

# THE GOSPEL

## Matthew to John

The unity of the Bible is that everything finds its fulfilment in Christ. He is the interpretative key. We look at the gospels to discover the Gospel.

### *1. The Nature of the Gospels*

#### *Origin*

(a)

(b)

#### *Process*

(a) 1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Timothy 2:2

(b) Luke 1:1-2, Acts 1:1-2

### *2. The Distinctiveness of each Gospel*

#### *Synoptics -*

#### *John -*

#### **Mark**

#### *Focus:*

A.1:1 - 8:30      Question

Answer (1:1, 11, 15)

Evidence -      1:17  
                     1:25-27  
                     1:29-34  
                     2:1-12  
                     2:28  
                     4:35-41  
                     5:35-43

Reactions -	1:27; 4:41; 5:42; 6:56-57		
False Trails	2:7	3:22	
	6:3	6:14	6:15
Right Answers	1:24; 5:7 8:29-30		
B. 8:31 - 16:8 (20)	Questions	i)	
		ii)	
8:31; 9:31; 10:33, 45; 13:9-13			

## Matthew

### *Focus:*

#### Jesus as King

1:1

2:2

21:4-5, 9

27:11, 29, 37, 42

#### Son of God

#### Jesus as Teacher

5 blocks - 5:1 - 7:28; 10:1 - 11:1; 13:1-53; 18:1 - 19:1; 24:1 - 26:1

Fulfilment of Isaiah 2:2-4 and Sinai (Mt 5:1-2)

NB: Many references to Old Testament fulfilment - 1:22; 2:5-6; 2:15; 2:17-18; 2:23; 4:14-16; 8:17 (suffering servant); 11:10; 12:17-21 (servant); 13:14-15; 17:10-13; 21:4-5; 27:9-10

## **Luke**

### *Focus:*

Jesus as Saviour

1:31, 47, 69, 71, 77

2:11, 30

3:6

19:9-10

cf 7:50; 8:48

pulled together in 4:18-19 (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Who are the objects of this salvation?

4:18

1:52

6:20

18:13; 19:8

2:8-20

2:36-38; 7:36-50; 10:38-42; 13:10-13

15:1

7:1-10

9:51-56; 10:30-37; 17:11-19

## **John**

### *Focus:*

The Word made flesh (Son of God)

3:11-12, 32, 34; 5:24; 8:40, 47; 12:47-49

The Glory of God (1:14; 2:11; 14:9)

seen in the "lifting up" (3:14; 12:23-24, 32-34; 13:31; 17:1)

1-12

13-21

### ***3. The Centrality of the Kingdom***

#### *(a) Old Testament background*

- Present reality           - Exodus 15:18; Isaiah 43:15  
                                  - Psalm 99:1-4
- Future development   - Isaiah 52:7; Zechariah 14:9
- Two strands             - Isaiah 9; 11  
                                  - Daniel 7

#### *(b) Between the Testaments*

#### *(c) Jesus' Understanding*

- (i) Mark 4; Matthew 13
- (ii) Matthew 12:28; Luke 16:16; 17:21
- (iii) Matthew 24:14; Mark 14:9
- (iv) Luke 13:28-29; 22:29-30
- (v) Matthew 5:17  
    Matthew 11:1  
    Matthew 7:28-29  
    Luke 14:26-33  
    Matthew 25
- (vi) Mark 10:45; Matthew 26:28