

Seeing Christ in the Gospels

Helps for Good Bible Reading

- Read the Bible prayerfully

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- The Message of the Old Testament: Promises Made and Puzzle Unsolved
 - Promises Made
 - The Abrahamic Covenant
 - The Davidic Covenant
 - The New Covenant (A replacement to the Old)
 - New heart indwelt by the Spirit of God
 - Forgiveness of sin and cleansing
 - Resurrection and Eternal Life

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- Puzzle Unsolved
 - Exodus 34:6-7
 - How can God forgive sins and yet not let the guilty go unpunished?

The Message of the NT:

In Jesus Christ, God's promises are (and will be) kept and the puzzle of sin and a holy God is solved by the Cross.

The Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

- There is really only one Gospel, given in four perspectives– this is the Gospel according to...
- Matthew – Jewish flavor, Jesus is the Messiah but is rejected by Israel
- Mark – From Peter's perspective, Fast-Paced, Jesus as the Christ calls us to follow Him as a disciple

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- Luke – First rate historical biography, The Gospel is for all, Jews and Greeks, Male and Female, Rich and Poor, Focus on the Holy Spirit. A Companion Book to Acts.
- John – Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Believing in Him brings everlasting life. Huge emphasis upon Jesus as God in flesh.

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- In answer to the promises: Jesus is The Christ
 - In his birth
 - In his life

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- In answer to the puzzle: Jesus is the Suffering Servant - reconciling God and man by the Cross.

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