Four Images of Jesus

Circle the Gospel your group has been assigned. With your group members, read aloud the Scripture passages for your Gospel, write a brief summary (one or two sentences), and respond to the questions for your Gospel only. Be sure each member of the group writes out the group’s responses.

Gospel of Matthew

*Teacher and Prophet:* Jesus taught and proclaimed the radical redemption of God.

Matthew 4:23–5:11 Matthew 5:17–20 Matthew 25:31–47

* After reading these passages, why or how is Jesus portrayed as a teacher and prophet?
* What is the central message of his teaching?
* In what way is Jesus’ teaching in these passages radical?

Gospel of Mark

*Suffering Servant:* Jesus is the Paschal Lamb, who redeemed the human family by his self-sacrifice on the cross.

Mark 8:27–30 Mark 8:31–9:1 Mark 9:30–32

* In what way can we see Jesus’ humanity emphasized through these passages?
* How does Mark emphasize that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of God, the Paschal Lamb?

Gospel of Luke

*Compassionate Healer*: Jesus restored humanity to right relationship with God.

Luke 4:14–22 Luke 10:25–37 Luke 16:19–31

* According to Luke, what does it mean to be in right relationship with God?
* What is Jesus’ mission?
* Who is unexpectedly held up as an example of how to act? What does this tell us about who Jesus is?

Gospel of John

*Incarnate Word of God:* Jesus was the Word of God in the flesh, present since the beginning of time.

John 1:1–18 John 5:19–29 John 14:15–31

* How does the Gospel of John emphasize Jesus’ divinity through these passages?
* What symbols or images does John use to speak of Jesus’ divinity?