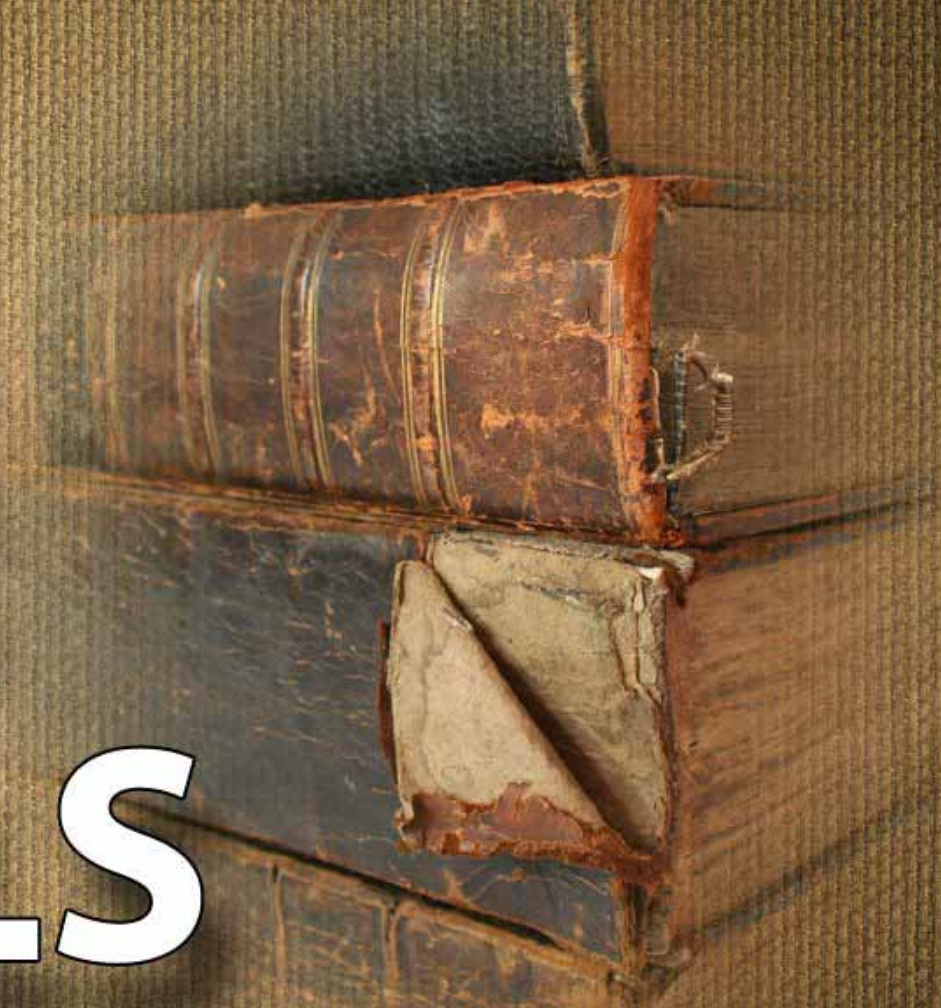


Books of the Bible - 27 books

THE FOUR GOSPELS



What is meant by “Gospel”?

- Jesus probably spoke Aramaic
- The New Testament was written in Greek
- The English term “Gospel” come from the old English word “Godspell”
- A translation of the Greek noun “euangelion” meaning **“good news”**
- Soon, evangelism became a technical term for the good news about Christ.





Different perspectives
to different readers

The General Pattern:

- 1. Statement of Jesus's divine status**
- 2. Jesus's miracles and teachings**
- 3. Jesus's betrayal and death**
- 4. Jesus's resurrection and encouragement to his followers.**

Matthew

- Jewish tax collector
- He writes to the Jews
- for people familiar with the Old Testament and the Law of Moses and the Prophets
- presents Jesus as the fulfilment of the Old testament.
- Emphasises that:
- **JESUS IS THE PROMISED KING DESCENDED FROM DAVID**
JESUS FULLFILLED ALL THE PROMISES MADE TO ISRAEL



What is Matthew about?

Matthew contains the many teachings and parables of Jesus

- **Sermon on the Mount**
- **Parables about the eternal kingdom**
- **Judgement and Greatness of the Kingdom**

The CLIMAX is introduced:

A new covenant is introduced

Except JESUS is the SACRIFICE

THE GREAT COMMISSION

- **By Jesus authority**
- **Baptise those who believe**
- **Teach his commands**
- And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20**

Mark



Who was Mark?

- **Mark AKA (John Mark) was believed to be a relative of Barnabas**
- **Paul's company on one of his missionary journeys but back**
- **Peter's interpreter**
- **He relied on Peter for most of his information.**

Gospel of Mark

- **emphasises Jesus's humanity on the earth and portrays him as a suffering servant.**
- no details of Jesus's birth or anything prior to his baptism
- most accounts to Jesus's miracles than any other gospels.
- probably written in Rome just after Peter's martyrdom but just before the fall of Jerusalem. (AD 70)
- written for both Jewish and gentile Christians undergoing persecution from Romans and Jews.

