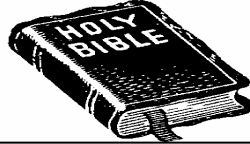


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THE CHURCHES PART I

- THREE PERIODS - Of Preparation For The Establishment Of The Church** (a) The ministry of John and Jesus. (Mk 1:2) "*Behold, I send my _____ before thy face, which shall _____ thy _____ before thee.*" Of whom is this said? _____ (b) Between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. This was when Jesus gave the "Great Commission." (c) Between the ascension and Pentecost. The apostles were waiting for the kingdom (ie: church) to come. "*But tarry ye in the _____ of _____, until ye be endued with _____ from on _____.*"
- PERIOD 1:** The "Gospels" chronicle the ministry of John and are biographies of Jesus. There are four gospel *accounts* but only *one gospel*. How many writers? _____ Name them: _____, _____, _____, _____. List the number of chapters in each book: ____, ____, ____, ____.
- Use Of "Church" In These Four Books** How many times is it used in the *gospels*? ____ Scriptures where found? _____ Does this surprise you? _____
- The Term "kingdom of heaven" Is Peculiar To Matthew** By *peculiar*, we mean he is the only one that uses it. It is found 32X – 31V KJV. How did other *gospel* writers refer to the church? _____ (Mk 1:15; Lk 10:9; Jn 3:3, 5). Did Matthew ever use this term? _____
- John The Baptist's Message** (Mt 3:1-2) "*Repent ye: for the _____ is at hand.*" What does "*at hand*" mean? _____ Did he alone use it? _____
- The Message Of Jesus** (Mk 1:15) "*The time is _____, and the kingdom _____ is at hand: _____, and believe _____.*" Believe what? _____ According to Luke, John began his ministry in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar (Luke 3:1-3), which must have been A.D. 26 or 27. John's preaching emphasized the coming judgment, the need for repentance, and the coming of the Messiah. According to the Gospel of John, the ministry of Jesus overlapped with that of John (3:22-24; Mk 1:14). Some of Jesus' first disciples had also been disciples of John the Baptist (John 1:35-37).
- The Church Is Built On Christ Jesus** Our Lord said, "*I will build my church*"? Scripture? _____ Whose church? _____ It would be built on the fact ("*this rock*") that he was (V16) "*the _____, the Son of the _____ God.*" Did he build it for himself, or someone else? _____ If for himself, then to whom does it belong? _____ So it is _____'s church. If Christ's Church then is it not the Church of Christ? _____
- Kingdom---Come With Power** Jesus said: (Mk 9:1), "*There be some of them that _____, which shall not _____, till they have seen the kingdom of God _____.*" What did he mean by *power*? _____ What did he mean when he said people that "*stand here*" shall "*not taste of death*" until the kingdom comes? _____ Were these words of Jesus confirmed? _____ The power would come on the next Pentecost. READ (Acts 2). Did the miraculous power come as promised? _____