

Nov 8, 2020
The Four Gospels



Key Scriptures

Rev 4:7 NASB The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

Mar 1:1 NASB The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mat 1:1 NASB The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Luk 1:1-4 NASB Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, (2) just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, (3) it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; (4) so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Joh 1:1 NASB In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

The Big Point:

The Bible was written to tell the story of God's redemption through Jesus Christ. As we read each Gospel, we need to understand that they were writing from a specific perspective to a specific group of people to teach the story of Jesus. Since none of these books were written to us, we need to read each story in context to get a clear picture of who Jesus is.

In this season of wackiness, the church needs to return to the Bible so we can see him clearly.

Note: We are not against people studying words or sentences. We just want to emphasize the whole of the New Testament is greater than the sum of it's parts.

Important points from the message:

- Read the Bible to be formed
- Every sentence is part of a paragraph.
- Every paragraph is part of a book.
- Every book is part of the whole of Scripture.

Questions that may get your group talking.

- How do you start wide then get narrow?
- What is the difference between reading the Bible to see the story and studying the meaning of a word?
- How have you seen the story of the Bible be a firm foundation?

Questions to get your group thinking:

- What difference does the background of the Gospel writers make?
- Can God orchestrate the different views of Jesus through the four writers to create one picture?
- What do you do with what you have learned today?

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Get the YouVersion app and commit to begin reading with us next week.
- Read the Bible.