

Why 4 Accounts of Jesus' Life? -- Different Emphasis

<u>Gospel</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>John</u>
<u>Picture</u>	<i><u>Messiah/King</u></i> – Fulfills O.T. expectation	<i><u>Authoritative Son of God</u></i> – Miracles	<i><u>Son of Man</u></i> – Humanity	<i><u>Fully Son of God</u></i> – Deity
<u>Key Words</u>	“Fulfilled”	“Immediately”	Son of man	Believe, eternal life
<u>Key Verses</u>	1:1,16; 3:2	1:1, 27	19:10	1:1; 20:30-31
<u>Primary audience</u>	Jews	Romans	Hellenists	Greeks

What does it mean to Seek 1st God's Kingdom & Righteousness?

1. God's Kingdom (sovereignty, rule, authority) involves:

- A king (Jesus) – John 18:36
- Citizens (Christians) – Rev. 1:5-6; Col. 1:13
- Law (the New Testament) – Gal. 6:2; 1 Cor. 9:21
- Territory (whole world) – Isaiah 2:2-3; Mk. 16:15

2. His “Righteousness” means doing “right.”

3. To seek these “first” means they go “before” and are more “important” than any other considerations.

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1. Have a right attitude toward God, ourselves, & others (5:1-12).
2. Be concerned about our influence (5:13-16).
3. Have a right attitude toward doing & teaching God's Word (5:19).
4. Be concerned about "hate" sins (5:21-22).
5. Reconcile wrongs immediately (5:23-26).
6. Should not lust, leading to adultery & divorce (5:27-32).
7. Always tell the truth (5:33-37).
8. Don't retaliate (5:38-42).
9. Love even our enemies (5:43-48)

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- Chapter 5 – righteous attitudes & actions.
- Chapter 6 emphasizes motives.
- Keep chapter 5:20 as a “backdrop” of sermon.
- Do “right” for the “right” reasons – to please God, not be seen of men (6:1-18).
 - Benevolence (6:1-4)
 - Prayer (6:5-15)
 - Fasting (6:16-19)
- Do right insofar as your attitude toward others (1-4), God (5-15), and yourself (16-19).

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11. Lay up treasures (what is most important to us, what is most valuable) in heaven (6:19-34). – Why this is reasonable!

- Earthly treasures are transient; heavenly are eternal (vss. 19-21).
- Earthly treasures blind our hearts; heavenly help us to keep a proper perspective (vss. 22-23).
- Impossible to have treasures in both places (vs. 24).
- God provides all our earthly necessities, all we really need (vss. 25-32).
- Our treasure should be the kingdom & righteousness; if so, God will take care of everything else (vss. 33-34).

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- Chapter 6 emphasizes motives for righteous actions.
- Chapter 7
 - Various subjects (1-12)
 - The Way of Life (13-27)
 - Reaction to Sermon (28-29).