

## 21T14c Gospel of Jesus (Research Project) – Part 3

Hello my friends. Thanks for joining me at the PUNLA coffee table. So, get your coffee or tea and Get comfortable so we can talk.

We have been doing a research project on a simple question. What was the Gospel or Good News or in the Greek Euangelion, that Jesus taught.?

We have been opening the Bible and see what it says. We searched three English Bible translations for the word “gospel” or phrase “good news” using [www.blueletterbible.org](http://www.blueletterbible.org). King James (KJV) Version, New International Version (NIV) and New Living Translation (NLT)

We were reviewing all texts starting with Jesus’ spoken words in the Gospels and Acts. Last time we started with Mark 1 and the parallel verses in Matthew 4 and Luke 4

Here is the 41 verses we found in the Gospels and Acts and the red font is the verse we have already looked at in Part 2 of this study;

- Mark 1:1/14-15, 8:35, 10:29, 13:10, 14:9, 16:15
- Matthew 4:23, 9:35, 11:5, 24:14, 26:13
- Luke 1:19, 2:10, 3:18, 4:18/43, 7:22, 8:1, 9:6, 16:16, 20:1, 22:35
- Acts 5:42, 8:4/12/25/35/40, 10:36, 11:20, 13:32, 14:7/15/21, 15:7, 16:10, 17:18, 20:24, 23:11

All these verses we studied last time were the announcement of “the Kingdom of God” or the “Good News” which Jesus is saying is near or here. Another way to say it would be Jesus is making the Kingdom available to us and this is before the Cross, His death or resurrection.

So based on this start to our research, I decided to modify our study. We will continue looking at verses where the [Greek word euangelion](#) has been translated as gospel or good news. Then we will read the context around the verse to determine what Jesus included in His gospel message.

Based on these verses I decided I would categorize the Gospel being talked about in the verses. All of these gospel verses we have already studied, say the same basic thing **“the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.”**

To complete the verse review in Mark with any parallels before moving to Matthew, followed by Luke.

Mark 8:35 was next. Chapter 8 starts with the feeding for the 4000 and teaching and healing stories, then Jesus predicts His death followed by verse <sup>35</sup> **For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.** There is no specifics about what the gospel is in this verse but there is an inference that of a “Follower’s Reward of Eternal Life.”

Mark 10:29 was next. Chapter 10 begins with Jesus teaching, then in Verses 17-28, a Rich man comes to Jesus and asking (NIV) “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”. When the rich man leaves Jesus turns to His disciples and says in verses 29-31 (NIV) <sup>29</sup> **“Truly I tell you,”** Jesus replied, **“no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel”** <sup>30</sup> **will fail to receive a**

hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come **eternal life**.<sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

Again Mark 10 has no mention of what the gospel is in these passages. But it does speak to the reward for those who embrace the gospel including eternal life. I won't show the other translations since they all essentially agree. This same story is paralleled in Matthew 24:14 and Luke 18 but the gospel is not mentioned in Luke. Both of these gospel scriptures can be categorized as either Matthew 24 “Kingdom of God” or Mark 10 “Follower’s Reward of Eternal Life.”

Mark 13:10 was next. Chapter 13 begins with Jesus prophecy about things to come, Temple Destruction in verses 1-2, End times in verses 3-8 and then Jesus warns His disciples in verses 8-11 including verse 10 (NIV) **And the gospel must first be preached to all nations**. This same story is paralleled in Matthew 24:14. I'll categorize these gospel verses as “NON-SPECIFIC”.

Mark 14:9 was next. Chapter 14 begins with the story of woman anointing Jesus with oil, then the last supper starts in verse 12. Mark 14:9 **Truly I tell you, wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.**” This same story is paralleled in Matthew 26:13. Again, I'll categorize these gospel verses as “NON-SPECIFIC”.

Mark 16:15 is the great commission and is addressing the preaching of the gospel to the whole world. Mark 16:15-18 **He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.**<sup>16</sup> **Whoever believes** and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.<sup>17</sup> **And these signs will accompany those who believe:** In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;<sup>18</sup> they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.” This gospel scripture can be categorized as “Follower’s Reward of Eternal Life.”

A parallel is in Matthew 28:16-20<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.<sup>17</sup> **When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.**<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

What the gospel is, is not said but the outcome of preaching to the world is. **“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved”** but it goes on to give us signs to know who really believed

Again it spoke about the Gospel of the Kingdom. I began to be puzzled. I had always been taught the Gospel of Salvation but this is not what Jesus was preaching in these verses. I began to think about it. In the Gospels, Jesus was still alive so He was not preaching His death and resurrection in these verses. He was preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven.

That is all the verses in Mark and the parallels in Matthew and Luke. I'm going to stop here for today. Next time, we will pick up our research project continuing with the verses from the Gospels Matthew, Luke and the Acts of the Apostles which have the word **euangelion in Greek** translated to English as either “gospel” or “good news”

**Let us pray.**

**Heavenly Father. Thank You Jesus for your teaching in the Gospels. Thank You for Your Good news.**

**Guide us as we study your word. I pray Your words linger in our minds as we contemplate what You have said.**

**We pay in your name Jesus, Amen.**

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