

THE **BIG** PICTURE



THE GOSPEL “THE GOOD NEWS”



OVERVIEW OF THE FOUR GOSPELS

MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Jewish	Roman	Greek	Multi-Cultural
Prophesied King	Obedient Servant	Prefect Man	Son of God
From Abraham	None	To Adam	To God
Fulfilled; Kingdom; Righteous	Immediately; Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Darkness	Compassion; save; prayer; concern for the poor	Believe; life; light; I am
Stress humanity			Stress Divinity

John 21:24-25

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.



John 20:30-31

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 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.



Jesus comes in fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies of a savior and offers salvation and the true kingdom of God.



The life of Jesus in Four Major Movements

1. Early Life
2. Early Ministry
3. Later Ministry
4. Death and Resurrection



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Application: When we are about our Father's business we will grow in wisdom, stature and favor



Jesus' Early Ministry: Initial Acceptance



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- His Teaching
- His Compassion and Power to Heal
- His Message of Grace & Truth



Jesus' Later Ministry: Growing Rejection



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- A Narrowed focus towards His disciples



Matthew 12:22-24

22 Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons."



Mark 8:27-30

27 And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” 28 And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” 29 And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” 30 And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.



Mark 8:31

31 And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.



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While some accept Him, most reject Him, and He is crucified, buried, and resurrected.



34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 35 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. 36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?



37 For what can a man give in return for his soul? 38 For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”



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Application: Come out of the crowd and be a disciple.



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Application: Accept The Gift





