

# THE FOUR GOSPELS

## What is a "gospel"?

- "Good news"
- Story of Jesus
- Theology, not journalism

## What is "THE gospel"?



**MATTHEW** • Tax collector  
• Apostle

- ### Matthew's gospel
- Jesus = King of Jews
  - Emphasis on the teachings of Jesus
  - Jesus fulfills the words of the Law + Prophets (basis of Jewish faith)

**MARK** • Aided PETER  
• Missionary  
• Probably first

- ### Mark's gospel
- Jesus = Suffering Servant
  - Shows Jesus' authority
  - The whole book is a declaration of Jesus' work
  - Probably a source for Matthew + Luke

**LUKE** • Physician  
• Aided Paul  
• Interviewed others

- ### Luke's gospel
- Jesus = savior for all
  - Educational: seeks to arrange details of Jesus' life + ministry in order
  - Written by a non-Jewish person for another non-Jew
- Pt 2: ACTS

**JOHN** • Apostle

- ### John's gospel
- Jesus = God
  - Written to inspire belief
  - Written long after the other gospels
  - Mostly unique content
  - Focus on signs/statements

"SYNOPTIC GOSPELS"  
(They cover the same material)