

Gospel

The word *Gospel* means “Good News.” In the most familiar sense, it refers to the four written accounts of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ found in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. These Gospels tell the story of Jesus—his words, his actions, his death, and his resurrection.

But the Gospel is more than a set of texts. In its fullest meaning, the Gospel is the proclamation of what God is doing in human history through Jesus Christ. It is the Good News that God is actively reconciling the world to himself, drawing all people into communion, and forming a single human family rooted in Christ. This is what the Church names the Reign of God.

The Gospel is not simply something to be understood; it is something that demands a response. It calls for faith, conversion, and a way of life shaped by the teachings and example of Jesus. To hear the Gospel is to be invited into a new relationship with God and a new way of living with others.

At its core, the Gospel is both announcement and invitation. It announces what God has already done in Christ, and it invites us to participate in that work today. The Good News continues to speak in every generation, asking each of us how we will respond to Jesus Christ.