



Part 7: The Gospels

Matthew, Mark, Luke & John

Route 66

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

- ▶ First prophecy of the Bible (Genesis 3:15)
- ▶ The long wait for the Messiah (from Malachi to John the Baptist... over 400 years)

LESSON #1: Those who would follow God must learn the art of waiting on Him.

- ▶ Reason for the Incarnation of Jesus Christ (1 John 3:8b)

LESSON #2: True Christian living requires declaring war on Satan & sin.

BIRTH, LIFE, MINISTRY, PASSION & RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

- ▶ Question: When was Jesus born? 5BC

LESSON #3: You must be born again to be a true Christ-follower.

LESSON #4: Christian life is characterized by humble service, fellowship & prayer.

LESSON #5: Physical death will not have the last word for those who are in Christ.

- Romans 6:3-5; John 21:25
- John 20:30-31 - Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

CONCLUSION

- ▶ Prologue – Mankind is messed up & we can't save ourselves! (Genesis 1-11)
- ▶ Act 1 – Salvation Provided (Genesis 12-John 21)
- ▶ Act 2 – Salvation Proclaimed (Acts-Jude)
- ▶ Act 3 – Salvation Realized (Revelation)

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of March 5-11, 2017

The Gospels | Matthew through John

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by thanking God for Jesus' life, teaching, death and resurrection. Ask Him to guide your discussion.

MY STORY

Describe a time when you had to wait to receive an answer from someone? How did your faith affect your ability to wait?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What from Sunday's message caught your attention and gave you new insight into Jesus' amazing life and ministry?
2. The verses below give reasons why Jesus came. Do any of the reasons surprise you? How do they all interconnect?
 - 1 John 3:8b
 - Matthew 1:21
 - Matthew 9:13
 - Matthew 10:34-36
 - Mark 1:38
 - Mark 10:45
 - Luke 19:10
 - John 6:38-40
 - John 10:10
 - John 18:37
3. **Read John 3:1-18.** What does it mean to "be born again" and how can this happen? What was it in your own life (an event, a person?) that influenced you to place your faith in Christ? Or if you are not yet a Christian, how close do you think you are to being born again?

4. Before reading the following passage, summarize "the gospel" in your own words. Then **read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4**. How does this passage summarize the gospel? Would you add anything?
5. One of the lessons from the first four books of the New Testament is that the Christian life is to be characterized by humble service, fellowship and prayer. How would you explain this important lesson to a new Christian?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

6. What do the following verses teach in regard to our future in Christ and our need not to be afraid of the things we face in this life?
 - John 14:1-6
 - John 16:33
 - Romans 6:3-5

TAKING IT HOME

7. 1 John 3:8b states that one of Jesus' purposes in coming to earth was "to destroy the works of the devil." How have you declared war on Satan and sin in your life? How can the following verses help?
 - James 4:7
 - 1 Corinthians 10:13
 - 2 Corinthians 10:5
 - Proverbs 8:13
8. How would you describe the amount of victory you are having in the spiritual battles going on around you right now? Check one.
 - _____ Consistent victories with a few bumps along the way
 - _____ Some victories and some defeats – about even
 - _____ I just can't seem to get victory in certain areas of my life
 - _____ I am getting knocked down a lot and have some serious wounds
 - _____ Other

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and spend time asking God to help you have ever increasing victory in your Christian life as you trust and rest in Him.