

The Gospel Through Different Eyes—The Synoptic Gospels

September-November 2022 (Part 2)

Oct 16—The Immediate Gospel

- Read Mark 1 and Mark 6
- How many times is the word “immediately” used?
- Why is it important for Mark to say “immediately?” What difference does it make?
- Is it important to you when things are “immediate?” Why?
- How would Mark’s emphasis on things that happened immediately might help someone believe he is the Christ?

Oct 23—Mark--Can You Keep a Secret

- Mark 1:24-25; Mark 1:43-45; Mark 5:43; Mark 7:36; Mark 8:29-20; Mark 9:2-8
- Who did Jesus tell to “keep his secret?” Which ones surprise you?
- What do you think Jesus’ reason for saying it? How can you spread a message when you do not tell people of something?
- Are there things in the gospel today that we do not publicize, or do we tell everyone we meet? Why?

Oct 30—Mark—The Crucifixion of Jesus in Mark

- Mark 11-16
- Why do you suppose Mark takes up so much space talking about the final week of Jesus’ life?
- Who does he meet in that week?
- How is Mark’s version compared to Matthew’s (Matthew 26-27) and Luke’s (Luke 22-23)? What do you think Mark wants to punctuate in his telling?
- In Mark 16, you get the resurrection of Jesus? Why are there no appearances mentioned?

Nov 6--Luke—Unique Stories

- Luke 10:38-42; Luke 15; Luke 18; Luke 16:19-21.
- Do you like them? Why or why not?
- What does Luke use these stories to convey?
- How do these stories help with your understanding of Jesus?
- What would have been lost if Luke did not include them?

Nov 13--Luke—The Outcasts

- Luke 5:12-16; Luke 7:36-50; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 19:1-10; Luke 21:1-4
- Do you identify with any of these?
- What would your reaction be to the people Jesus meets in this lesson?
- Why do you suppose Luke includes them when others don't?
- What would Luke's audience get from them about Jesus? How does it help our understanding of Jesus?

Nov--20--Luke—The Accounts of the Death, Burial and Resurrection

- Luke 22-24
- What in the story resonates with you? What seems strange?
- How is Luke's account of the Lord's Supper different than the other two?
- How does Luke's account differ from the other two? How is it similar?
- What does Luke do with the story of the Road to Emmaus?
- What characters in Luke's account do you identify with? What does Luke say that speaks to you?

Nov 27--Wrap up and Reflection

- Look back at these lessons. What have you learned that you did not know before?
- Which gospel is the one you are most apt to read? Least apt?
- If you were going to teach someone and use only a gospel, which would you choose and why?