

Great misunderstandings

The Gospel

1 Corinthians 15:1-5

Mark 1:14-15

“Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.””

of Jesus

The Gospel

of Paul

The Gospel

According to Jesus

Repentance
Holiness

Our Walk

Jews only

Kingdom

(before the cross)



According to Paul

Faith
Grace

Christ's work

The world

Cross &
Resurrection

(after the cross)

Faith as conduct

Gospels

Christianity

Epistles

Faith as confession

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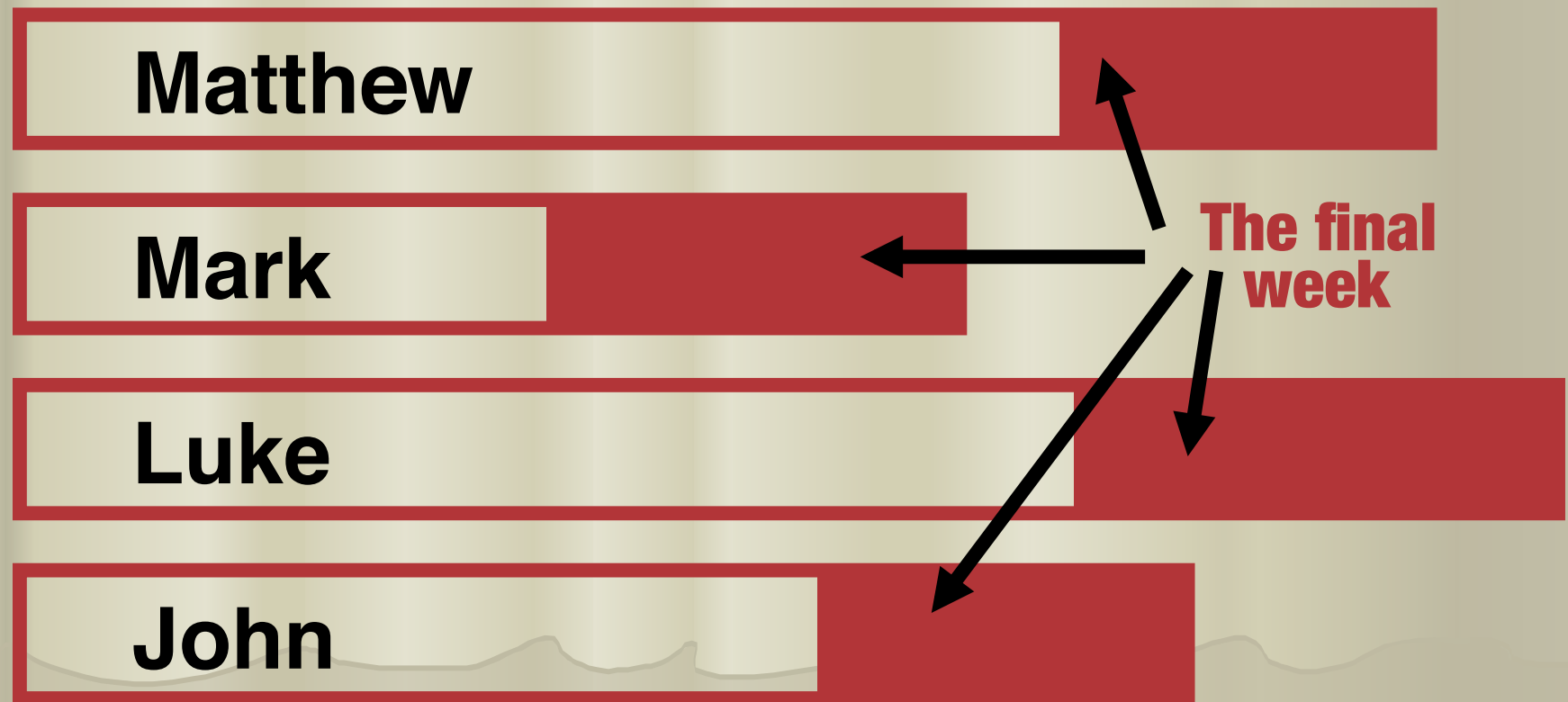
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Consider

- ✓ **The Apostles' teaching, focus on the cross and resurrection (not the ethics and miracles of Jesus).**
- ✓ **The good news that is preached to the world is Reconciliation with God (not ethical renewal).**
- ✓ **The principle symbol of the faith is the cross (not the dove or a towel).**

The Gospel - misunderstanding #2

- **The Gospel is rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus.**
- **The Gospel is taught by Jesus.**

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The Gospel - point #2

- The Gospel is rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus.
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Gospel

