

The Evangelists' Introductions

Lesson aim: Four qualified evangelists have left us an account of Jesus' life. In this lesson we explore how they introduced Jesus to their readers.

Matthew's introduction, the genealogy of Jesus--Mt. 1:1-17 (Lk. 3:23-38)

- 1. What three words or phrases describe Jesus in Mt. 1:1? What does each say about Him?*
- 2. Why would Matthew include in his gospel a genealogy of Jesus?*
- 3. Compare the genealogy of Matthew with that of Luke. Why are they different?*

Mark's introduction--Mk. 1:1

- 1. How does Mark present Jesus?*

Luke's introduction--Lk. 1:1-4

- 1. What does Luke say is his purpose in writing his account of Jesus' life?*
- 2. How do we know Luke's account of Jesus' life is accurate?*

John's introduction--Jn. 1:1-18; cf. also Jn. 20:30-31

1. *What was true about Jesus before He came into the world?*
2. *For what purposes did Jesus come into the world?*
3. *What are the results of His coming into the world?*
4. *Why did John write his gospel?*

Research challenge:



Using a good encyclopedia or reference work, try to find out more background information on each gospel writer and the approximate date of the composition of each gospel.