

## Personal Application and Group Interaction

Without naming it, describe the most beautiful or thrilling place you have ever seen in person.

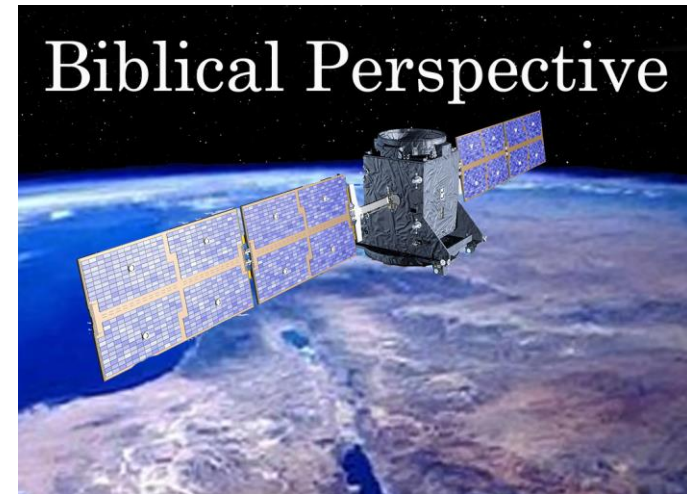
The synoptic gospels create a comprehensive picture of the life, values, works and words of Jesus. Briefly describe the unique contribution each of these books has made to your understanding of Jesus and His desires for your life.

Jesus answered the accusation that He had come to abolish the Law or the Prophets saying, “I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them” (Matt. 5:17). How is this truth impacting your relationships to God and others?

Jesus told His followers to make more disciples by teaching them to do everything He commanded them (Matt. 28:20). How is your Growth Group experience helping you act on what you know from what Jesus commanded?

It seems that Mark heard the account of the life and ministry of Jesus from Peter. His book reflects the oral preaching of that time. He probably wrote this account under Peter’s supervision. How have you developed your own understanding of the life and imperatives of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Luke highlights the life of Christ with many of the stories He told and accounts of relationships He had with those whom “proper people” did not associate. How does the parable of the lost son (Luke 15) affect your response to those who are somewhat spiritually “undesirable” to you?



## “Here’s the Good News”

The Synoptic Gospels

Matthew – Luke

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In just one week we're traveling from serious lamentations to joyful good news. For more than 400 years there were no further written revelations from God. That was suddenly changed by the birth of the promised King of the Jews. The Gospels give us a picture of this most amazing life. They form a bridge from promises of a Messiah to unanticipated good news.

While there are four gospel accounts, three compose what are referred to as the "*synoptic*" gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). That word is taken from a Greek word meaning, "to see the whole together, to take a comprehensive view." Together they round out the accounts of what Jesus said and did.

**Matthew:** a bridge from the OT to the NT

The Author and his perspective:

The Purpose:

The Theme:

Unique contributions to our understanding of Jesus:

**Mark:** "Buckle up!"

The Author:

The Purpose:

The Theme:

How to read or understand this gospel account:

**Luke:** a gospel of relationships

The Author:

The Purpose:

The Theme:

How to read and understand the book of Luke: