

The Four Jewish Gospels

The New Testament books of Mathew, Mark, Luke, and John are four independent witnesses of the times of Jesus and His ministry to His people, the Jews, and His sacrificial death for all of mankind.

Throughout the Old Testament, God interacted with mankind in various ways. In the four Jewish Gospels, God again interacts with mankind, this time in the man, Jesus.

God made promises and prophecies concerning the coming Savior of mankind. Jesus is that Savior, who took our place in God's judgment of death that He leveled on a flawed, wicked humanity. Jesus died for us.

Jesus came to His own, the Jews, who rejected Him. For their rejection, God hardened the Jews, blinding them to the truth, going to, and adopting the Gentiles. As the Jews had 2000 years under the law - Abraham to Christ, the Gentiles would have 2000 years under grace. This is the last 2000 years of humanity called the Age of Grace, where God offers salvation and the forgiveness of sin and the sin nature to anyone who will turn to Him.

The four Gospels about the Jews bring closure to the Old Testament Scriptures and the Jews. Collectively, they represent the final act in a drama that began in the Garden of Eden resulting in 4000 years of mankind moving toward the Savior of the world.

When Christ said "it is finished", it was the end of the Old Testament story, and the Jews who are now put away until Christ's return. It was the end of the law and all the Jewish Hebrew writings about the law. Both the Jews and their writings were rendered obsolete. Everything is now relegated to history; information for us to understand the how, when, where, and why of our salvation. Without these writings we would not and could not understand the big picture.

As the Gospels close, mankind turns the page to a new beginning. This time, the ascended Christ sends Paul to the Gentile world with a new message, God's message to mankind. All that came before is replaced by Grace. No more Jews, no more law, no more Jewish writings about the law, no more Jewish Gospels, even the Jewish Jesus comes to and end. From the ascended Christ on, we have Paul and his epistles relating God's message to us for these last 2000 years of man.

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