



Growing in His Likeness

What Do the Gospels Teach Us?

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THE BIG IDEA

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are the **essential witnesses to Christ's life** and mission. We will never know what it is to follow Jesus fully without learning what the gospels teach us.

SUMMARY

- We come to know God primarily through **Jesus Christ**, the Son of God, **the Word made Flesh**.
- We come to know Jesus primarily through the Bible, **the Word of God**, in both the Old and New Testament, but especially through the **gospels**.
- In the gospels (literally: **good news**) of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, we **witness** who Jesus is.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT TOGETHER

What is your favorite story about Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John? What does it tell you about who Jesus is?

SOMETHING TO READ TOGETHER

"... The sheep hear [their shepherd's] voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. ... ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ... ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." — John 10:3b-4; 11, 14, 15)

In these verses, Jesus is telling us how to recognize him and his voice. What are some of the characteristics of who Jesus is here?

SOMETHING TO TRY AT HOME

Try reading the Gospel of Mark every day, the way you would a book—as a single narrative. If you read half a chapter a day, you will get through it in about one month (32 days total)!

