



Enquiry Question: Why are there four gospels and how are they relevant to Christians today?

Worldview/Faith
– Christianity



In this unit, children will begin to understand both the historical and religious background to the four Gospels

- **Gospel:** Literally means good news – the 4 recounts of the life of Jesus attributed to 4 of his closest disciples.
- **Old Testament:** The parts of the Bible which are before Jesus was born
- **New Testament:** The life of Jesus and the actions of his disciples and followers after his death and resurrection.



The Bible is a collection of books by different authors, NOT one book. **The New Testament** is the part that discusses Jesus' life. The writers wanted to share the good news of Jesus' teachings and the examples that he gave in his life, as well as his death and resurrection. **The Gospels** are the first four books of the **New Testament** in the **Bible**. Christians believe that the **Gospels** are the true accounts of Jesus' life. Important events (such as Easter and the events in this enquiry) are in all 4 although the viewpoint may change.



The Bible spans many thousands of years, from the start of the Jewish religion up to not long after Christians believe Jesus died, rose and went to heaven. The older part of the Bible is shared with the Jewish religion. Some of these parts have historical sections (e.g. Kings), songs and poetry (Psalms), and morals and ways to live in Proverbs and Wisdom.

John baptising Jesus is emulated in Baptism today.



The gospels are "true" in so far as a Christian believes they tell the life of Jesus. This leads them to believe the teachings of Jesus as recounted in these writings and to practice the actions he initiated such as communion or saying The Lord's Prayer. Jesus calming the storm reflects his power as consubstantial with God the creator.

The actions that Jesus took show Christians how to live today e.g. the feeding of the 5000 shows a Christian they can trust God to provide, they should share with and care for their neighbour even if they think they may not have enough themselves.

