



Grades 4-5 • Unit 13 • Lesson 123

The Gospel Truth

Matthew 1:1, 9:27, 21:9; Mark 10:45, 6:34, 8:2; Luke 19:10, 5:32; John 20:31, 17:3

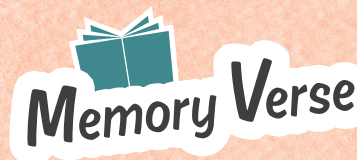
Fill in the statements about the Gospels using the word list. Then find and circle the words in the word search.

1. The _____ are different, but together we get the complete _____ of who Jesus was.
2. Mark showed that Jesus felt _____ for people and that Jesus was the _____ servant.
3. Matthew showed that Jesus is the _____ and promised _____ from the line of _____.
4. Luke showed that Jesus came to seek _____ and to save the lost.
5. John showed that Jesus is the _____ way to have _____ life with God.

KING
ONLY
DAVID
ETERNAL
GOSPELS
MESSIAH
PICTURE
SINNERS
SUFFERING
COMPASSION

T U Q C V A A N S R E N N I S
U X S S L T I U J B F O E N S
G B T U G N I K N G Y I T A U
H X Q P G L P G H L C S A E H
Z X J M I N V H N E T S L T V
C J R H E I A O T N J A I E Q
S F Y Z R S H C N F R P X R E
G O S P E L S F V S L M I N R
F O C O B D Q I I G C O E A U
J A P T U T Q D A Z B C T L T
B Q D H S M C J S H Q T P O C
K L L P X W X X G H Z D Y Z I
K S M P P B L M J R C Q M I P
R L O J J B C T J C D I V A D
F V T S U F F E R I N G O C B

Name _____



For each letter below the blanks, write the letter in the alphabet that comes before it.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Therefore the
M P S E

himself will give you a

 . Behold, the
T J H O

 shall conceive
W J S H J O

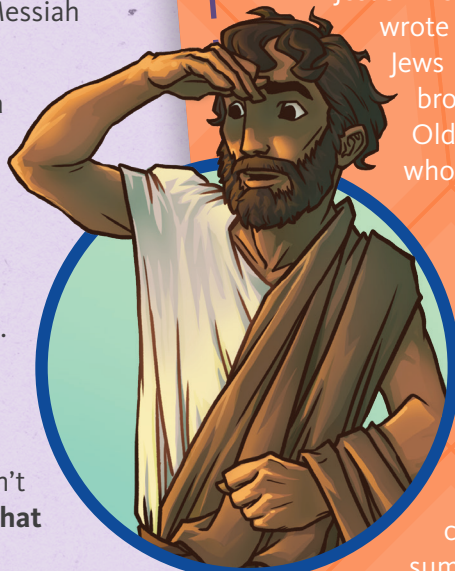
and bear a , and shall
T P O

call his Immanuel.
O B N F

Isaiah 7:14

What You Heard *In the Word*

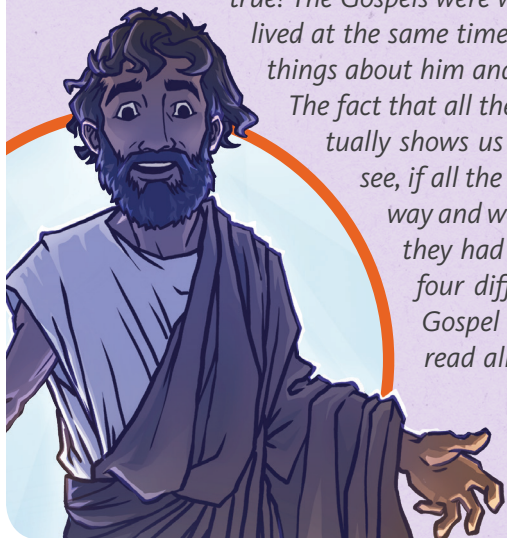
- Because all four Gospels were written by different men, they should be different. The differences confirm that the Bible is true. If they were identical, we would doubt the truth of them.
- The four Gospels give us a complete picture of Jesus:
 - Matthew described Jesus as the promised Messiah and eternal King.
 - Mark showed him as the suffering servant, a man of compassion.
 - Luke described Jesus as the Son of Man, who came to call sinners to repentance.
 - John wanted us to believe that Jesus is the Son of God, who alone can bring eternal life.



OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said that the Gospels couldn't all be true because they say different things? **What would you say?**

The Gospels do say different things, but everything they say is true! The Gospels were written by four men who each lived at the same time as Jesus. They knew different things about him and experienced different events. The fact that all the Gospels are not the same actually shows us that they can be trusted. You see, if all the Gospels were identical in every way and word, we would seriously doubt if they had been written independently by four different men. I believe that each Gospel is inspired by God, and when I read all of them together I get a more complete idea of what happened while Jesus was on earth.



HomeWord *For Parents*

Although the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are different, they work together to give one account of Jesus Christ. Each of the Gospels cause us to consider something unique about Jesus.

Matthew left his life as a tax collector to follow Jesus when he was called to be a disciple. As Matthew wrote his testimony of Jesus, he likely had his fellow Jews in mind. Matthew wanted to convince his Jewish brothers that Jesus truly was the Messiah and the King promised in the Old Testament. He was the one descended from the house of David whose kingdom would not end (Matthew 1:1, 1:6).

Mark was a companion of one of the Lord's closest friends, Peter (1 Peter 5:13). He focused on Jesus' compassion toward people—revealing more of what Jesus did and recording less of what he said. Mark presents Jesus as a “suffering servant” when he tells us that Jesus did not come to be served but to serve. And in that service Jesus would ultimately suffer and give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45).

Luke was a physician and a close companion to the Apostle Paul. Luke presented Jesus as the Redeemer of humanity who constantly sought out sinners that they might be saved. Luke 19:10 sums up the essence of this Gospel: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke often refers to Jesus as the Son of Man—a title Jesus used for himself more frequently than any other name.

John, another close friend and disciple of Jesus, clearly cites his reason for writing his Gospel: “But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). John's two-fold purpose was to encourage his readers to believe in Jesus and to present Jesus as the Son of God—truly God and truly man.

All four Gospels give a more complete look at Jesus, who came that we might have life in his name.

