

CCRS OF MB “Unveiling The Gospels” Bible Study – Level 1

Formation Course Description

Understanding the four Gospels in depth can often be challenging, especially reading them back-to-back. This course, however, goes beyond simply reading the Gospels. We'll delve into who the Gospel writers were, their unique audiences, their purposes in writing, and, most importantly, how each one presents a distinct view of Jesus.

Highlights of What You'll Learn:

1. **St. Mark**

Mark's Gospel is the shortest with just 16 chapters, yet it's packed with action. You'll explore its 18 miracles, uncover the significance behind seven key Aramaic phrases, and discover why Mark, writing for a pagan audience, emphasizes Jesus' *actions* over his words.

2. **St. Matthew**

Matthew is the longest Gospel with 28 chapters and over 50 direct Old Testament references. Writing for Jews on the verge of conversion, Matthew sought to prove that Jesus was the promised Messiah. This Gospel highlights what Jesus *says*, with teachings presented in five key discourses, and often shows Jesus seated as He instructs.

3. **St. Luke**

Known for his background as a physician and artist, Luke presents a compassionate Jesus who reaches out to the poor, the sick, and the marginalized, with a special emphasis on women. Writing with a universal message of salvation, Luke's Gospel shows a Jesus who is constantly *on the move*, symbolized in stories like the Walk to Emmaus.

4. **St. John**

Unlike the synoptic Gospels, John's account is deeply theological and symbolic. You'll dive into the richness of John's Gospel by exploring concepts like the “Seven ‘I AM’ statements” and “Seven Key Relationships” of Jesus, discovering a unique and profound perspective on His divine nature.

Bonus: Studying *Dei Verbum*

We'll also explore the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum*, enhancing our understanding of the Gospels through this essential Church document on Divine Revelation.

This dynamic, interactive course includes optional readings and assignments, designed to deepen your understanding and keep you engaged with each session as we journey through the perspectives of the Gospel writers.

Come Holy Spirit!

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