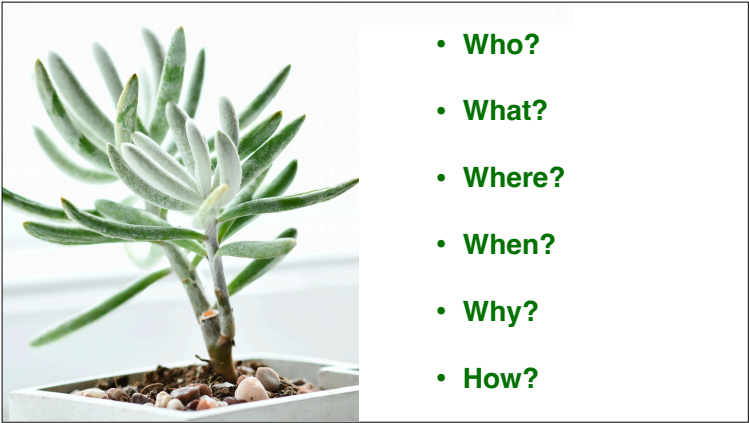
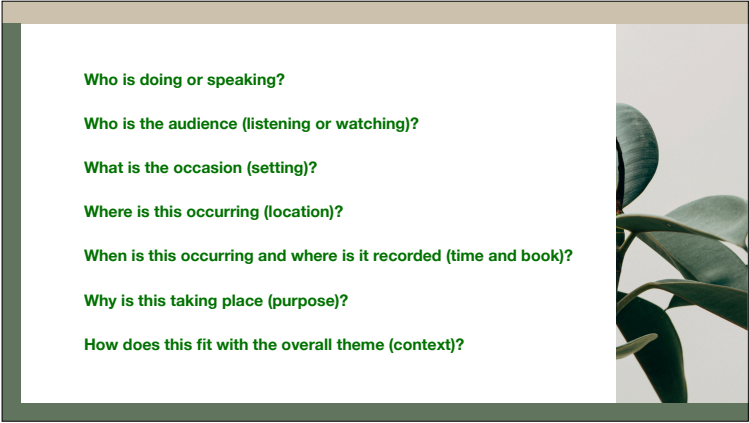


Understanding the Gospels

Insights into the Presentation of Christ in the Four Gospels



- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?
- How?



- Who is doing or speaking?
- Who is the audience (listening or watching)?
- What is the occasion (setting)?
- Where is this occurring (location)?
- When is this occurring and where is it recorded (time and book)?
- Why is this taking place (purpose)?
- How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?

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- John the Baptist
- Jesus
- Holy Spirit
- God the Father
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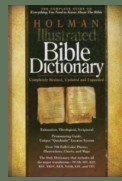
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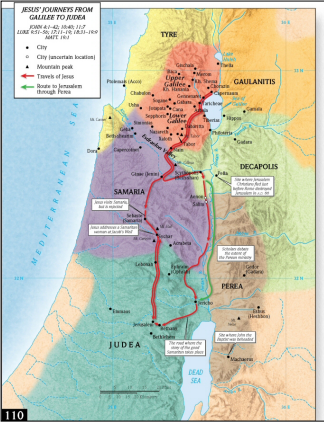
After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him. Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near. Therefore His brothers said to Him, "Leave here and go into Judea, so that your disciples also may see your works which you are doing. For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be known publicly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." For not even His brothers were believing in Him. So Jesus said to them, "My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil. Go up to the feast yourselves. I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come." Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

What is the occasion (setting)?

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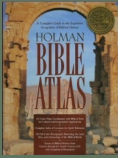
Where is this occurring (location)?

