

The Gospel

Last week we explored the three wisdom books of Solomon

This week we will look at a few things to consider when reading the Gospels

Video/Lecture Notes

- Each Gospel was written as a unit. They are not just collections of stories about Jesus. Each Gospel has a particular message about Jesus the author is trying to convey.
- The Gospels tell the good news of the arrival of God's Kingdom in the person and work of Jesus Christ. All His miracles and teachings point to this kingdom – the New Creation!
- The Gospels all stand at the climax of the Biblical story discussed in our earlier lesson. The story they tell about Jesus must be understood in light of the whole Old Testament.

Discussion

Two of the four Gospels have explicit purpose statements. Read and summarize **Luke 1:1-4** and **John 20:30-31** to better understand why each of these authors wrote their specific Gospel.

For each of the following, note differences and similarities between accounts? How do the different ways of telling the story reflect the purpose of each Gospel? How does this story fit into the larger narrative of scripture?

Read **Matthew 4:12-17**; **Luke 4:14-15**; and **John 4:43-46**

Read **Matthew 14:13-33**; **Mark 6:45-52**; and **John 6:1-25**

Read **Matthew 28:1-10**; **Mark 6:1-8**; **Luke 24:1-12**; and **John 20:1-18**