



The Character and Relationship of the Four Gospels

- ❖ **Matthew** – Christ, the Messiah, Son of David, King of the Jews and Promised Heir.
- ❖ **Mark** – Christ, the Servant of Jehovah, powerful worker for God.
- ❖ **Luke** – Christ, the perfect man, His compassionate humility.
- ❖ **John** – Christ, the Son of God, the heavenly eternal Son made flesh.



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4 Pictures of 1 Supreme Person

- ✓ **Matthew** "The King" (Isaiah 11:1)
- ✓ **Mark** "The Servant" (Zechariah 3:8)
- ✓ **Luke** "The Man" (Zechariah 6:12)
- ✓ **John** "Your God" (Isaiah 4:2)



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Key Words

- **Matthew** "King or Kingdom" (2:2)
- **Mark** "Immediately or Straightway" (1:12)
- **Luke** "Son of Man" (19:10)
- **John** "Believe and Life" (20:31)

Dispensationalism teaches biblical history is best understood in light of a number of successive administrations of God's dealings with mankind.

Israel is distinct from the **Church** (promises & prophecies)

PURPOSE OF JOHN

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may **believe** that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **life** in his name. (Jn 20:30-31)

Christ - The Word of God

John 1:1-18

His Deity

¹In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was **with** God, and **the Word** was God. ² He was in the beginning with God.

Trinity

- ▶ "the Word" (Christ) 1:1
- ▶ "with God" (The Father) 1:1
- ▶ "God is Spirit" 4:24

10 Statements about "the Word"

1. The Word is eternal. (1:1)
2. The Word is a person. (1:11)
3. The Word Communicates. (1:1) face to face
4. The Word is separate from the Father. (1:1)
5. The Word is deity. What God is the Word is.
6. The Word and the Father are one. One in nature but separate in persons.
7. The Word expresses God. (1:18)
8. The pre-incarnate Word continues as the incarnate Word.
9. The Word lived in a tent of flesh among humanity. (1:14)
10. The Word is the Son of the Father.

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His Creation

³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

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His Illumination

⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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His Forerunner

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

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His Rejection

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

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His Offer

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Will you believe in Jesus Christ now and become a child of God?

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The God-man!

His Incarnation

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

5 different uses of "flesh" in the Bible

1. Epidermis – skin
2. Physical Body – muscle, sinew, organs and bones
3. The Adamic Nature – Sin nature
4. Lust – The evil desires
5. **The entire person – (body, soul and spirit)****

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His Witness

¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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† Who is Jesus Christ to you?

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