

FINDING THE WAY: CHRIST JESUS

READING THE GOSPELS

Luke 1.1-4 (855)

John 20.30-31 (907)

Peculiarly Christian: The Gospels According to Matthew, Mark, and Luke, contain similar materials and are called the Synoptic Gospels. John's Gospel contains larger portions of theological debate with Pharisees, Scribes, and other Jewish leaders.

None of the Gospels intend to give a biography (in the modern sense of the word) of Jesus. Each narrative focuses on the ministry of Jesus, particularly His suffering and death.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Matthew 5.1-7.29 (809)

Peculiarly Christian: Jesus' first great sermon in the New Testament declares the full sense of the Law and Gospel-oriented ethics. The Sermon also shows how the forgiveness of sins and promise of eternal life stands as the cornerstone of Christian living.

CHURCH CALENDAR: CHRISTMAS

Matt. 1-2 (807)

Luke 1-2 (855)

John 1.1-18 (886)

Phil. 2.5-11 (980)

Peculiarly Christian: The birth of Jesus is celebrated as the marriage of God and man in the flesh of the incarnate Son of God.

CHURCH CALENDAR: EPIPHANY

Peculiarly Christian: Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, our Savior, through the guiding of the Magi by the star, Jesus' Baptism, His life, and His Transfiguration.

CHURCH CALENDAR: EASTER

1 Corinthians 15.1-58 (961)

Peculiarly Christian: On Easter, the church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, sealing our salvation to eternal life. His resurrection proves that His sacrifice on the cross was accepted for all our sins.

CHURCH CALENDAR: ASCENSION

Acts 1.6-12 (909)

Peculiarly Christian: Jesus' ascension into heaven, illustrates the cleansing of all flesh made upon the cross and depicts the presence of God with the Church.