

A GOSPEL SNAPSHOT

Old Testament
"Anticipation"



400 Years



New Testament
"He's here!"

The Gospel, "Good News" according to: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Matthew: Matthew, or 'Levi', was one of the 12 apostles of Jesus and a tax collector.

Perspective: He walked and talked with Jesus, writing primarily to a Jewish audience. He emphasized Jesus as the Messiah who fulfilled the law as 'Emmanuel', "God with us".

Purpose: To show that Jesus is the Messiah who fulfilled the law of Old Testament Judaism, calling us to radical obedience in Him.

Key verse: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." **Matthew 5.17**

Mark: John Mark was a disciple of Paul and Peter and not one of the 12 apostles that walked with Jesus. His gospel was the first written and probably used in part by Matthew and Luke as a source when they wrote their gospels.

Perspective: He believes the key to understanding Jesus is in His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Purpose: Jesus' suffering resulted in the defeat of sin and redemption of humanity, now we should deny ourselves for Him.

Key verse: "Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.'" **Mark 8.34-35**

Luke: Luke was a traveling companion of Paul and a physician. He was a gentile (non-Jew) and not one of the 12 apostles of Jesus.

Perspective: He was a gentile who understood the need for all people to be saved and accepted into Christianity, whether Jew, Greek, rich, poor, sinful, slave, or free.

Purpose: To show that God will bring salvation to all people who believe in Him. The Gospel is for everyone, not just people like us.

Key verse: "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." **Luke 19.10**

John: John was the "disciple whom Jesus loved" and one of the 12 that Jesus disciplined. His gospel provides a very different account of our Lord. Some of the stories are found only in His gospel.

Perspective: John focuses on the fact that Jesus is God, in relationship with Him from the beginning, and the one we find salvation in.

Purpose: To show that salvation is here for those who believe that Jesus is Lord. The wait is over!

Key verse: "But these (signs) are written 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 8.31**