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READING *the* GOSPELS

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In the Bible, we are given four “gospels”—accounts of the good news of Jesus. However, these Spirit-inspired accounts are written to different audiences with different methods by different authors. This series invites you to explore some key concepts that will enhance our understanding of the four gospel narratives and help us to discover some of the depths of the good news Jesus came to bring.



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Although the Gospels are accounts of Jesus's earthly life and ministry, they are not biographies. They are not there to tell all the details of His life, but rather are witnesses intended to explain who He is and why He came. How can this understanding shape your reading of these accounts?
- Read Matthew 1:22–23 and 28:19–20. The theme of Matthew's account is that Jesus is Immanuel—God with us. How does Matthew bear witness to that reality?
- In Mark's gospel, the key moment seems to occur in Mark 8:27–29, where Jesus asks His disciples who they think He is. Why was the answer to this question so important for them, and why is it still critically important for us today?
- One of the main characteristics of Luke's gospel is that Jesus welcomes outsiders—women, Gentiles, tax collectors, poor, blind, etc. How does this speak to what may be Luke's key text, Luke 19:10?



CHALLENGE

As we live in a world that desperately needs good news, how might you bear witness to Jesus in our generation as the gospel writers did to theirs?



COMMIT TO MEMORY

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”.
(Luke 19:10)



PRAYER

Heavenly Father, how grateful we are for Jesus and for the gospel accounts that tell us His story. Help us to celebrate the wonderful good news He has brought to us, and help us to share that good news with those we encounter day by day. In Your name we pray. Amen.