

SCRIPTURE TRACK

Week 4 Notes (answers included)

The Gospel is the (Good News) about Jesus

Gospel occurs (130) times in New Testament

Message used in (military, imperial or religious) sense

- (Proclaimed) with words
- Included definite (content)
- Expected a (response)

Key Things to Understand about the Gospel:

1. The content of The Gospel
 - Jesus is the (Messianic King)
 - Jesus establishes (God's kingdom) on earth
 - Jesus (forgives) sinful people through his (substitutionary) life, death, and resurrection
2. We do not have (4) gospels. We have (1) Gospel according to 4 men, directed by the (Holy Spirit).
3. Gospels are primarily a (biography) of the life of Jesus.
Not (cradle) to the (grave) account
All 4 gospels only highlight about (50 days) of Jesus' 3-year ministry.
(Portraits) of Jesus – richness of different perspectives.
4. (Synoptic) Gospels – Matthew, Mark & Luke
Synopsis (“seeing together”) – structure, content & tone are similar
Focus on Jesus' (healings), (exorcisms) & (teaching) in parables

Bottom Line: Jesus is the (point) of it all.

Without Jesus there is:

- NO (salvation)
- NO (forgiveness) of sins
- NO (reconciliation) with the Father

Key Things to Understand about Matthew

Matthew- (King of the Jews)

1. (Tax Collector) / (Publican)

- Contains several terms for coins - Matt. 17:24 ("two-drachma tax"), v. 27 "four-drachma coin", 18:24 "talent" 8 verses.
 - Little (Mokhes) – duties, tolls, tariffs
 - (Outcast)
 - Jewish Talmud taught it was (righteous) to lie or deceive a tax collector
 - Tax collectors were not allowed in (temple)
2. (Disciple) Matt. 10:2-4, Mark 3:13-18, Luke 6: 12-16
 3. (Levi) name used by Mark (2:14) & Luke (5:27)
 4. Audience – (Jews)
 - (99) OT quotes – more than others combined
 - Traced genealogy back to (Abraham)
 - Kingdom – more than (50) times
 5. Content
 - Alternates (speeches) and narratives: i.e. Sermon on the Mount
 - Only record of
 - (Magi's) visit and gifts
 - Judas hangs himself
 - Roman guards (bribed) to say disciples stole Jesus' body
 - Peter's catch of fish w/ (coin)

Bottom Line for Matthew - 5:17

"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."

Key Things to Understand about Mark

Mark – (Suffering Servant)

1. Who was Mark?
 - Barnabas' (cousin) – Colossians 4:10
 - Spiritual (son) of Peter – 1 Peter 5:13
 - (Championed) by Barnabas – intimate with pain of betrayal
 - (Reconciled) with Paul – 1 Timothy 4:11
2. Wrote (Peter's) account

Always listed 1st in disciple lists
3. Audience – (Gentiles)

(30-40%) of Roman Empire were hired servants.

(Skips) birth, childhood, genealogy – not important for servant
4. Content – All about the (action)

- a. Heavy emphasis on (discipleship)
- b. (Handful) of parables but (18) miracles – less talk more action
- c. ("Immediately") occurs 40 times

Bottom Line for Mark - 10:45

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Key Things to Understand about Luke

Luke – (Perfect Man)

1. Who was Luke?
 - (Physician)
 - (Historian) – includes political details
 - (Gentile)
2. Audience – Primarily (Gentiles)

Traced genealogy back to (Adam)
3. Themes and content
 - Son of (Man)
 - (Compassion) for hurting, poor, and oppressed
 - Emphasis on Jesus (praying)
 - (John the Baptist's) miraculous birth
 - Good (Samaritan)
 - (Zacchaeus)
 - (Thief) on the cross

Bottom Line for Luke - 19:10

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Key Things to Understand about John

John – (Divine Son of God)

1. Who was John?
 - (Disciple)
 - (Fisherman)
 - Son of (thunder)
 - Call down (fire) – Luke 9
 - Shut down (ministry) – Mark 9:38
 - Requested (honor) – Mark 10