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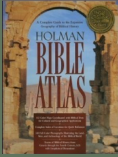
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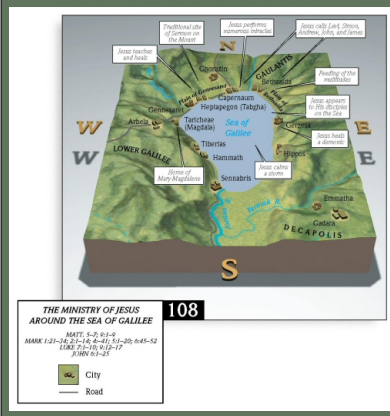
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13Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John to be baptized by him. 14But John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" 15But Jesus answered him, "I need to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted him. 16After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on him. 17And behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:9-11
9In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10Immediately coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens tearing, and the Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. 11And a voice came out of heaven, "You are my beloved Son; in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:21-22
21Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized, and while he was playing, heaven was opened. 22Then the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are my beloved Son; in You I am well-pleased."

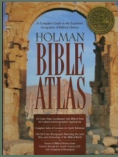
John 1:29-34
29The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" 30This is the one of whom I said, 'I baptize with water.' 31And he testified before me, 'I did not recognize him, but so that he might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.' 32John testified saying, 'I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and he remained upon him. 33I did not recognize him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'You upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' 34I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

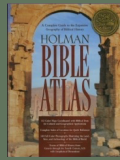
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151. THE SYROPHOENICIAN (CANAANITE) WOMAN

Matthew 15:1-20 **Mark 7:24-30**

Jesus taught away from the temple courts of Tyre and Sidon, ¹and a Canaanite woman from that region came and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord. Son of David, my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed." ²But he did not answer her. So she came and followed him, crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord." ³He said to her, "Woman, do not bother me, for I am sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ⁴But she came and began to bow down before him, saying, "Lord, have mercy on me, for my daughter is being crushed." ⁵He said to her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you wish." And her daughter was healed on that hour.

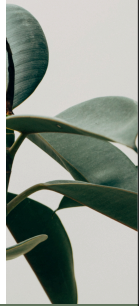
Jesus went away from the temple courts, ¹and he went into the synagogue there. And he kept asking him to take the demon out of the woman. ²But he was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs eat from the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." ³Then he said to her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you wish." And her daughter was healed on that hour.

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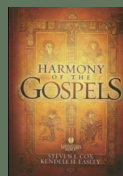
Mark 7:24-30
from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had
one to know of it; yet He could not escape
a woman whose little daughter had an unclean
at His feet.²⁵ Now the woman was a Gentile, of the
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Because of this answer go; the demon has gone
back to her home, she found the child lying on

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How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?



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18. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.¹⁴But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?"¹⁵But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time, for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.¹⁶After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him,¹⁷and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

Mark 1:9-11

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.¹⁰Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;¹¹and a voice came out of the heavens: "You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:21-22

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was praying, heaven was opened,²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, "You are My beloved Son, in I, for He existed before me."²³I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."²⁴John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him."²⁵I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, "He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit."²⁶I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

John 1:29-34

²⁹The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"³⁰This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'³¹I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water."³²John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him."³³I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.'³⁴I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Matthew 17:5

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!"

Mark 9:7

⁷Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!"

Luke 9:35

³⁵Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"

John 12:28-30

²⁸Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again."²⁹So the crowd of people who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him."³⁰Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes."

151. THE SYROPHOENICAN (CANANITE) WOMAN

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.²²And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."²³But He did not answer after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.²⁴Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁵And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."²⁶But she answered and said, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."²⁷Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed at once.

Mark 7:24-30

²⁴Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre. And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know of it; yet He could not escape notice.²⁵But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.²⁷And He was saying to her, "Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs."²⁸But she answered and said to Him, "Yes, Lord, but even the dogs under the table feed on the children's crumbs."²⁹And He said to her, "Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter."³⁰And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.

152. JESUS HEALS A DEAF MUTE AND MANY OTHERS

Matthew 15:29-31

²⁹Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee, and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there.³⁰And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them those who were lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.³¹So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Mark 7:31-37

³¹Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis.³²They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him.³³Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue with the saliva.³⁴And looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"³⁵And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he began speaking plainly.³⁶And He gave them orders not to tell anyone, but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it.³⁷They were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

153. FOUR THOUSAND ARE FED

Matthew 15:32-39

³²And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people,"

Mark 8:1-10

¹In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat, Jesus

When is this occurring and recorded (time and book)?

