

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

*THE GOSPEL AND THE GOSPELS*

MATT. 4:23-25; MARK 1:14-15; LUKE 1:30-33; LUKE 4:16-17

MAY 12, 2024

## SERMON OUTLINE:

1. Why study the Gospels?
2. What is the message of the Gospels?
3. How should we read the Gospels?
4. Who is Jesus according to the Gospels?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. As we begin this series, what are you most excited to study, learn, or better understand about the Gospels? What did you hear in the introductory sermon that was a new idea or challenge to you?
2. We tend to think of the gospel as a message about personal salvation, but how does it broaden our understanding and application of the gospel when we see it as a proclamation that God is restoring and reestablishing His rule over all things? How does this view of the gospel give us greater purpose and hope in this life?
3. Even though Jesus has inaugurated his kingdom, it won't be consummated until his return. How does this "already-not-yet" tension inform or even reshape our understanding of concepts like evangelism, justice, morality, or politics?
4. What areas of your life and this world do you have a hard time allowing Jesus to rule over? Are there areas of your life or this world that you have a hard time believing Jesus actually rules over? Explain.
5. We discussed how the gospel (and the Gospels) is where the kingdom and the cross intersect. What might we lose when we emphasize one of these realities over the other? Which do you tend to favor, and how can you begin integrating both realities in your heart and life?