

## WHY FOUR GOSPELS?

Colossians 1- In all things Christ is to have the \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Introduction

A. The life and ministry of Christ is recorded in the 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\* Why are there 4 Gospel records?

B. Matthew, Mark and Luke are often referred to as the \_\_\_\_\_

\* synoptic =

C. Each Gospel has a particular \_\_\_\_\_

• Each one of the authors—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John— was inspired by the Holy Spirit in a way that was beyond even what he could fully grasp because the Holy Spirit was putting into print a needed \_\_\_\_\_

### II. What are their Distinctives?

A. In **Matthew**, Jesus is presented as the \_\_\_\_\_ —thus as the promised \_\_\_\_\_

\* What are its distinctives?

\* At least 10 times we read the phrase....” \_\_\_\_\_”.

B. In **Mark**, Jesus is shown as the \_\_\_\_\_ —the “Promised One” who took on the form of a servant.

\* What are its distinctives?

\* A survey of the information in this book reveals that it is for a \_\_\_\_\_ audience.

\* Whereas Matthew emphasized the words of the Lord, Mark, while recording only one major sermon (Mk. 13:3-37), underscores Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_.

\* There are more \_\_\_\_\_ (deeds of service) detailed here than in any of the other Gospels.

**C. In Luke**, Jesus is seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ (humanity)—connected, yet contrasted with fallen man.

\* Luke is the solitary \_\_\_\_\_ writer of the New Testament

\* What are its distinctives?

- Over 50 % of what we read in Luke is \_\_\_\_\_ to Luke.

- It's a book for \_\_\_\_\_ ...

- He devotes more space to the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus than any other gospel

- Luke emphasizes many \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Lk. 19:41; 22:44)

- Luke gives prominence to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

\* Why was Luke written?

\* Who was Luke written for?

**D. In John**, Jesus is revealed as the \_\_\_\_\_— connected with the Father and His family.

\* John was the \_\_\_\_\_ disciple to the Lord

\* What are its distinctives?

- No New Testament book is stronger in arguing the case for the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ. (Jn. 1:1-2; 10:30; 20:28)

- John's record is characterized by a series of both word signs and work signs. The word signs are the famous " \_\_\_\_\_ " declarations.

- John builds his gospel around seven public miracles or " \_\_\_\_\_ "

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord's earthly ministry is constructed from this Gospel.

\* What does this mean to you?