TIMING

- John's Ministry
- Judean Ministry
- Galilean Ministry
- Perean Ministry
- Jerusalem Ministry
- Passion Week
- Discipleship

GOSPEL RECORD

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- Synoptics
- John
- Agrapha - Acts, Epistles
- Agrapha - Revelation



In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 1:1-11

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches."

Revelation 1:9-20

Who is doing or speaking?

Who is the audience (listening or watching)?

What is the occasion (setting)?

Where is this occurring (location)?

When is this occurring and where is it recorded (time and book)?

Why is this taking place (purpose)?

How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?

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Psalm 2:1–12

How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?

THE FOURFOLD GOSPEL ACCOUNT				
	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Portrait Of Christ	King and Lionlike	Servant and Oxlike	Perfect Person and Like Us	Mighty God and Eaglelike
Angelic Reminder Rev. 4: Ezek. 1	First Creature Lionlike	Second Creature Oxlike	Third Creature Personlike	Fourth Creature Eaglelike
Style Of Writer	Teacher	Preacher	Historian	Theologian
Emphasis By Writer	His sermons	His miracles	His parables	His doctrines

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THEME

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And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of Jehovah shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of Jehovah. And his delight shall be in the fear of Jehovah; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth; and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist, and faithfulness the girdle of his loins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, that stands for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting-place shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Give the king your judgments, O God, And your righteousness unto the king's son. He will judge your people with righteousness, And your poor with justice. The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness. He will judge the poor of the people He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. They shall fear you while the sun endures, And so long as the moon, throughout all generations. He will come down like rain upon the mown grass, As showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish, And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; And his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him; All nations shall serve him. For he will deliver the needy when he crieth, And the poor, that has no helper. He will have pity on the poor and needy, And the souls of the needy he will save. He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence; And precious will their blood be in his sight: And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: And men shall pray for him continually; They shall bless him all the day long. There shall be abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the mountains; The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth. His name shall endure for ever, His name shall be continued as long as the sun: And men shall be blessed in him; All nations shall call him happy. Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, Who only does wondrous things: And blessed be his glorious name for ever; And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen, and Amen.

Psalms 72:1-19

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Why is this taking place (purpose)?

How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?

PURPOSE

THEME

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Prophecy must be fulfilled

(Mk 12:10, 11, 14:21, 27, 49, Lk 4:21, 10:24, 24:27, Jn 5:46, 13:18).

It is the function of Jesus to be:

- the King (Ps 2)
- the Son of Man (Ps 8, Dn 7:13, 14)
- the Servant of Jehovah (Is 42, 53)
- the founder a New Covenant (Jer 31:31-34)

and thus to

- glorify God (Jn 12:26, 17:4)
- save men (Mt 1:21, Lk 2:11, 19:10, Jn 3:17, 10:10, 12:47, 17:2, 20:31)
- attract men to Himself (Mt 11:28, Jn 5:40, 12:32)
- give Himself as a sacrifice (Mk 10:45, Jn 1:29, 6:51, 10:15, 12:24)

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I will be done.”

