

WHAT IS THE TRUE GOSPEL...SYNOPTIC GOSPELS?

Most people think that the "Gospel" commonly spoken of, means the books of "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John". This is not correct. The original Greek word "euaggelion" was translated into the English word "gospel" in our Bible. The word "gospel" actually comes from the old English word "godspell" meaning "good news", "evangelism," or "announcement of glad tidings".



Yeshua was sent to bring the people the message or good news of Adonai. He came to make happen the prophecies and promises set down in the Old Testament. Yeshua was Yah's messenger as He stated in **John 14:24** **"He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."** Yeshua was the messenger of His Father, and He brought the message from His Father. It wasn't His message like many would have you believe. You will find many times in the Renewed Testament where the gospel is referred to as the "gospel of Messiah", or the "gospel of the kingdom of God", so it is important one understands exactly what this means. The "gospel of the kingdom of Yah" is the "gospel". It is the gospel of the kingdom that Yeshua spoke of in His teaching. The "gospel of the kingdom" is the primary theme of Yeshua's ministry. He was telling the people to follow Him and to prepare themselves for the Kingdom of God to come.

In the city of Capernium, Yeshua was preaching about the kingdom, saying: **Luke 4:43** **"But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of Yah to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose." Everywhere He went He taught about the gospel of His Father's kingdom, to be His at His second coming. Matt. 9:35** **"And Yeshua was going about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness."** It was Messiah Himself that told the people at the beginning of His ministry: "the first thing you should do is seek the gospel of the kingdom". **Matt. 6:33** **"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."** In our "Lord's Prayer," Yeshua said, "thy kingdom come".

If you look closely at the book of Mark, the Holy Spirit inspired Mark to write about the gospel that Yeshua had come to teach. **The gospel He was referring to was the entirety of the Old Testament. Mark 1:14-15** **"And after John had been taken into custody, Yeshua came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of Yah is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."** **There was no Renewed Testament at that time,** and there were no books of Matthew, Mark, Luke or John written of course, because these events were just then taking place. This gospel that Yeshua was preaching was that of His Father's, through Yeshua Himself, as

per **Mark 1:1** ***"The beginning of the gospel of Yeshua, the Son of Yahveh."***

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the synoptic gospels. They are written in a narrative form, a synopsis of what Yeshua did. Yeshua came into the world, He ministered, He taught, He did miracles, He healed, He was killed, etc. These scrolls summarize what He did (synopsis).

John's gospel is much different. John talks about many of the things Yeshua did, but he is not writing in a synoptic manner, he is writing about the specifics of Yeshua, why He came, who He was, etc. etc. "I have written these things so that you might believe that Yeshua of Nazareth is the promised Messiah, and that by believing in Him you might receive eternal life". John is presenting proof tests (reasonable argument) "apologetics" so that you will believe in Yeshua. All of the evidence written in the first three books can be used to get one to believe in Yeshua, but John specifically states the obvious. John is not so concerned about the mundane things; exactly what Yeshua did daily, where He went to and from, the exact order of things, John is more concerned about proving that Yeshua is the Messiah. The three other gospels are telling a story, John is pointing to proof that Yeshua is the Messiah the people had been waiting for all those years.

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