

Definitions

Gospel - Good Message or Good News about Jesus Christ.

Synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Mark and Luke - similar accounts of Jesus' life with many parallels/much in common.

Gnostic Gospels - Writings by early "Christian" Gnostics who did not adhere to orthodox theology. They are full of false teaching.

Christology - The theological study of the person and deeds of Jesus.

Divine Logos - The Greek word *Λόγος* (literally meaning "word", "discourse" or "reason") which John uses at the beginning of his Gospel to identify Jesus as the essence of who God is.

Eschatology - Part of theology concerned with what are believed to be the final events of history, or the ultimate destiny of humanity. This concept is commonly referred to as the "end of the world" or "end times".



How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth!

Week 2 - The Gospels - Meeting God

Today we continue with our in depth look at the Bible. At All Saints we believe the Bible to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God. But some of it is really quite difficult to understand. Over the course of this series we are looking at 6 different types of biblical writing. So that we can really 'Read the Bible for All It's Worth!'

Today Gospels - We will be looking at the four different accounts of the Gospel story included in the New Testament, who wrote them, why they are included and why they are worth reading. How can we best engage with the Gospels and how do they speak to us today almost 2000 years after they were first written?

March 16 - 1 - *History - Refined by God* - 1 Corinthians 10.1-13

March 23 - 2 - *Gospels - Meeting God* - Luke 1.1-4

April 6 - 3 - *Psalms - Worshipping God* - Psalm 24

April 27 - 4 - *Letters - Equipped by God* - 2 Timothy 2.15, 3.10-17

May 11 - 5 - *Prophecy - Hearing from God* - Jeremiah.1.1-19

May 18 - 6 - *Acts - Witnessing for God* - Acts 1.1-9

Food for thought/discussion

How many *Gospels* are there?

Why are these particular accounts included?

Why not the lost/*Gnostic Gospels*?

Who wrote the *Gospels*?

Why should we read the *Gospels*?

(*Colossians* 1 v21-23)

How should we read the *Gospels*?

(Bible reading notes, for example)

How can we engage with the *Gospels*?

(Pray before reading and invite *God* to speak to you as you read)

What did *Jesus* do?

(There is only one way to find out!)

The *Gospel* is not about rescuing us from this world, but about *God* transforming our world - beginning with us!

Revelation 21 v5