jesus is the Eternal Son of God Who Reveals God’s Glory and Gives Us Life in His Presence\*\****

* 1. ***Prologue (1:1-18)***
     1. **John 1:1-2**, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God…
     2. **John 1:4–5**: 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
     3. **John 1:14**: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
     4. **John 1:18**: “No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.”
  2. ***Book of Signs (1:19-12:50)***
  3. ***Book of the Passion (John 13:1-20:31)***
  4. ***Epilogue (21:1-25)***

1. **Acts of the Apostles**

**Acts 1:1–2**: 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

***\*\*Theme: Jesus expands His kingdom to the nations as He reigns through His Word and Spirit.\*\****

* 1. ***Intro & Commission (1:1-8)***
     1. **Acts 1:6–8:** “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
  2. ***Church in Jerusalem (1:9-7:60)***
     1. “…there were added that day about three thousand souls” (Acts. 2:41).
     2. “And the Lord was adding to their number day by day” (Acts 2:47).
     3. “the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem…” (Acts 6:7)
  3. ***The Church in Judea, Samaria, and Achaia (8-12)***
     1. **Acts 8:1**: “And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.”
     2. **Acts 8:4**: “Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word.”
     3. “The Word of God increased and multiplied” (12:24).
  4. ***The Church to the World (Acts 13-28)***
     1. Paul’s First Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14)
     2. Jerusalem Council (Acts 15:1-35)
     3. Paul’s Second & Third Missionary Journeys (Acts 15:36-21:16)
     4. Paul’s Journey to Rome (Acts 21:17-28:31)

30 [Paul] lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, 31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance (Acts 28:30–31).

1. **Intro to Epistles**
   1. ***Explanation***
   2. ***Purpose***
      1. Explain and fill out who Christ is and what He has done for us.
      2. Tell us how to live for the glory of Christ under the New Covenant.
2. **Letter to the Romans**

***\*\*Theme: The Gospel of God’s righteousness.\*\****

* 1. ***Intro: The Righteousness of God (1:1-17)***
     1. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith” (Romans 1:16-17)
  2. ***Our Need of and Lack of God’s Righteousness (1:18-3:20)***
     1. “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth” (Rom. 1:18)**.**
  3. ***The Gift of God’s Righteousness (3:21-5)***
     1. “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:23-25).
  4. ***Living in Christ’s Righteousness (Rom 6-8)***
     1. Romans 6 – Slaves of righteousness in Christ
     2. Romans 7 – Wrestling with sin
     3. Romans 8 – Victory in the battle of sin and suffering through Christ
     4. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us (Rom. 8:33-34).
  5. ***A Challenge to the Righteousness of God: What about Israel? (9-11)***
  6. ***The Moral Demands of the Righteousness of God (12-15:13)***
     1. **Romans 12:1**: 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
  7. ***Concluding Issues (15:14-16:27)***