

Christ in the Gospels

CHRIST IN THE GOSPELS

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

MATTHEW 1:21

(Gospel presentation – Life of Christ)

Matthew – King

Mark – Servant

Luke – Man

John – God

I. Matthew – Jesus as King

1. He does not relate the birth of Christ since a king does not have a lowly birth.
2. Rather, Matthew traces Jesus' royal descent back to Abraham and David – through Solomon.
3. He is presented as a lion from the tribe of Judah, the promised ruler of Israel.
4. He has a king's name, Emmanuel. ([Matthew 1:23](#)).
5. He has king's position, governor. ([Matthew 2:3](#)).
6. He has a king's announcement – *"make straight His path."* ([Matthew 3:2](#))
7. He has a king's coronation- *"This is my beloved Son."* ([Matthew 3:17](#))
8. He has due respect, *"worship the Lord, thy God."* ([Matthew 4:10](#))
9. He has a king's proclamation, *"He taught as one having authority..."* ([Matthew 7:29](#))
10. He has a king's loyalty...*"not with Me, against Me."* ([Matthew 12:30](#))
11. He has a king's enemies, *"He must go and suffer many things."* ([Matthew 16:21](#))
12. He has a king's love, *"...to give His life a ransom..."* ([Matthew 20:28](#))
13. He has a king's glory, *"...The king shall say unto them...Come, blessed of my father, and inherit the kingdom."* ([Matthew 25:31](#) and [34](#))
14. He has a king's sacrifice, *"...This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."* ([Matthew 27:35](#) and [37](#))
15. He has a king's victory, *"He is not here, for He is risen..."* ([Matthew 28:6](#))
16. Matthew tells of the royalty of "wise men" coming to see Jesus.

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II. Mark presents Jesus as Servant

1. Jesus' lineage is omitted. No one is interested in the pedigree of a servant.
2. No visit of wise men is mentioned. Servants do not receive homage.
3. No quotations from the prophets except for one. ([Mark 1:2](#))
4. Matthew quotes on every page. He calls Jesus "Lord"; Mark calls Jesus "Master."
5. Mark presents Christ as a perfect workman. A servant has no kingdom and frames no laws.
6. There is no statement that His work was finished at His death. It is not for a servant to say when his work is done.

III. Luke presents Jesus as a Man.

1. Luke deals with Jesus' perfect humanity, Jesus in the flesh.
2. Tells of the virgin birth in a cattle stall.
3. The genealogy of Jesus goes back to David through Nathan, then back to Adam, the first man.
4. Luke reveals Jesus with sympathies, feelings, toiling with his hands, weeping over a city, kneeling in prayer and in agony in suffering.
5. Shows Jesus' compassion for the outcast whether Samaritan, publican, prodigal, Zacchaeus or the thief of the Cross.

IV. John presents Jesus as God.

1. God has no genealogy, so John does not give one, either legal or blood line.
2. There is no account of His birth because He was "*in the beginning*" as God.
3. There is nothing about His boyhood, or his temptation and no appointing of His disciples.
4. In John, He is Called, the Word, the Creator, and the only begotten of the Father, the Lamb of God, and the great I Am.
5. In John, Jesus is the son of God and as such, He refers to "*My Father*" 35 times.