

WHY FOUR GOSPELS? THE FOUR-FOLD PORTRAIT OF CHRIST

in
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

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CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

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In Retrospect

As we look back over the four Gospels, viewing them as a whole, we are forcefully impressed with their perfect harmony, magnifying as they do the Christ of God. Placed by the Holy Spirit immediately after the Old Testament and at the beginning of the New, they form the very heart of the entire Scriptures. Their many quotations from the Old Testament, in fulfillment of prophecy, prove that the Lord Jesus is, indeed, the central theme of the entire Bible. For “in the Old Testament we see portrayed the Christ of prophecy; in the Gospels, the Christ of history; in The Acts and the epistles, the Christ of experience; and in The Revelation, the Christ of glory.” (Quoted from Dr. Graham W. Scroggie).

And why are there four Gospels? The Holy Spirit has given us the answer on the pages of these four inspired records:

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, rejected by His ancient people, Israel, when He walked among them, will one day return in glory to be honored, not only by His chosen people, but also by His vast universe, as King of kings, and Lord of lords.

The faithful Servant of the Lord, who “**humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross**” (Philippians 2:8), is ministering still with His faithful servants. Seated “**on the right hand of God,**” He is “**working with them, and confirming the word**” as they make it known to fallen humanity. (See Mark 16:19, 20).

The sinless Son of Man, who came “**to seek and to save that which was lost**” (Luke 19:10), understands our sorrows, sympathizes with us in our trials; for He “**suffered being tempted**” and is “**touched with the feeling of our infirmities**” (Hebrews 2:18; 4:15).

The eternal Son of God, who came to reveal to sinful man the Holy Trinity, has gone back to the Father, to **“prepare a place”** in His **“many mansions”** for those who love Him.

And if we love Him, shall we not re-dedicate our lives to making Him known in all the world? In the throes of a global war, in the presence of famine, earthquake, and pestilence, we behold literally millions of never-dying souls going into eternity before our very eyes, unsaved, forever lost, without Christ! And still His voice echoes down the ages, saying unto us.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

“There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

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