He will of him who sent me.
In the last day,
in my own authority,
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To Fulfill Prophecy		Prophecies Fulfilled by Jesus	Scripture References
1. That he would be born of a woman	Gen. 3:15; Gal. 4:4	19. That he would speak in parables	Isa. 6:10-15; Matt. 13:10-15
2. That he would be from the line of Abraham	Gen. 12:3, 7; 17:7; Rom. 9:5; Gal. 3:16	20. That he would be rejected by his own	Ps. 69:8; Isa. 53:3; John 1:11; 7:9
3. That he would be from the tribe of Judah	Gen. 49:10; Heb. 7:14; Rev. 5:5	21. That he would make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem	Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:4-5
4. That he would be from the house of David	2 Sam. 7:12-13; Luke 1:31-33; Rom. 1:3	22. That he would be praised by little children	Ps. 8:2; Matt. 21:16
5. That he would be born of a virgin	Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:22-23	23. That he would be the rejected cornerstone	Ps. 118:22-23; Matt. 21:42
6. That he would be given the throne of David	2 Sam. 7:11-12; Ps. 132:11; Isa. 9:6-7; 16:5; Jer. 23:5; Luke 1:31-32	24. That his enemies would not be believers	Isa. 53:1; John 12:37-38
7. That his throne would be an eternal throne	Dan. 7:44; 7:14; 27; Micah 4:7; Luke 1:33	25. That his friend would betray him for 30 pieces of silver	Ps. 41:9; 55:12-14; Zech. 11:12-13; Matt. 26:14-15; 21:25
8. That he would be called Emmanuel	Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23	26. That he would be a man of sorrows	Isa. 53:3; Matt. 26:37-38
9. That he would have a forerunner	Isa. 40:3-5; Mal. 3:1; Matt. 3:1-3; Luke 1:76-78; 3:3-6	27. That he would be forsaken by his disciples	Zech. 13:7; Matt. 26:51, 56
10. That he would be born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:5-6; Luke 2:4-6	28. That he would be scourged and spat upon	Isa. 50:6; Matt. 26:67; 27:26
11. That he would be worshipped by wise men and presented with gifts	Ps. 72:10; Isa. 60:3, 6, 9; Matt. 2:11	29. That his price money would be used to buy a potter's field	Jer. 18:1-4; 19:1-4; Zech. 11:12-13; Matt. 27:9-10
12. That he would be in Egypt for a season	Num. 24:8; Hos. 11:1; Matt. 2:15	30. That he would be crucified between two thieves	Isa. 53:12; Matt. 27:38; Mark 15:27-28; Luke 22:37
13. That his birthplace would suffer a massacre of infants	Jer. 31:15; Matt. 2:17-18	31. That he would be given vinegar to drink	Ps. 69:21; Matt. 27:34, 48; John 19:28-30
14. That he would be called a Nazarene	Isa. 11:1; Matt. 2:23	32. That he would suffer the piercing of his hands and feet	Ps. 22:16; Zech. 12:10; Mark 15:25; John 19:34; 37:35-37
15. That he would be zealous for the Father	Ps. 69:9; 119:139; John 6:37-40	33. That his garments would be parted and gambled for	Ps. 22:18; Luke 23:34; John 19:23-24
16. That he would be filled with God's Spirit	Ps. 43:7; Isa. 11:2-3; 1:1-2; Luke 4:18-19	34. That he would be surrounded and ridiculed by his enemies	Ps. 22:7-8; Matt. 27:39-44; Mark 15:29-32
17. That he would heal many	Isa. 53:4; Matt. 8:16-17	35. That he would thirst	Ps. 22:15; John 19:28
18. That he would deal gently with the Gentiles	Isa. 9:1-2; 42:1-3; Matt. 4:13-16; 12:17-21	36. That he would commend his spirit to the Father	Ps. 31:5; Luke 23:46
H. L. Wilmington, Wilmington's Book of Bible Lists (Wheaton, IL: Tyndale, 1987), 260-263.		37. That his bones would not be broken	Exod. 12:46; Num. 9:12; Ps. 34:20; John 19:33-36
		38. That he would be stoned at in death	Zech. 12:10; Mark 27:36; John 19:37
		39. That he would be buried with the rich	Isa. 53:9; Matt. 27:57-60
		40. That he would be raised from the dead	Ps. 16:10; Mark 16:2-7
		41. That he would ascend	Ps. 24:7-10; Mark 16:19; Luke 24:51
		42. That he would then become a greater high priest than Aaron	Ps. 110:4; Heb. 5:4-6, 10; 7:11-28
		43. That he would be seated at God's right hand	Ps. 110:1; Matt. 22:44; Heb. 10:12-13
		44. That he would become a smiting scepter	Num. 24:17; Dan. 2:44-45; Rev. 16:15
		45. That he would rule the heathen	Ps. 2:8; Rev. 2:27

Why is this taking place (purpose)?