The Epistles

Explanation

The Gospels

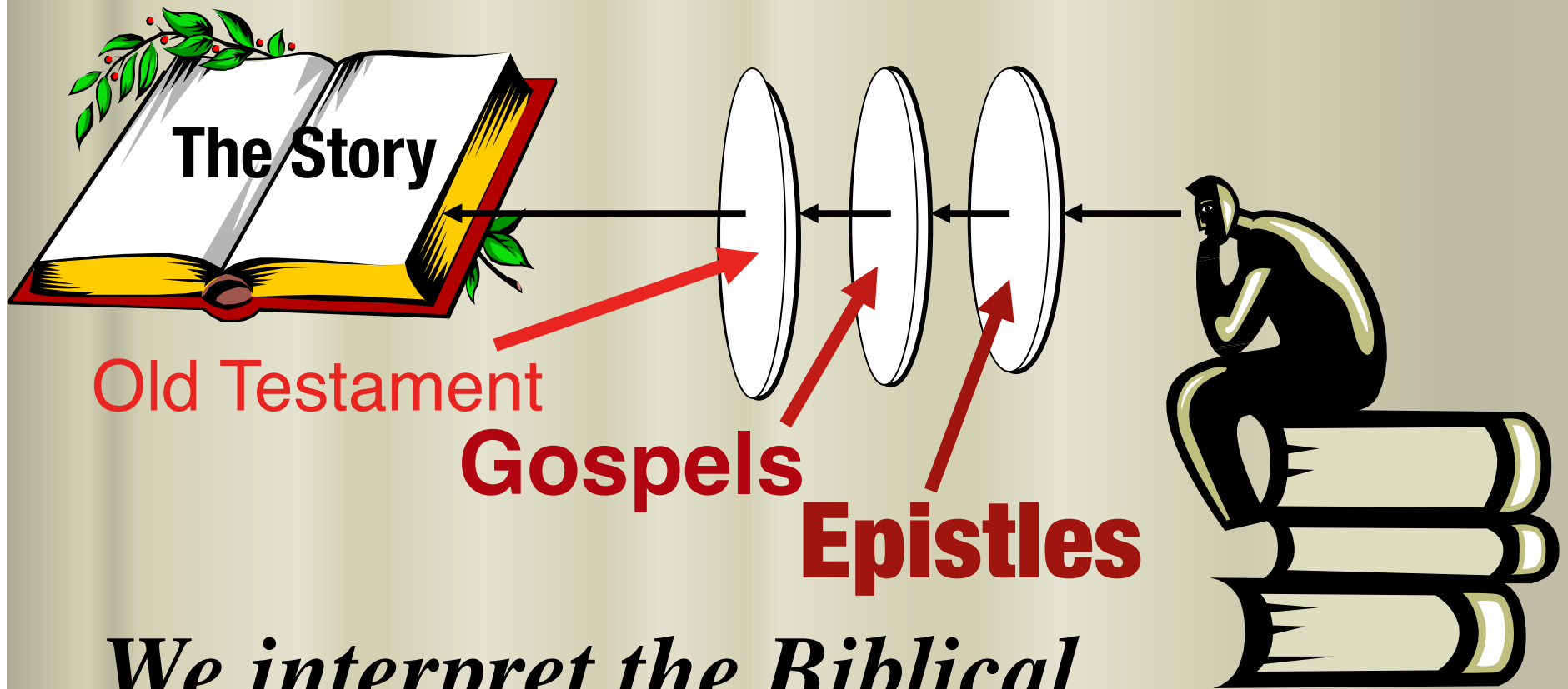
Events

The Old Testament

Foundation

The Gospel - point #2

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We interpret the Biblical story through lenses.

The Gospel - misunderstanding #3

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- The Gospel is taught by Jesus.
- **The Gospel is about our moral renewal.**

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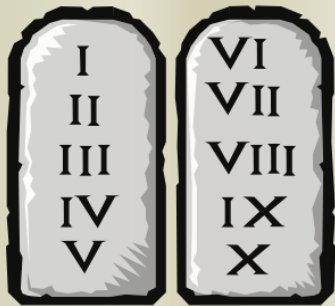


Not my
Performance

under
the Law
(before
the Cross)

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**Not my
Performance

under
the Law
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the Cross)**

nor



**my
Performance

in the
Spirit
(after
the Cross)**

The Gospel - point #3

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**But God's
Performance**

**in Christ
at the Cross**

The Gospel - point #3

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God's
for

God's power
in me!

God's power
through
me!

The Gospel - misunderstanding #4

- The Gospel is rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus.
- The Gospel is taught by Jesus.
- The Gospel is about our moral renewal.
- **The Gospel is authenticated by my subjective experience.**

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The Gospel - point #4

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***Objective
History &
Scripture***



***not
Subjective
emotion
& vision***

Galatians 1:8

“But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

**“The main thing
is to keep the main thing,
the main thing.”**



**God accepts us
(in Christ)**

**without approving of
everything we do,
believe, or say.**

**The Good News is
about what God has
done in Christ !!!!!!!!!**

**not about what I must
do to get my life under
proper management.**

“Unlike anyone else, Our Lord came on earth, not to live, but to die. Death for our redemption was the goal of His sojourn here, the gold that he was seeking. He was, therefore, not primarily a teacher, but a Savior.”

Fulton Sheen

Galatians 1:12

“For I neither received it (**the Gospel**) from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Confusion & Clarification

(two different emphases)

**The teaching
of Jesus
in the Gospels**

**{faithfulness /
discipleship}**

before the cross



**The teaching
about Jesus
in the epistles**

**{faith /
new birth}**

after the cross

1 Corinthians 1:18

“For the word of the cross is to
those who are perishing

but
it

**God's Word
(Epistles)**

**An explanation
of the meaning
of God's actions**

**God's action
(Gospels)**

**The Cross and
Resurrection
of Christ**

The pattern of Paul's letters

**What Christ has
done **for** us**

**Our *Position* in
Christ by grace
through faith**

First section

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First section

What Christ is
doing **in** and
through us

Our **Walk** in Christ
by grace through
discipline

Second section

The order is significant.

What is of first importance?

- **A living faith in Jesus who died for our sins and was resurrected.**
- **Social love ethic.** (Incarnation, Kingdom)
- **Spiritual experiences.** (Feelings, Miracles)
- **Moral discipline.** (Religious law, Canon)
- **Unconditional love.** (inclusive, non-segmentary)
- **Religious community.** (Church, personal relationships)

1 Corinthians 15:17

“and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.”

1 John 1:3

“what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you.”

2 Peter 1:16

“We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.”