

GOSPEL

The Bible is a bunch of smaller stories that point to one, big, true story: The story of God and His rescue plan through Jesus.



CREATION PATRIARCHS EXODUS CONQUEST JUDGES KINGDOM EXILE RETURN SILENCE GOSPEL CHURCH MISSIONS FUTURE

Let's summarize the GOSPEL era:

God's promised Rescuer finally came. Jesus, fully God and fully man, endured hardship, spoke the truth in love, and showed compassion to the people. He lived a perfect life so that He could be the perfect sacrifice, paying the ultimate price for sin once and for all. After He rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and promised them that He would come back again.

Where is it found?

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

Names to know:

Jesus
John the Baptist
Mary
Peter
James
John

What are the major stories?

(Luke 2) Jesus was born to a virgin in Bethlehem into King David's family, had to escape to Egypt, and grew up in Nazareth. He started to fulfill God's promises of the Messiah from the moment of His birth.

(Matthew 5-7) Jesus traveled with His disciples to teach the good news of the Kingdom of God. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught what it looks like for God's people to love God and love others.

(John 11) Jesus performed miracles that pointed to who He really is. He has power over nature, power to heal, and power to provide. He showed He even has power over death by raising Lazarus back to life.

(Mark 15) The religious leaders hated Jesus so much they made a plan to kill Him. But Jesus' death was a part of God's plan all along. It is the reason He came. Jesus paid the debt for all sins when He died on the cross and defeated death when He came back to life three days later.

How do Jesus and the GOSPEL era point to the rest of the Bible Timeline?

In the Old Testament, God made promises about a coming Rescuer, the Messiah. This Messiah would come to crush the snake, who is Satan, bless all nations, keep the law perfectly, and conquer enemies. He would be the righteous judge, the forever king, and the rescuer of His people from exile. He was coming so that they could return home and be with God forever. Jesus lived on earth during the Gospel era and is the Messiah to whom all God's promises point. Before He returned to heaven, He called His followers to be the church and gave them a mission to make more disciples. He promised that one day in the future He would return and be with His people for eternity.