PURPOSE

- Do Fathers' Will
- Fulfill Prophecy

WORK


- Glorify God
- Save Men
- Attract Men to Himself
- Give Himself as a Sacrifice
- Ratify a New Covenant

How does this fit with the overall theme (context)?

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The Kingdom in the Gospels

Matthew

The Messiah Presented Mt. 4:17
The Messiah Rejected Mt. 12
The Church Prophesied Mt. 16: 13-20
The Timeline Expounded Mt. 24
The New Covenant Initiated Mt. 26:26-29
The New Covenant Ratified Mt. 27-28

MARK

The Messiah Presented Mk. 1:14-15
The Messiah Rejected Mk. 3:22-30
The Timeline Expounded Mk. 13
The New Covenant Initiated Mk. 14:22-25
The New Covenant Ratified Mk. 15-16


LUKE

The Messiah Presented Lk. 4:16-22
The Messiah Rejected Lk. 11:14-36
The Timeline Expounded Lk. 21
The New Covenant Initiated Lk. 22:14-20
The New Covenant Ratified Lk. 23-24

JOHN

The Messiah Presented Jn. 1:1-18
The Messiah Rejected Jn. 10:22-39
The Rapture Promised Jn. 14:1-3
The Holy Spirit Promised Jn. 14:16-31, 16:5-15
The New Covenant Ratified Jn. 18-21

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The Kingdom in the Gospels

The Messiah Presented

Matthew 4:17

Mark 1:14-15

Luke 4:16-22

John 1:1-18

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew 4:17

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

Luke 4:16-22

And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you? We need to give an answer to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." (Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.) They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water, but among you stands one you do not know, even he who comes after me, the strap of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." These things took place in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

John 1:19-28

These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: "Do not go in the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter any city of the Samaritans; but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give. Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts, or a bag for your journey, or even two coats, or sandals, or a staff; for the worker is worthy of his support. And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city.

As you enter the house, give it your greeting. If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace. Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet. Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.

Matthew 10:5-15

The message that Jesus proclaimed was identical in content to the message of John, His forerunner. Both said, "Repent, the kingdom of heaven is near!" (Matt. 4:17; cf. 3:2). Mark referred to Jesus' message as "good news" (Mark 1:15). Israel long had waited for the fulfillment of the covenant of promise. Now the good news being given to them was that the kingdom for which they had waited was near.

Christ, like John, called on the people to repent. Repentance involved an acknowledgment of sin and resulted in a restoration to fellowship with God from their state of alienation. It involved offering God the acceptable sacrifice that He demanded. The announcement that the kingdom "is near" added an imperative to the message. Mark noted that the hearers were asked to "believe the good news." The truth of the message that was being preached had to be accepted by faith. We note that Mark referred to "the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:15) and Matthew to "the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 4:17). The difference in terms does not imply that Jesus was referring to two different kingdoms.

J. Dwight Pentecost, "The Authority of the King," in *The Words and Works of Jesus Christ: A Study of the Life of Christ* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Pub. House, 1981), pp. 137-137.

Christ revealed two distinct lines of truth. In the first, He presented Himself as Israel's Messiah and called upon that nation for their long predicted national repentance, in which He also declared the character of His earthly kingdom rule and Himself as the fulfiller of the great Messianic purposes. At that time He said of Himself, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). In sending out His disciples He commanded them, saying, "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:5, 6).

Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, vol. 1 (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1953), xv-viii.

The Kingdom in the Gospels

The Messiah Rejected

Matthew 12
Mark 3:22-30
Luke 11:14-36
John 10:22-39

Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him, and he healed him, so that the man spoke and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, "Can this be the Son of David?" But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this man casts out demons." Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand. And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Mt 12:22-28.

