

New Testament Books – Estimated Dates

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Category	Traditional Order	Order Written (approx.)	Date CE (Consensus*)	Date CE (Carrier**)	Authorship
Gospels	Matthew	13	80's to early 90's	80's – 90's	"Matthew" – Author is Jewish Christian
	Mark	12	67 – 80	70's – 80's	"Mark" – Author not Jewish or from Palestine
	Luke	15	80's to 110's	90's – 130's (he sides w/ 90's)	"Luke" – Same author as Acts
	John	17	90	100's – 140s (he sides w/100's)	"John" – Author is Gnostic Christian
	Acts (of Apostles)	16	80's to 110's	90s – 130's (but after Luke)	"Luke" – Same author as Luke
Paul's letters	Romans	7	58	late 50's	Paul – genuine
	1 Corinthians	3	53 – 57	50's	Paul – genuine
	2 Corinthians	4	Mid 50's	50's	Paul – genuine
	Galatians	2	50 – 54	50's	Paul – genuine
	Ephesians	22	70 – 100	50 – 100	"Paul" – forgery
	Philippians	6	Mid 50's to early 60's	50's	Paul – genuine
	Colossians	23	80's	50 – 100	"Paul" – forgery
	1 Thessalonians	1	50	50's	Paul – genuine
	2 Thessalonians	24	90's to 100's	50 – 100	"Paul" – forgery
	1 Timothy	25	100 – 130	Early to mid-2nd century	"Paul" – forgery
	2 Timothy	26	100 – 130	Early to mid-2nd century	"Paul" – forgery
	Titus	27	100 – 130	Early to mid-2nd century	"Paul" – forgery
	Philemon	5	Mid 50's to early 60's	50's	Paul – probably genuine
Other letters	Hebrews	8	Mid to late '60s	40s – 60s	Anonymous – unknown (early "gospel" with celestial Jesus)
	James	10	70's to early 2 nd century	30's – 130	"James" – unknown
	1 Peter	9	60 to early 2 nd century	50's	"Peter" – possibly by Paul and genuine (Carrier)
	2 Peter	21	120 – 150	Early 2 nd century (after gospels)	"Peter" – forgery
	1 John	18	100	Early 2 nd century	"John" – unknown. Gnostic influences
	2 John	19	100	Early 2 nd century	"John" – unknown. Gnostic influences
	3 John	20	100	Early 2 nd century	"John" – unknown. Gnostic influences
	Jude	11	100	30's to 130	"Jude" – unknown
Revelation	Revelation	14	90's to early 2 nd century	Early 90's	"John" – unknown

* Representing the general consensus (not meant to be precise) of mainstream Biblical scholars.

** Based on Dr. Richard Carrier's book [On the Historicity of Jesus: Why We May Have Reason to Doubt](#).