

# Bible Writing: NT

**THE NEW TESTAMENT** was all put down in writing probably before the end of the century in which Jesus lived. In fact, most of

the New Testament was written in the space of forty to fifty years. Look at a shelf of some New Testament books.

**GOSPEL** – each of the four gospels includes details of Jesus’ life and teaching. They tell the ‘good news’ that he rose from the dead.  
Acts of the Apostles tells the story of how the apostles went about preaching that the Lord has risen to all the known world.

The Book of Revelation describes the final victory of Jesus, the Lamb, over evil.

**LETTERS** – the New Testament has plenty. Many were written by Paul to new Christian groups. He wanted to encourage them to stay on the right path. Other letters were written for all the Christian groups, in other words, for the whole Church.

## To do

- 1 Explain in one sentence these types of Bible writing: GOSPEL, LETTER.
- 2 Below are examples of different types of Bible writing in the New Testament. Can you say of what type is each example?

**A**

*My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God ... anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.*

**B**

*Jesus had now finished all he wanted to say, and he told the disciples, ‘It will be Passover, as you know, in two days’ time, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified’.*

**C**

*I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the Church of God in Corinth ...*

**D**

*The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said.*

## Research

- 3 Each Gospel writer has his own traditional symbol. Find out the symbol of one Gospel. Explain why this Gospel writer has that particular symbol.