

Week 3 Introduction to the Gospels I

1. What Are the Gospels?

- 1) The "Gospels" are the written accounts of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ
- 2) Consist of four books: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

2. Common Purpose of the Gospels

- 1) To testify that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior
- 2) To demonstrate the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies
- 3) To teach the essence of discipleship

3. The Synoptic Gospels

- 1) Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the "Synoptic Gospels" due to their similar structure and content
- 2) They provide parallel accounts with unique perspectives

4. Unique Characteristics of Each Gospel

- 1) Matthew: Written for Jews, portrays Jesus as the promised Messiah
- 2) Mark: Written for Romans, action-focused, frequently uses "immediately"
- 3) Luke: Written for Gentiles, emphasizes historical and social context
- 4) John: Deeply theological, highlights the divinity of Jesus