

# Week 6 - Jesus and the Gospels

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## Wednesday, February 15—Jesus: The Good News

*Reading: Romans 1:1-16, Galatians 1*

The four gospels combined with Paul's witness each give us a different perspective of who Jesus was and what he was about. The attempts to harmonize and synchronize these accounts have all failed and are viewed as heterodox. The church needs the separate witness of each evangelist to get the most full picture of Christ.

### I. Opening Prayer

### II. Review

- III. **Mark:** "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news\* to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up snakes in their hands,\* and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

**Themes:** Action, spiritual battle, all creation

- IV. **Matthew:** "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.\*"

**Theme:** Moses Typology, Mountain experience, gentile inclusion

- V. **Luke:** "Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'"

**Themes:** Jubilee, Christmas, feasting, temple/prayer

- VI. **John:** "When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"

**Themes:** incarnation, word, double entendre, signs pointing to life

### VII. Who is Jesus?

- A. Fully Human and Fully God
- B. Who for us humanity and for our salvation
- C. St. Irenaeus Circa 180, four -"posts of the world"
- D. The Tetramorphs—Pendentives of a dome, cosmology

### VIII. How to read the Gospels: Context and Lectio Divina

### IX. Song and Prayer

## **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Verse 1.

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Verse 2.

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

(Refrain)

Verse 3.

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

(Refrain)