

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

STATION 5 “Gospels: The Life of Jesus”

You should be in front of the large stained glass window with 4 panels depicting the four writers of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Four separate men. Four separate accounts of the same story. It is through their writing that we read of Jesus’ birth and baptism, and get glimpses into the life, teaching, and ministry of Jesus’ on earth. Each writer had his own personality and insight, and each offers important elements of the wonderful story. Matthew was a tax collector. He was an outsider. Someone who was used to being hated by most. Mark was the youngest writer and he wrote the shortest Gospel. Filled with youthful passion, his gospel bounces quickly from event to event. Luke, also a physician, also wrote the book of Acts. And no doubt, the healings of Jesus made a huge impact in the mind of this writer. And John. Well, he was the disciple that Jesus loved. And this guy, had a unique insight from being in that inner circle with Jesus.

Just for fun, can you guess which of the writers finished his Gospel first? Here’s a hint. He’s the one depicted with the closed book in his hand.

The Gospels are good for the soul, and we should read them often. Tonight, would you commit to reading one of the four gospels? Seek out the life of Jesus in that Gospel. If you would like, you can write your name on the sheet in front of you, and mark the Gospel that you are committing to read. If you don’t have a Bible of your own, let one of our hosts know, and we’d like to give you a Bible to take home as a gift. If you do have a Bible, take a bookmark as a reminder of your commitment to read a Gospel.

Then move to station 6 in front of the stained glass window at the left side of the main sanctuary.