

# What is the Gospel?

The first four books of the Bible are often referred to as the Gospels – the Gospel according to Matthew, etc... From this, we could say that the Gospel is all about Jesus – who He is, what He taught, etc...

Mark started his Gospel saying, "The beginning of the **gospel** of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; " Then he proceeds to talk about John the Baptist. Why? Mark answers, "**2** As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. **3** The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. " So, we could add to our definition that the Gospel is also about events surrounding His life.

In Matthew 24:14, Jesus says, "And this **gospel** of the **kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." But, what is "this **gospel**" that He speaks of. Well, it must something He just said prior to that. So, let's go to beginning of that paragraph, in verse 3 and see what He said"

**Matthew 24:3** ¶ And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. **6** And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **7** For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. **8** All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. **9** Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. **10** And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. **11** And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. **12** And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. **13** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **14** And this **gospel of the kingdom** shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

So, this verifies that the Gospel includes things that Jesus taught. In this case – prophecy of future events.

Jesus said, in [Luke 4:18](#), The Spirit of **the Lord** is upon me, because **he hath anointed me to preach the gospel** to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Who is "the Lord" that "anointed" Christ? [Hebrews 1:9](#) "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, *even thy God*, hath anointed **thee** with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." It was Christ's Father who anointed Him.

It seems that the Gospel goes beyond being just about Jesus. It seems His Father sent Him to do these things. That makes sense because Jesus said, "**I have not spoken of myself... even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.**"(John12:48-50). It seems appropriate to say that the source of the Gospel is Father Jehovah. So, the Gospel is not just all about God's Son. It is also about the "only true God" - Father Jehovah.

What about the "everlasting gospel" that is to be preached to the whole world? What is that? This is a gospel that has not end.

[Revelation 14:6](#) ¶ And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, **7** Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him;** for the hour of his judgment is come: and **worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.**

We see that the God here referred to this the Creator. Who is the Creator?

*Exodus 20:11 ... **Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is...***

*Hebrews 1:1 **God... 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;***

So, **Father Jehovah is the God referenced here.** What are the three parts to the **everlasting gospel** that is to be preached to the entire planet:

1. Fear God
2. Give glory to God
3. Worship God because He is the Creator

This is the everlasting Gospel.