

Week 8// Messiah

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

Intro//

Throughout our previous sessions outlining the Old Testament, there have been rumours of the arrival of the Messiah, God's anointed King sent to save his people. This week we finally meet this Messiah as we explore the four gospels. More than merely biographies of Jesus, they contain the life-changing, history making, world-shaping good news that is at the very heart of God's story.

For the eighth video in full, [please click here](#).

Discussion Questions//

1. Although this is the first session rooted in the 'New Testament' the events of the gospel are part of the story that started in Genesis. *What new insights or helpful reminders have stood out to you from previous sessions? What implications might these have for your life?*
2. The four gospels are accounts of 'good news' which are unashamedly written so that readers would believe that Jesus is the Messiah and Son of God.
 - a. Do you remember the first time this good news was communicated to you? What was it that convinced you it was true?
 - b. In your experience, what has been the most natural way you've been able to share this good news with others?
3. Although it covers four gospels, much of the video is centred around a single prophecy offered by Zechariah in Luke 1. 67-80. *Spend some time reading/reflecting on the passage quietly – which (if any) phrases stand out or catch your attention and why?*
4. James finishes by pointing out the two-way relationships between the Gospels and the story so far (the Old Testament).
 - a. How does Jesus influence how you understand/ relate to the Old Testament?
 - b. How does the OT influence how you understand/ relate to Jesus?

Reading Plan//

1	John 1.1-18	Word Became Flesh
2	Matthew 5.1-6.4	Sermon on the Mount (1)
3	Matthew 6.5-7.29	Sermon on the Mount (2)
4	Mark 6.45-52	Walking on Water
5	Luke 22.1-46	Last Supper
6	John 19	Crucifixion
7	John 20-21	Resurrection