

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?

