

1. What is the gospel?

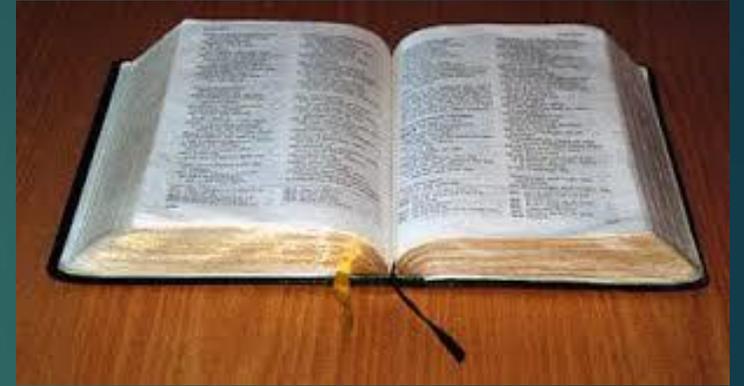
Gospel means good news

The summary of the gospel in "**The small Bible**"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life"

John 3:16

The good news are about Jesus Christ



2. Where can you read about Jesus life?

The New Testament in the Bible

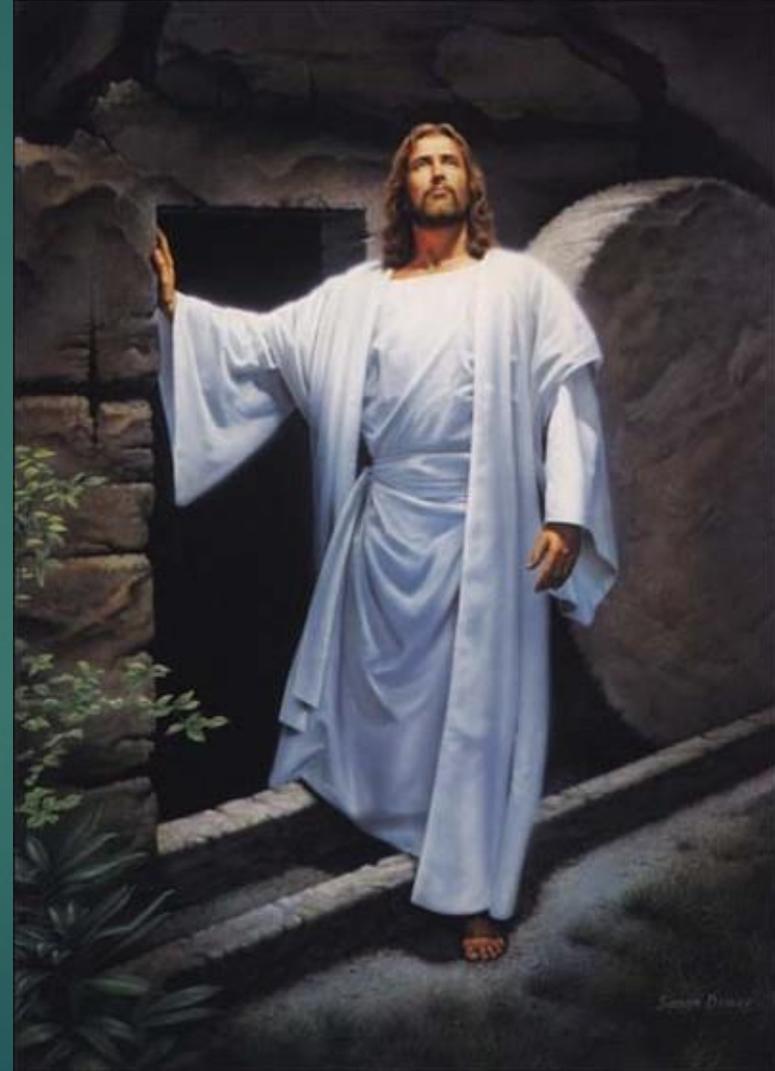
Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

The gospels contain the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus and Jesus teaching, signs and wonders. All to prove that Jesus is God and the saviour of the world



3. The gospel of Matthew

The gospel of Matthew to the Jews

Matthew wants to prove to the Jews, in all the fulfilled prophecies in the Old Testament, that Jesus is the Messiah - the saviour of the world

Matthew is one of Jesus twelve disciples, a tax collector, from the tribe of Levi

The goal of Matthew is that all Jews may understand that Jesus is the Messiah and that they shall tell all nations of the world about him

The great commandment in the Gospel of Matthew

"Then Jesus came to them and said: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. "

Matteus 28:18-20

4. The Gospel of Mark

The gospel of Mark to the Gentiles

The gospel of Mark is written to the Gentiles in the Roman empire. Mark wants to prove that Jesus is God and king over all the gods of the Roman empire, describing all the signs and wonders that Jesus made.

Mark is the coworker and secretary of Peter. Their goal is that the entire Roman empire may understand that Jesus is God and believe in him.

The Great Commandment in the gospel of Mark

"He said to them: Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on the sick people and they will get well"

Mark 16:15-18

5. The gospel of Luke

The gospel of Luke to those who live in alienation

Luke was a medical doctor, a friend and coworker of Paul
Luke is writing about the grace and mercy of Jesus
for all human beings alienated from the fellowship of the society

Luke tells the stories about Jesus healing the sick, forgiving sinners, respecting women, caring for the poor and widows and loving all human beings
Luke also wrote the book of acts showing the strength of the fellowship of the church, believing in Jesus and helping each other.

The Great commandment in the gospel of Luke

"He told them, this is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised: but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high"

Luke 24:46-49

6. The gospel of John

The gospel of John to all Christians

John wants to strengthen the Christians in their personal faith and relationship with Jesus.

John writes about what is happening in Jerusalem, the feasts, the prayer, the last period of time and heaven.

John is helping each Christian to get to know Jesus more and taking the personal calling seriously.

The great commandment in the gospel of John

”Again Jesus said: Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you”

John 20:21

7. How can we share the gospel?

▶ Teaching

- Read the Bible
- Teach others about Jesus
- Give people Bibles
- Attend Bible studies
- Share your testimony

▶ Helping people

- All people need help with something
- Listen first, then talk
- Help if you can
- Help others to find Jesus

▶ The sharing of bread

- Share the fellowship of old and new friends at the table
- Holy Communion, tea, food
- Give food to the hungry
- Take time to listen to people's problems
- Give them the living bread – Jesus

▶ Prayer

- Pray for people
- Pray for places
- Invite people to church service and prayer
- Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance

8. How do you become a Christian?

- ▶ **1. Faith**
Believe in Jesus as your lord and saviour
- ▶ **2. Repentance**
Repent from your old life
Live your new life with Jesus
Receive forgiveness for your sins
- ▶ **3. Prayer**
Receive Jesus in your heart
through praying to him
- ▶ **4. Become a disciple of Jesus**
Be baptised
Become a member of a congregation
Continue to grow in your faith
through sharing the gospel
to new people

Read Romans 10:1-17



9. What do Christians believe?

► The Apostolic Creed of Confession

We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

