



***The Nature
of the
Gospels***

**What is a
“Gospel”?**

The Term “Gospel”

Old English

Greek

Why Aren't They Biographies?

1. *Anonymous*
2. *Not pretentious*
3. *Combine teaching and action*
4. *Not complete*

WHY DO WE HAVE FOUR GOSPELS?

1 MATTHEW

2 MARK

3 LUKE

4 JOHN



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PART EIGHT

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THE NEW TESTAMENT
COMES TOGETHER***

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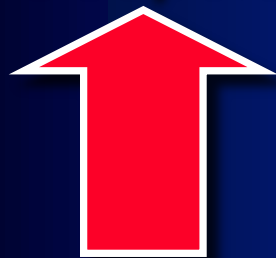
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WRITTEN BETWEEN A.D. 40s AND 90s

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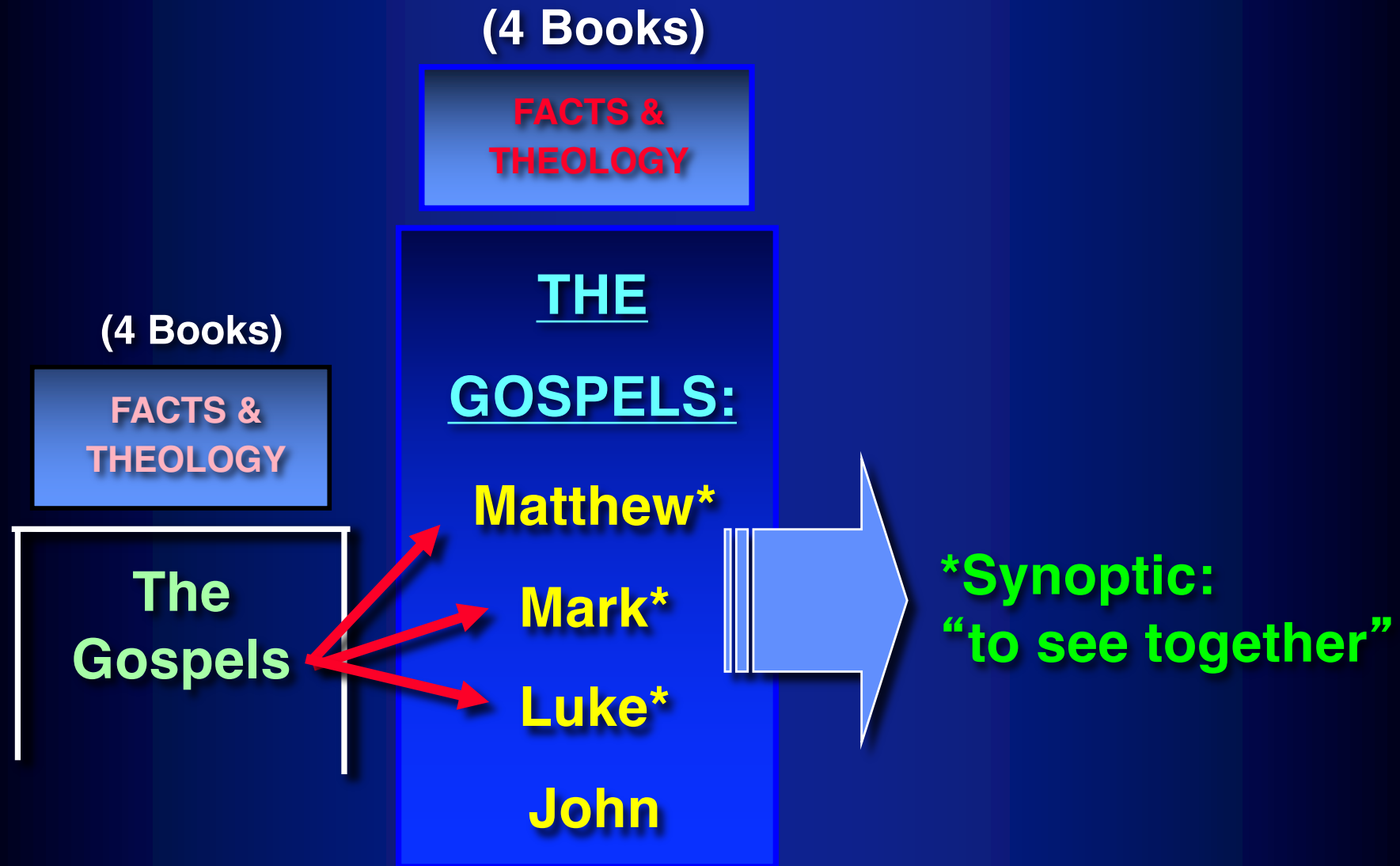
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FUTURE

*The
Revelation*



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***“A FINISHED PORTRAIT
OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST”***

**AS SEEN THROUGH
FOUR DIFFERENT LENSES**

STUDY HELP #21

From the Gospel writers:

- **Their specific audiences**
- **Each writer's unique presentation of the person of Jesus Christ**
- **A foundational purpose communicated in each Gospel**
- **Approximate dates of writing**

FOUR INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS...

1

2

3

4

FRAMING THE GOSPELS...

1 MATTHEW

2 MARK

3 LUKE

4 JOHN

THE AUDIENCES FOR THE GOSPELS...

