

Field Expedition Overview (Leader Guide)

AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL FAITH ADVENTURE THROUGH THE LIFE & MISSION OF CHRIST

Digging for Truth (Lesson): Gospel Foundations: (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)

- Read:
 - **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
 - **John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us; and we saw His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
 - **2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;

The Four Gospels - High level overview of four different accounts

- **Matthew (The Royal Scroll):** - JEWISH AUDIENCE Written with an eye for ancient history and prophecies. Matthew reveals Jesus as the long-awaited King, proving that every prophecy was a true coordinate leading to the Messiah.
 - Portrays Jesus as the messiah and King of the jews (royalty)
 - **Matthew 1:1 NASB** | The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:
 - **Matthew 1:23 NASB** | “Behold, the virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son, and they shall name Him Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”
- **Mark (The Action Field Notes)** - ROMANS/GENTILES (NON JEWS) AUDIENCE: Fast-paced and full of thrill! Mark doesn't waste a second - moving from one miracle to the next, showcasing Jesus as the mighty Servant on a non-stop rescue mission.
 - Portrays Jesus as the suffering servant (humility)
 - **Mark 10:45 NASB** | For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many
- **Luke (The Meticulous Investigator's Journal)** - GREEKS/GENTILES (NON JEWS) AUDIENCE: Doctor Luke investigated every witness and detail with extreme precision. He records how Jesus came for everyone—the lost, the outsiders, and the weary travelers.
 - Portrays Jesus as the Son of man the Savior (humanity)
 - **Luke 19:10 NASB** | For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.
- **John (The High-Altitude Eagle Eye)** Audience- all people : John takes us to the highest peak, gazing into the divine mystery. He reveals Jesus as the Eternal Word made flesh (John 1:1, 14)—God Himself walking among us.
 - Portrays Jesus as the Son of God (divinity)
 - **John 20:23 NASB** | 31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Compass (Ultimate Truth - Bottom Line):

- The Bible is trustworthy- 4 different angles confirm the same truth.
 - **Deuteronomy 19:15** “A single witness shall not rise up against a person regarding any wrongdoing or any sin that he commits; on the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.
 - **Luke 1:1-4** Since many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting to me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in an orderly sequence, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.