



HIS-STORY: The Bible in 18 Weeks

Volume 2: The New Testament Story

Chapter 2: The Life of Jesus: Matthew, Mark & Luke (Synoptic Gospels)

Introduction to the New Testament

1. The Theme of the Bible: God's Salvation
2. The Progress of the Story: Covenants
3. The Literary forms of the New Testament
 - a. Narrative: Gospels and Acts
 - b. Letters
 - c. Revelation

The Gospels

Why Four Gospels in the New Testament? Four Portraits of the One Jesus

The Synoptic Gospels

1. Matthew: The Gospel of the Messiah (Promise-Fulfillment)
 - a. The Genealogy
 - b. Fulfillment Formulas
 - c. Typology
2. Mark: The Gospel of the Suffering Son of God
 - a. The Mighty Deeds of the Powerful Son of God (1:1–8:30)
 - b. The Suffering Role of the Servant of the Lord (8:31–16:8)
 - c. Application: Discipleship is following Jesus through suffering to victory





3. Luke: The Gospel of the Savior for Lost People Everywhere

- a. The Call of Levi (Luke 5:27-32)
- b. Parables of "Lost Things" (Luke 15)
- c. Zacchaeus: a chief tax collector (Luke 19:1-10)

Discussion/Study Questions:

1. Why did God give us four Gospels instead of one? What are the benefits of four?
2. Do you remember some ways the three Synoptic Gospel (Matthew, Mark, Luke) are different from John?
3. What is the main theme of Matthew's Gospel? How might this Gospel strengthen your faith?
4. What is the main theme of Mark's Gospel? How might this Gospel strengthen your faith?
5. What is the main theme of Luke's Gospel? How might this Gospel strengthen your faith?