1 MATTHEW

TO: JEWS

2 MARK

TO: ROMANS

3 LUKE

TO: GREEKS

4 JOHN

TO: CHURCH

...PORTRAYING JESUS AS...

1 MATTHEW

TO: JEWS

AS: KING

2 MARK

TO: ROMANS

AS: SERVANT

3 LUKE

TO: GREEKS

AS: GOD/MAN

4 JOHN

TO: CHURCH

AS: GOD

THE MESSAGE IN A NUTSHELL...

1 MATTHEW

TO: JEWS

AS: KING

WHAT

HE: SAID

2 MARK

TO: ROMANS

AS: SERVANT

WHAT

HE: DID

3 LUKE

TO: GREEKS

AS: GOD/MAN

WHAT

HE: FELT

4 JOHN

TO: CHURCH

AS: GOD

WHAT

HE: MEANT

THAT STRANGE SOUNDING WORD...

SYNOPTIC:

TO: JEWS

TO: ROMANS

AS: KING

AS: SERVANT

WHAT HE SAID

WHAT HE DID

3 LUKE

4 JOHN

TO: GREEKS

TO: CHURCH

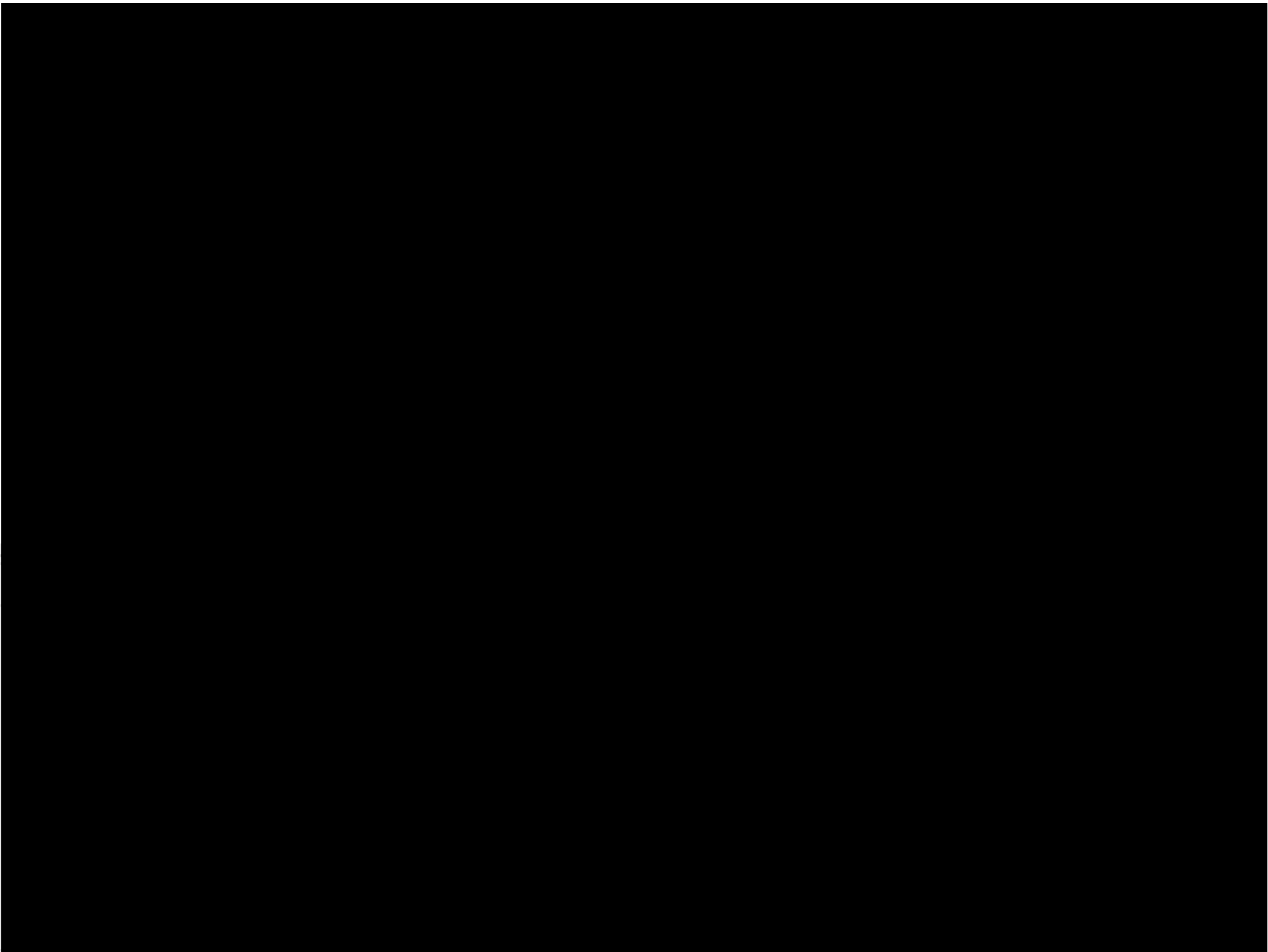
AS: GOD MAN

AS: GOD

WHAT HE FELT

WHAT HE THOUGHT

“TO SEE TOGETHER”



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