

# NEW TESTAMENT RAP

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Matthew, Mark, Luke and John –  
The Gospels – Yeah! They've got it going on.  
Written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John  
They're the stories of Jesus, God's only Son.

Feeding sheep, washing feet, for the humble and meek.  
Jesus came for the poor, the downtrodden and weak.  
Yuss if you're a scavenger, disciple or a sinner,  
Cause with the Kingdom of God the last is the winner.

Matthew's about his teaching, the audience were Jews,  
And Mark's about his doing, it's filled with Roman views.  
Luke shows him as Saviour, he wrote to Theophilus,  
And John's about belief, to a Christian audience.

Four different authors, one same story.  
The birth of Jesus and his resurrection glory.  
A record of his life and the bringing of good news,  
Jesus' death and rising is hope for me and you.

Next is Acts, and it's all by itself,  
A historical account, but not on the shelf.  
It's lived by followers today and yesterday  
It's part 2 by Luke - what more can I say?

The Gospel is spread from city to city  
By a man who used to have no pity.  
He brings a message of hope for one and all,  
A book of journeys 'bout a man named Paul.

Next is Romans, the first of the letters,  
It has wisdom for the Roman church and guidance for its  
settlers,  
Written by Paul who is leading the way  
Reminding people of what Jesus came to say.

12 more letters, are what Paul wrote  
To Churches all around, who needed some notes  
On ways of living, the Christian life,  
Sorting out issues and dealing with strife.

Corinthians I and 2 come first,  
They needed help before their own church burst.  
Paul corrected mistakes, and gave them some praise  
So they could keep on going, and living God's ways.

Galatians came next, another church in the hood,  
Paul wrote to them next  
because they thought they were good.  
He reminded them of God's true way  
That it's not what you do but because of your faith.

The book Ephesians, is the letter that follows  
A church that was finding it hard to swallow  
The news of God's grace but they eventually got it,  
Thanks to Paul that kick-butt apostle.

Paul's next letter is to Philippians,  
He says, "If you're good to your neighbour  
then you just might win,  
Cause the Christian way shows beauty in kindness  
And the model we follow is one of the finest."

Colossians, the book, comes next in the NT,  
Paul warns his friends about living an empty...  
Life, if they continue in the way they are living  
And reminds them of the gift that just keeps giving.

One and Two books of Thessalonians  
"Continue in the faith and repent for your sins"  
Paul writes, they listen about holy conversation,  
A church who spreads the gospel to the nation.

Paul's following letters are Tim 1+2  
Written to Timothy, a pastor who  
Needs some encouragement in his job,  
So he can keep the Church together, following God.

Titus is next, another letter to a guy  
Who is supervising church, and keeping it tight.  
"Being peaceful and friendly is the Christ way to be" –  
So says Paul who continues to teach.

Then comes Philemon, the Christian slave owner,  
To whom Paul writes, concerning his fellow brother  
Who was once a slave, but now is redeemed  
He says, "Treat him with kindness cause in Christ he's freed."

Hebrews was written to a group that needs  
Reminding of Christ and the life he leads,  
Remaining faithful till the end despite hardships,  
Written by someone who had great God tips.

James is by James, the next good pearl  
Written to Christians all over the world  
Practical instructions, like faith and prayer  
Are featured in this letter of action and cheer.

Peter writes next, books 1 and 2  
Encouraging Christian readers to hold on through  
Their suffering, and to fight false teaching  
Those people that forget Christ's coming in their preaching.

One John, Two John, Three John come next.  
First John is written as a warning text  
To remind its readers to hold each other in love  
And that Jesus was a human, sent from above.

Two John is a letter to some kids and their mother  
Reminding them of wisdom and to love one another.  
And Third John is written to Gaius, a man  
Who helped lots of people to follow God's plan.

Jude is the next book, second to last  
A warning book about the people that seem to  
Blast God's name when they don't even know him  
This letter says to the church "Persevere! Keep going!"

That brings us to the very last thing  
A category all on its own – Revelation!  
Apocalyptic, the future of the church foretold  
By John who shares the vision of hope.

Symbols, and mystery, and symphonies  
This was written for people who weren't at ease  
But it tells them, urges them, reminds them to be faithful  
To hold on to God, no matter the tribulation.

And that's the New Testament, book by book,  
Verse by verse and hook by hook.  
We now know in part what Jesus had to say,  
Look! New heaven and earth are on their way.