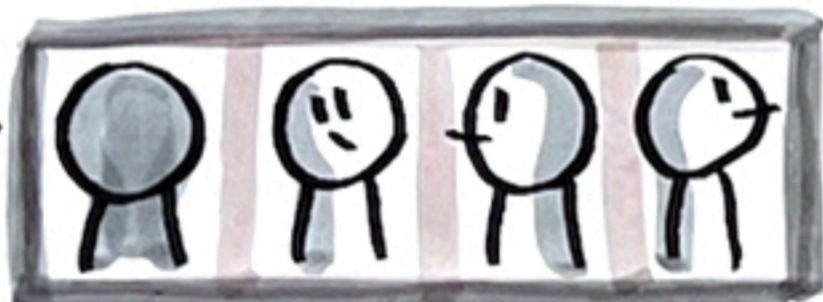


# EXPERIENCING THE KINGDOM

## LIVING OUT THE KINGDOM

### WHY FOUR GOSPELS?



Four primary views of the Messiah?  
Four basic audiences in ancient world?

"Synoptic" (Matthew, Mark, Luke)

### WHEN & WHERE

After Mark. Prior to destruction of Jerusalem in 70CE. So, 60s CE?  
Immediate need for the Jews to know  
Place of writing: unknown.

Do you know? Will you act on what you know??

The Horrible Herods, Puppet "kings" of Rome. Villians

### STRUCTURE

CAPERNAUM Jesus' HQ in Galilee

reflects the orderly mind of an accountant

The Beginning  
Ideal human "son of man"

5 major teaching blocks + 4 blocks of deeds  
walk the talk

Jesus is the Christ



### MISSION

miracles showing Jesus' authority

authority rejected

Death + resurrection

### FUTURE

(ch 24-25)

## JESUS IS THE KING WHO SERVES. THE MAN WHO IS GOD.

King of kings

Not to be served, but to serve. His life a ransom for many

compassionate, caring for the poor and marginalised

The Word

### LIFESTYLE

(ch 5-7) OF THE KINGDOM



Hailed as King



### GROWTH

(ch 13) parables

### WHO WAS MATTHEW?



"Gift of God" A Jew, writing for Jews

Already came to know Jesus before deciding to follow Him



Matthew gave up everything to follow Jesus

- Decisions
- Priorities
- Attitudes
- Character
- Actions

celebrated going from wealth to poverty; self-determination to self-sacrifice  
Despised tax collector → Devoted disciple of Jesus

marginalised, ostracised rich

Longing to belong; meaning of life?

### WHAT'S UNIQUE

### BRIDGE OT & NT

Gospel of Fulfillment. Rooted in OT prophecy. 400 years of waiting, over!

Jesus the Messiah King, heralded by John the Baptist

recognise or reject Him?

### "CHURCH"

- (16:18, 18:17)
- 2 periods in 3-year ministry
- In Galilee (from 4-17)
- From Galilee to Jerusalem (from 16:2)

Ἐκκλησία - 16:16  
ekklesia - "called out"

### END OF THE AGE

and Final Judgment

Repent!

- By locations
- in Galilee (cf. Isa 9:1-2)
- Galilee → Jerusalem
- in Jerusalem

### COMMUNITY

(ch 18) identity revealed; coming sufferings

### THEME

Jesus is the King

Βασιλεία  
basileia / Kingdom

Which realm's authority, for you?

contrasts 2 realms - heaven & earth

The Kingdom of heaven