

# 40-44 – NT four Gospels and Acts

## What are God's interests? – “the way” has come, Jn. 14:6

*Each gospel presents Jesus the Christ – His teachings, crucifixion, burial and resurrection.*

*But each gospel gives a different emphasis of His person – a 4fold glory*

- 40. Matthew** – **The coming of the King** “**thy king cometh**” 21:15  
Royal pedigree – “*the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David [chosen royal line]*” 1:1  
*In Matthew, the Lord is seen more on the **mountain** (where kings are). The following only in Matthew:*  
Final words – “*into a **mountain**...Jesus had appointed...All **power** is given unto me*” 28:16-18  
Magi call Him king at birth – “*Where is he that is born **King** of the Jews...to worship him*” 2:2  
Ending of Lord's prayer – “*Thine is the **kingdom**...power, and the glory, forever. Amen*” 6:13  
Son of David (more than all the other gospels combined) – “*Hosanna to the **Son of David***” 21:9  
Matthew uses king (Luke uses man) – “*A **certain king**, which made a marriage for his son*” 22:2  
King on throne – “*Shall he sit upon the **throne** of His glory...shall the **King** say...*” 25:31,34
- 41. Mark** – **The coming of the perfect servant** “**came...to minister [serve]**” 10:45  
No birth pedigree (not necessary for a servant) – “*Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee*” 1:9  
*In Mark, the Lord is seen by the sea (where people are to serve) – “Behold my servant” (Isa.42:1):*  
Only in Mark – “*much people gathered unto him [Jesus]: and he was nigh unto the **sea***” 5:21  
Only earthly occupation given – “*Is not this **the carpenter**, the son of Mary*” 6:3  
Working hands – “*that even such mighty **works** are wrought by his **hands***” 6:2  
Helping hands – “*And he took the blind man by the **hand**,...put his **hands** upon him*” 8:23  
Blessing hands – “*took them up in his arms, put his **hands** upon them, and blessed them*” 10:16  
Ascension (still working) – “*was received up into heaven...the Lord **working** with them*” 16:19-20
- 42. Luke** – **The coming of the perfect man** “**this was a righteous man**” 23:47  
Human pedigree – “*Jesus...(as was supposed) the son Joseph...the son of Adam [man]*” 3:3,38  
*In Luke, the Lord is seen more by **the way** (road) where humans walk. The following only in Luke:*  
Only in Luke – “*Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by **the way***” 24:32  
Circumcised & age at baptism – “*circumcise the child...about **thirty** years*” (baptism) 2:21, 3:23  
Child years mentioned – “*subject unto them [parents]... **increased** in wisdom and stature*” 2:51  
Human parables (good Samaritan, Prodigal son) – “*A **certain man** had two sons...*” 15:11/10:33  
Angel strengthens (Gethsemane) – “*an angel unto him from heaven, **strengthening** him*” 22:43  
Talking to thief on cross – “*Jesus **said**...To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*” 23:43
- 43. John** – **The coming of the Son of God** “**the Word was God...made flesh**” 1:1,14  
No pedigree or birth (God has neither) – “*In the beginning was the Word...Word was God*” 1:1  
*In John, the Lord is seen more at the **temple** (7 times) – where God dwelt. The following only in John:*  
Only in John – “*about the midst of the feast [tabernacles] Jesus went up into the **temple***” 7:14  
No Temptation or transfiguring – (God can't be tempted, Jas. 1:13) – (here God becomes man, 1:14)  
No 'Son of David' – (but “I am from above”...“I am the Son of God”, Jn. 8:23, 10:36)  
No angel strengthening Him, or another carrying His cross – (God upholds all things, Heb. 1:3)  
Creator & miracle – “*He **made** the water wine*” (water is H<sup>2</sup>O – wine fructose is C<sup>6</sup>H<sup>12</sup>O<sup>6</sup>) 1:3 / 4:46  
Equality – “*I and my Father **are one** / He that hath seen me hath seen the Father*” 10:30/14:9  
Singular – “***I am** the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me*” 14:6  
Confession as God – “*Thomas...said unto him [Jesus], My Lord and my **God***” 20:28

**44. Acts – Coming of Holy Spirit - “this way” “The Holy Ghost is come”** 1:8, 22:4

*From the Lord Jesus who was with us (Israel), to the Holy Spirit who is in us – the church*

**New way** (of relationship) – “*have received the Spirit of adoption...we cry, Abba, Father*” Rm. 8:15

Baptizing – “*John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost*” 1:5

Empowering – “*Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you*” 1:8

Filling – “*And they were all filled with Holy Ghost...*” 2:4

Promising (kept) – “*being by the right hand of God exalted [the Lord Jesus], and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this*” 2:33

Qualifying – “*Whosoever believeth in him [Lord Jesus]...can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?*” 10:43,47

Comforting – “*The churches...walking...in the comfort of the Holy Ghost*” 9:31

Calling – “*the Holy Ghost said, Separate me...Saul for the work...I have called them*” 13:2

Deciding – “*were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia*” 16:6

Equipping (church) – “*the Holy Ghost...made you overseers, to feed the church of God*” 20:28

**Acts – The gospel that was preached “To preach the gospel unto them”** 16:10

*ACTS is not only a record of the preaching of the gospel – but of the gospel that was preached*

Gospel’s promise – “*the remission of sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you...and all that are afar off*” 2:38-39

Gospel’s name – “*They commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus. They ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ*” 5:40-42

Gospels worship center (Jerusalem to Jesus) – “*Had come to Jerusalem for to worship... Solomon built him an house [temple in Jerusalem]. Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands...saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God*” 8:27/7:47,48,55

Gospel’s life-style (freed from Jewish rules) – “*Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean... that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost*” 10:28,45

Gospel’s terms – “*We believe that through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved...repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ*” 15:11,20:21

Gospel’s authority – “*Received the word...searched the scriptures daily...*” 17:11

Gospel’s agenda (spiritual emphasis, not political) – [under Roman house arrest] “*Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.*” 28:31

**Acts – Transition “Taketh away the first, that He may establish the second”** Heb. 10:9

*ACTS is a bridge where God is crossing from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. Unique tools (“signs and wonders”) are used to build a bridge, which are not needed once you reach the other side.*

From Moses – to – **Christ Jesus** “*could not be justified by the law of Moses*” 13:39

From prophets – to – **Apostles** “*the apostle’s doctrine*” 2:42

From Law – to – **Gospel grace** “*through...grace...we shall be saved*” 15:11

From Stone rules – to – **Spirit in heart** “*they were all filled with the Holy Ghost*” 2:4

From “in the land” – to – **“in Christ”** “*the faith in Christ*” 24:24

From a temple – to – **the churches** “*dwelleth not in temples made with hands*” 7:48

From cursing – to – **only blessing** “*all the kindreds of the earth be blessed*” 3:25

From Jews (Israel) – to – **Gentiles also** “*on the Gentiles...gift of the Holy Ghost*” 10:45

*Now comes 22 church letters of explanation (doctrine) to find the full meaning of what the Holy Spirit did*