

The Gospels

Best News Ever

The Gospels Give Birth to Disciples.

If you want to be a Jesus person, begin reading the Jesus story.

I. Getting Started

A. There is a God & He has a message for us

Hebrews 1:1-4 (NIV[®])

¹ In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

Jesus is the message, He is the answer---more than a messenger, a prophet, Jesus is a revelation!

B. Four Gospels

Matthew 1:1 (NIV[®])

¹ A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Mark 1:1 (NIV[®])

¹ The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Luke 1:1-4 (NIV[®])

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

John 1:1-3 (NIV[®])

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

C. Jesus' Arrival

Matthew 1:18 (NIV[®])

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Mark 1:7-9 (NIV®)

"After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." ⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

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Luke 1:26-27 (NIV<sup>®</sup>)
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²⁶ In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

John 1:29 (NIV®)

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

D. Unique - Only One

John 14:6 (NIV[®])

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

E. Jesus' Life — a real person

Nazareth, Bethlehem, Egypt, Nazareth, Capernaum, Jerusalem

F. Jesus' Mission

an announcement, a revelation & an opportunity

Mark 1:14-15 (NIV[®])

Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 4:39-41 (NIV[®])

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Matthew 4:19 (NIV[®])

¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

G. Jesus Our Redeemer

Mark 16:15-16 (NIV[®])

¹⁵ He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

II. Learn Our Lines & We Can Tell the Story

John 3:16 (NASB[®])

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

John 10:10 (NIV[®])

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, grant me a revelation of Jesus that I may know Him better. I am not content knowing about Him. I want to know Him that I may serve Him more fully. Send an anointing upon my life to be a witness for Jesus. Through my life, may His name be exalted and His Kingdom extended, in His name I pray. Amen.

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