

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?