The New Testament contains four ancient biographies of Jesus of Nazareth, and altogether they are called “the Gospel.” Each one tells the story as an announcement of good news that the crucified and risen Jesus is the true ruler of the nations.

Go to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). In the search bar type in any chapter from one of the gospels. The gospels have the following number of chapters:

Matthew (28 chapters)

Mark (16 chapters)

Luke (24 chapters)

John (21 chapters)

Pick a gospel and pick a chapter number then type, e.g. ‘Luke 14’. Read the chapter

1. Some historians believe in the historical accuracy of the gospels, some do not. Based on the chapter you read, write down what evidence is there that it might be history, and what evidence is there that it might not.
2. Watch: <https://www.historyskills.com/source-criticism/evaluation/reliability/>

Write down any notes below.

1. Return to biblegateway.com and type in ‘Luke 1:1-4’. Based on the tests you have studied what are the good things Luke does? What does he not do?
2. For an explanation of why Christians thinking the gospels are reliable watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX2z8yLzJBY>
3. Watch

<https://bibleproject.com/?gclid=Cj0KCQiAm4TyBRDgARIsAOU75sqvqQVu_oV8A6s7hU9LskWdWcIR1i-RP7PAo6HP4osZqsvXHWlw7iYaAgikEALw_wcB#watch>

1. How many Gospels are there?
2. What are the Gospels about?
3. Why were the Gospels written?
4. How are the Gospels different to each other? How are they the same?

Watch or read the Gospel of Mark

<https://www.bible.com/videos/2006/series> (watch)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+1&version=CEV> (read)

**Reflection**

1. Describe how Jesus is presented in Mark.
2. What was Jesus’ purpose or aim in this book?
3. What was Jesus teaching about?
4. Why do you think these first century Christians were so interested in Jesus?
5. What was different about Mark to what you expected the Bible to say?