

MATTHEW

Jesus: Jewish Messiah

- To a Jewish audience
- Genealogy of Jesus
- O.T. prophecy fulfilled
- Messianic King of Israel

MARK

Jesus: Man of Action

- To a Roman Audience
- Explains Jewish customs
- Jesus the miracle worker
- Keyword: immediately

LUKE

Jesus: Son of Man

- Pictures Jesus' humanity
- To make certain our faith
- Identifies historical figures
- Genealogy back to Adam

JOHN

Jesus: Son of God

- To create faith in Jesus
- The Divine Creator
- The Lamb of God
- Miracles prove His claims



FOUR
GOSPELS

Why *Is* THE GOSPEL GIVEN *In* STORY FORM?

- *Some things can only be told in a story.*
 - A list of facts leaves us wanting.
 - A list of commands is inadequate.
- *The gospel can't be boiled down to a list.*

4 facts about the Gospel

- You have sinned
- Sin separates you from God
- Jesus died for your sins
- You should trust Jesus

4 facts about *Star Wars*

- About a fight against evil
- Darth Vader is an evil leader
- Luke Skywalker is a hero
- It is a very popular movie

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Some Things The Gospel Stories Do For Us:

- They make the gospels memorable (Luke 10:25-37).
- They engage and emotionally involve us (Matthew 23:14).
- They have direct application to our own lives (John 8:2-11).
- They reveal God's amazing love for each of us (John 3:16).
- They show us the very heart of Jesus (John 11:1-45).
- They capture our attention with drama (Luke 15:11-32).
- They powerfully appeal to our hearts (Mark 12:41-44).
- They dramatically call us to action (Matthew 25:31-41).