



Jesus and the Gospels

This module will look at each of the four gospels in turn, so that you have the opportunity to get to grips with the unique approach to Jesus that each one of them offers.

Participants do not need a great deal of bible knowledge – so long as you know the order of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John you'll be fine! On the other hand, those with a lifetime's experience of reading the gospels will find some fresh approaches here, as well as much to share with others.

The style of the module is highly participative, including discussion, role-plays, group work and video-clips, alongside more traditional presentation.

The course is spread over two blocks of three evenings. There is a break of a few weeks between the blocks to allow participants the opportunity to do some background work with others in their home parish.

The session themes are as follows:

- **Why do we have Four Gospels?** - Four gospels, one story; the process behind the gospels
- **Matthew's Gospel** - Teaching and learning; the nativity stories
- **Mark's Gospel** - Action and drama; the crucifixion stories
- **Luke's Gospel** - Salvation and history; resurrection stories
- **John's Gospel** - Wisdom and power; who Jesus is
- **The story of Jesus** - the man behind the texts; how do we know Jesus today?

By the End of the Course you will have gained the following things:

- Greater confidence in interpreting the gospels;
- Wider knowledge of some key resources to help you and others study the gospels;
- Ability to evaluate how well you can communicate the meaning of a particular gospel.



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