

# Reading the Bible – Gospels

Sunday May 13, 2012

Mark 8:27-9:1

## The Gospels

### 4 Gospels

3 very similar, yet significantly different; 4th very different

Too similar to be completely independent

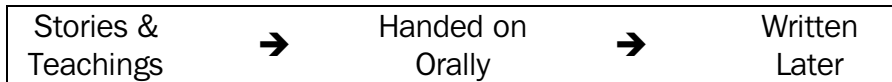
**Made of small “chunks”** – pericopes

### Two Main Kinds of Material

Narrative – Stories about Jesus

Teaching – Words of Jesus

## Formation of the Gospels



**Pericopes** – Because of Oral Period

**Written** – For a Purpose

Apostles / Eye Witnesses were dying off

Address Needs of Christian Communities

**Mark** – Written first (“Memoirs of Peter”)

**Luke and Matthew** – Used Mark

**John** – Written Last, More Independently

## Reading Mark 8:27-9:1

**Hinge Passage** – Where 2 parts meet

### Who is this?

Asked repeatedly in 1st half

Culminates in exchange with Peter

### What Kind of Messiah?

Cross and Resurrection Introduced

### What Kind of Follower?

Teaching on Discipleship, Jesus the Model

# Reading the Bible

Over the next few weeks we will examine several kinds of literature that are found in the Bible. The hope is that we can learn some practical ways to read the Bible better.

In addition to the teachings on Sunday morning, there are some small groups that will meet during the week. These groups will provide an opportunity to practice what we are learning on Sundays in a supportive low pressure environment.

Here is an outline of the kinds of literature we will examine, and the Scripture passages we will use to “practice” in some of the groups that will be meeting.

Apr 23-27	Letter	1Co 11:17-34
Apr 30 – May 4	OT Narrative	Gen 15
May 7-11	Acts	Act 6:1-7
May 14-18	Gospel	Mar 8:27-9:1
May 21-25	Parable	Mat 13:1-23
May 28 – Jun 1	Law	Lev 19:1-18
Jun 4-8	Psalm	Psa 24
Jun 11-15	Prophet	Amo 5

## For Further Reading

Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart. *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* [Third Edition]. Zondervan. 2003.