

## *The Gospels*

**J**esus Christ is Christianity. And Christianity is not so much a religion or a spiritual system as it is a person and relationship with that person. For His followers, Jesus is our life, our righteousness, and our hope. He is everything. Therefore, we must do all we can to know Him and walk closely with Him.

For all of the world's law-codes based upon the words of Moses and for all of the time the church spends studying the words of Paul, it is the Gospel accounts to which we should give our most ardent attention. They tell the story of Jesus.

Indeed, the entire Bible is "God-breathed." It is all the Holy Scriptures and the Word of God. It is all authoritative. It is all His-story. But, it is the four accounts of Jesus' life—the Gospels—that offer us the clearest and simplest view of who our Savior is, what He is like, what He has done for us, and how He calls us to respond. As one author has said:

*"The four Gospels form in some respects the most important portion of the Bible. Their value partly arises out of their relation to other portions of it. All its earlier revelations flow into them. And its later*

*revelations flow out of them. They are, as it were, the heart through which, like life's blood, all its revelations circulate. But it is their relation to Christ that their value pre-eminently consists. 'In other parts of Scripture we hear Christ by the hearing of the ear, but here our eye seeth Him. Elsewhere we see Him through a glass darkly, but here face to face.' On this account they claim the most affectionate as well as reverent perusal of the Church."*

*(Edward Thomson, 1868)*

From Matthew's vision of Christ as the fulfillment of prophecy and the King of His Heavenly Kingdom, to John's Divine Word and Christ... from Mark's action packed story of the powerful Son of God, to Luke's compassionate Savior and Son of Man—it is in the Gospels that we come to experience Jesus' life and teachings most directly and powerfully.

Let us give ourselves to a life-long love for and study of the Four-fold Gospel. For they indeed contain the Good News.

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*Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 p.m. for a class entitled, "The Coming of a Kingdom: The Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ." We're just getting started, so come on out and meet Jesus!*