

Journey Through the Bible: A Year of Our Lord

Session 40: The Gospels

Remember Acts 17:11

The New Testament:

Historical Accounts	(5)
<u>The Gospels</u>	4
<u>Synoptic: Mt. Mk. Lk.</u>	(3)
<u>Commentary: Jn.</u>	(1)
Acts	1
Interpretive Letters	(21)
Pauline Epistles	14*
Hebrew Christian Epistles	7
Prophecy (Apocalypse)	1

OT Symbols for Jesus' Ministry:

- The Ark of the Covenant/ The Mercy Seat
- The Brazen Altar/ The Scapegoat
- Water from a Rock (2x)
- Mana
- The Bronze Serpent (Lifted Up)
- The Passover Lamb

The Virgin Birth (Incarnation):

- As Prophesized
 - o "Seed of the woman" (Gen. 3:15)
 - o "Virgin shall conceive..." (Is. 7:14)
 - o "Bethlehem Ephrathah..." (Micah 5:2)
 - Specific to the Birthplace of David
 - Linking with the Family of David
- Necessary to Authenticate Christ as Divine
 - o Incarnate Son of God (No Human Father)
 - Pre-Existent One (Jn. 1:1-4; Micah 5:2)
 - Un-Created One (Col. 1:16-20)
 - Heir (First Born) of Creation (Col. 1:15)
 - o Avoid the Curse of Jeconiah (Jer. 22:30)
 - Heir to the Throne of David (2 Sam. 7:11-16)
 - o Avoid the Curse of Adam (Gen. 3)
 - "He who knew no sin..." (2 Cor. 5:21)
- In Perfect Union with the Father (Is. 9:6-7; Jn. 1:1; 10:30; Jn. 17:21-23)

- o "The Word" (Jn. 1:1; Rev. 19:13)

The Revelation of the Holy Spirit:

- Temporary Prophetic Ministry Becomes a Permanent Sealing/Communion with God
 - o Promised in Joel 2:28
 - o Christ Demonstrated Ministering in the Spirit (Mt. 12:18)
 - o Remind & Reveal the Commandments of Christ (Jn. 14:26)
 - o Will Guide & Communicate God's Truth to the Believer (Jn. 16:13)

The Gospel According to Matthew:

Outline:

Introduction (Birth, Baptism, Preparation)	Chs. 1-4
The Sermon on the Mount	5-8
Ministry of Miracles	8-10
Rejection by Religious Authorities	11-18
Presentation as Messiah & Sacrifice	19-25
Trials & Crucifixion	26-27
Resurrection	28

Major Discourses:

Sermon on the Mount	5-8
- Christian Virtues, Blessings, & Spiritual Motives	
Olivet Discourse	24-25
- Details on the 2 nd Coming	
Kingdom Parables	13
- The Nature & Future of the Church	
The Sower & the 4 Soils	Ephesus
The Wheat & the Tares	Smyrna
The Mustard Seed	Pergamos
The Woman & the Leaven	Thyatira
The Treasure in the Field	Sardis
The Pearl of Great Price	Philadelphia
The Dragnet	Laodicea

Teaching Through Parables: (Ref. Mt. 13:10-13)

- To Reveal the Nature of the Kingdom to Believers
- To Obscure the Nature of the Kingdom from Those who Reject Christ

- Judgement Against the Unbeliever
 - Their Meaning is Only Discerned Through the Spirit
- Note: Idioms Remain Consistent

Holy Week (Jericho & Jerusalem) 19-23
Resurrection & Ascension 24

The Gospel of Mark:

- Probably Written from Peter's Account/Supervision
- Oriented to Jesus' Activities
 - o No Nativity Narrative
 - o Longer than Matthew (Exclude Discourses)
- Graphic Description of an Eyewitness Account
 - o Names, Times, Numbers, Locations

Outline:

4 Proclamations of Jesus the Messiah	Ch. 1
The Works & Teachings of Jesus	2-8
Judean Ministry	9-10
Holy Week	11-15
Resurrection & Ascension	16

The Gospel According to Luke:

- Gentile (Physician by Trade)
 - o Possibly a Roman Slave (Formerly)
 - o Researcher & Companion of Paul
 - o Authenticated by Sr. William Ramsey
 - o More Accounts of Healing than Matthew + Mark
 - o Used Multiple Medical Terms (Greek)
- Most Complete of the Gospel Narratives
 - o Recalls 20 Miracles (6 Unique)
 - o 23 Parables (18 Unique)
- Writer of 2 Researched Histories
 - o The Gospel According to Luke
 - o The Acts of the Apostles
- Commissioned for a Roman Official
 - o "**Most Excellent** Theophilus"
 - o Potentially Used as Court Documentation for Paul's Appearance Before Nero

Outline:

Introduction & the Nativities of John & Jesus	Chs.1-2
The Ministry of John	3
The Galilean Ministry	4-9
- The Sermon on the Plain	6:20-49
The Judean Ministry	10-18

The Gospel According to John:

Outline:

The Incarnation	Ch. 1:1-18
John the Baptist & the First Disciples	1:19-51
Miracles, Public Ministry, & Conflicts	2-12
Private Ministry to the Disciples	13-17
Holy Week	18-19
Resurrection	20

Central Theme (1:11-12):

“Children of God” (Used to Identify Direct Creations of God)

Heb: Ben Elohim

- Before: Sons of Adam
- With Christ: Sons of God

Overview:

Matthew:	The Evidence of the Messiah
Mark:	The Works and the Power of Christ
Luke:	The Experiences of the Son of Man
John:	The 1 st Coming of the Son of God

The Truth About Christ (John 8:30-59):

For Discussion:

Share Your Notes and Highlights with Your Groups.

Consider:

How would you describe Jesus to an unbeliever?

How would you introduce an unbeliever to Jesus?

Horizontal lines for writing or drawing.