

# THREE STORIES. ONE SAVIOR.

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## I. THREE STORIES. ONE SAVIOR.

### *1. Jesus' Story*

*The Story of Jesus is Here, There, and Everywhere.*

#### **A. His story is here.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

#### **B. His story is there.**

1.) Mark tells a story of Good News.

**Mark 1:1** The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God,

2.) Luke gives a history of the life of Jesus.

**Luke 1:1-4** Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

3.) John tells us that there is life if we believe.

**John 20:31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- The story of Jesus in scripture is a true story of the Good News of life for those who believe.

**C. His story is everywhere.**

## ***2. Matthew's Story***

**A. The Gospel of Matthew reinforces our values as a church.**

**Our Values / Roots:**

**God First**

**People Are The Priority**

**Healthy Things Grow**

**We Get To Do This**

**B. Matthew Tells Us a Story About God's Great Plan**

**Matthew 1:1** This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

**C. Matthew Tells Us a Story About Salvation Through Jesus**

**Matthew 1:21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

**D. Matthew Tells Us a Story of Discipleship**

*"Matthew addresses a church that is representative of the emerging Christian community of faith—it transcends ethnic, economic, and religious barriers to find oneness in its adherence to Jesus Messiah. His Gospel becomes a manual on discipleship to Jesus, as Jew and Gentile alike form a new community in an increasingly hostile world."* — **Michael J. Wilkins**

**Matthew 28:19-20** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**E. Matthew Tells Us a Story of Mission**

### *3. Your Story*

**Matthew 9:9** As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

#### **A. Jesus Sees You**

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#### **B. Jesus Calls You**

**Matthew 9:9** As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," He told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

#### **C. Jesus Changes You**

*"In all likelihood, none of the Twelve was more notorious as a sinner than Matthew."* — **John MacArthur**

- **Jesus Changes You When You Follow Him**