And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin" — for they were saying, "He has an unclean spirit."

Mark 3:22-30

Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you."

Luke 11:14-23

And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?" Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him more shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

'You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive; for the heart of this people has become dull, with their ears they scarcely hear, and they have closed their eyes, otherwise they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and return, and I would heal them.'

Matthew 13:10-15

The lessons of the parable are clear. First, the king had issued a gracious invitation. The response was rejection of the invitation by those who would normally be considered his friends; second, their rejection would result in the king's taking severe action; third, their rejection would result in the invitation being extended to all who would come. The application to the scribes and Pharisees, who, as the representatives of Israel, would normally be invited, is clear. The rejection of Christ and His crucifixion is implied, and the extension of the gospel to Jew and Gentile alike is anticipated.

Walwood, John F. *Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come*. Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1975.

In the second, when Israel's rejection of Him became apparent, He began to speak of His departure and second advent, and of a hitherto unannounced age which should intervene in which the gospel should be preached in all the world to Jew and Gentile alike, and His disciples, whose messages had before been restricted to Israel alone, were then commissioned to declare the glad tidings to every creature.

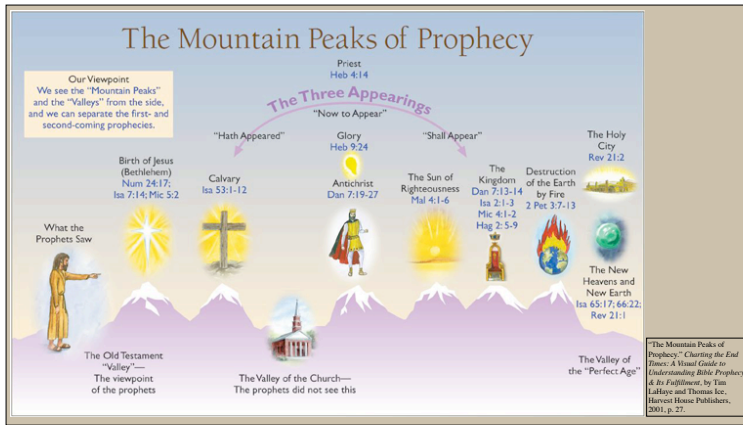
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From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.
Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You."
But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

Matthew 16:21-23

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:7-10



I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace ...So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean!

Romans 11:1, 2, 5, 11,12

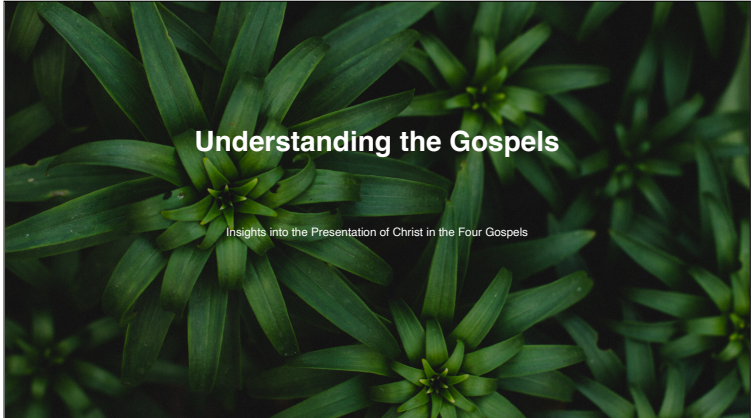
How does recognizing the offer, rejection and postponement of the kingdom help us understand the gospels?

CONTEXT - TIMING - PURPOSE - TEACHING

- What stage is the gospel context discussing?
- Is the message at that moment the good news of the kingdom to Israel
- OR
- the message of the gospel preached to all?
- Both offers had the same answer 'Faith in Jesus the Messiah'
- Example of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman at the well
 - Nicodemus wanted a physical kingdom and stumbled over faith
 - The Samaritan woman accepted him as the Messiah



And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.



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