Luke



Who was Luke?

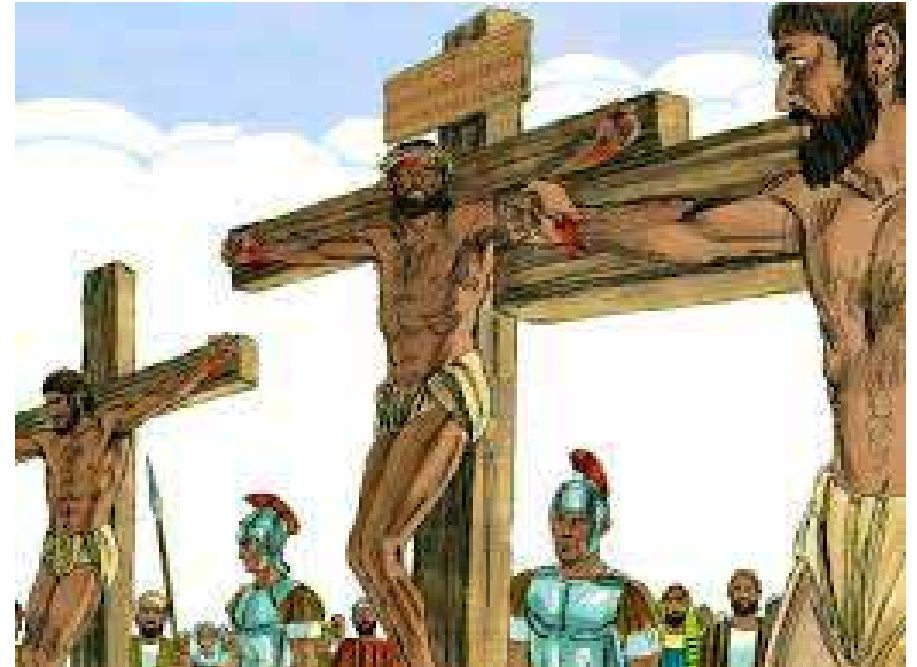
- A physician
- Writes both Luke and Acts
- Both were written to Theophilus
- The book Luke presents Jesus as the son of man.
- Ideal man offering salvation to all

Why is Luke important?

Sinful woman pours perfume



Conversation between Jesus and robbers



- Luke portrays Jesus as God's ideal Man offering salvation to all of humanity.

**Luke 19:10 sums this up
“for the son of man came to seek
and to save those who are lost”**

Synoptic Gospels vs John's Gospel

- The first 3 gospels are called the synoptic gospels – all have common view
- The first 3 gospels focus on Jesus's teachings and what he did
- Synoptic Gospels = JESUS IS GOD
- John's gospel is unique - It's the most personal gospel.
- EYE WITNESS
- Whereas John focused more on who Jesus is.
- THIS ETERNAL GOD BECAME JESUS

John - THIS ETERNAL GOD BECAME JESUS

- In the synoptic gospels Jesus's identity as messiah is emphasised
- **John focuses more on the true deity of Jesus HE IS THE WORD (LOGOS OF GOD)**
- John 1.1
- “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God”

LOGOS - meaning “word”

- **The Jewish rabbis referred to God as “the word of God”**
- **And Greeks thought LOGOS was the power that makes the world orderly.**

- **In the opening line John emphasise that:**
- **JESUS WAS WITH GOD AT CREATION**
- **JESUS IS GOD**

When did John write it?

- Last of the gospels
- Written when the church faced many challenges
- False teachers challenging the deity of Christ
- John confirms both the full deity of Christ and true humanity of Jesus.

Miracles unique to John

- 6 out of 7 miracles of Jesus written in John are not mentioned in other gospels:
- Turning water to wine
- Healing Official's son in Capernaum
- Healing invalid man at pool of Bethesda
- Walking on water
- Healing a blind man
- Raising Lazarus from dead
- **Feeding 5000 – Only Miracle mention in all 4 Gospels**



7 I AM statements

- (Not included in the synoptic gospels)
- I AM the BREAD OF LIFE
- I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
- I AM THE WAY THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE
- I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD
- I AM THE DOOR
- I AM THE TRUE VINE
- I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

I am...TM

Purpose of John's gospel

- THAT WE MIGHT BELIEVE
- John 20.31 KEY VERSE for understanding
- 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.



Summary

- **Matthew – King OF Jews**
- **Mark – Suffering Servant**
- **Luke – Son Of Man**
- **John – GOD himself**

**NEXT STAY TUNED FOR
PAUL'S 1st MISSIONARY
IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**