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THE BOOKS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (I): THE FOUR GOSPELS & ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations." (Psalm 145:13)

Objectives

Knowledge of God's Will	Jesus is the King, the tireless servant, the Son of man and the Son of God. Understand the kingdom of heaven in the gospel books. Understand that the kingdom of heaven is in the church.
Knowledge of God's Divine Nature	God is our King. His kingdom is everlasting.
Good Works	The kingdom of God is in our hearts. Make God our King.

A. The Gospels

1. *The Themes of the Gospels:* By studying the gospels, we can gain a deeper understanding of Jesus Christ, His mission on earth, and His identity. By inspiration of God (2 Tim 3:16), they answer the question Jesus asked His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?"
2. *The Kingdom of Heaven Revealed by the Gospels:* The gospels reveal the truth of the kingdom to come: the kingdom of heaven is a spiritual kingdom that is ruled by Christ, full of righteousness, peace, and joy. The gospels revealed the mystery of the kingdom of heaven, but we can see its importance more clearly after the Holy Spirit's descent.

B. Historical Book: Acts of the Apostles

1. *The Works of the Holy Spirit: Leading Us to the Kingdom*
   With the power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples transformed into spirit-filled, faithful, and profitable workers for the kingdom of heaven. The mystery of the kingdom that was revealed in the gospels was put into practice in Acts. Through it, we can see more clearly the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the kingdom of heaven.

2. *The Growth of the Church: Establishing the Kingdom*
   Acts of the Apostles tells us in detail how the church in apostolic times grew by the power and work of the Holy Spirit. Through all of the details remains one central purpose: The establishment of Christ in the hearts of His followers, and the growth of the church that leads believers to the kingdom of God.

3. *Witnessing: Leading Others into the Kingdom*
   The Holy Spirit established the church on earth, and today, the same church is the path through which we can enter the kingdom of heaven. The church is a sanctified group of people who have been given the authority to judge (1 Cor 6:1–3) and to forgive or retain the sins of any (Jn 20:23).

Life Application: The Kingdom of Heaven Is In Our Hearts

1. Is God the King of My Heart?
2. Placing God as King of Our Lives Each Day

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse (Psalm 145:13):

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1. What makes the kingdom of heaven different from earth?

2. What is the kingdom of heaven as revealed by the Gospels?

3. What is the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the kingdom of heaven?

4. What can we learn from the details of the church's growth in Acts?

5. In what way is the kingdom of God in our hearts?

6. What can you change in your life to make God the King of your life each day?