
Subject: The Gospels

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Several years ago I started reading the Gospels repeatedly. I wanted to see what God Himself was saying in His Word concerning the Kingdom of God. So why not go directly to the life of Jesus the Son of God. The whole Bible points to the Life of Christ and what we needed to know about God Himself.

Everything was fine I kept reading them over and over, until I realized I was running into a constant problem. I could not reconcile why Matthews gospel always seemed to have a different story line when it came to certain events.

In fact I was beginning to question what Matthew was saying. Many things Matthew said was completely different from the other gospel writers.

For instance: there's a number of events that are totally different in Matthews gospel. Matt. 8 were told that there was two men possessed of devils and when Jesus cast them out they went into the 2000 pigs who ran violently down the hill and jumped in the sea. Mark and Luke say there was only one man. This is only one event I questioned there are a number of things that took place that Matthew tells a different story then Mark and Luke.

I finally thought well this is a "Paradox" meaning; A statement that seems to contradict itself but may nonetheless be true.

It was easy to eliminate Johns gospel because he only talked about the last year of Jesus ministry and he was trying to show that Jesus was the Messiah who was to come.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke did not appear to have a true harmony of the events.

I recently realized Matthew and John were both there when Jesus was on the earth ministering. They seen the miracles, dead raised up and daily watched and listened to the Words of Jesus.

I thought later maybe Matthew had more of the facts then Mark and Luke. Luke came later after Pentecost and searched out the information by talking to people who were present when Jesus was ministering. Mark on the other hand may of been a young man who was present during some of Jesus ministry. I know most believe he was in the garden the night of Jesus betrayal. Only in his gospel is the story told of a young man wrapped in a linen cloth who fled away naked when they tried to apprehend him. Many believe this was Mark.

I could be wrong still open to knowing what took place during Jesus ministry. For now I think that Matthews gospel is probably more direct in the facts then Mark or Luke's gospel.

There are a number of things that take place besides this event in the synoptic gospels that I could bring up. I do believe that the scriptures were inspired by God through the writers. Maybe there is more to the story than what we were seeing through their eyes. Don't know if anyone else has run across these events in the Bible. I know there must be a reasonable explanation. Is this what they mean by an enigma?

Maybe the word; "Paradox" gives a better explanation.

In Him,
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