

Theme: This series takes a look at the ancient symbols the church associated with each of the four Gospels - man, lion, ox, and eagle - and shows how each points to a different aspect of Christ's person and work.

I. Behold Christ!

- A. Theme: The ancient church saw the Gospels as a fulfillment of Ezekiel and John's visions, and as testimonies to Christ - who is the focal point of all of God's revelation.
- B. Text: Ezekiel 1:4-11; Revelation 4:6-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, Deity of Christ, hermeneutics, typology

II. Matthew - The Man

- A. Theme: Matthew presents Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament, God's True Son who accomplishes the call of Adam and Israel, succeeding where they failed, to bring salvation to the earth.
- B. Text: Matthew 1:1; 2:13-15; 3:16-17; 4:1-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, humanity of Christ, hermeneutics, Image of God, 2nd Adam, humanity, Israel, typology

III. Mark - The Lion

- A. Theme: Mark presents Jesus as the High King on the move. Although His true identity was hidden from most, His ultimate authority and power confronts the world and could not be withstood. Ultimately all will choose either complete allegiance to this King, or high treason against His Kingdom.
- B. Text: Mark 1:1-15
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Matthew 25:34
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, Deity of Christ

IV. Luke - The Ox

- A. Theme: Luke presents Jesus as the ox, full of strength yet suffering as a sacrifice for sin, so that we might repent and be forgiven of our sins and then serve others.
- B. Text: Luke 1:5; 22:15; 24:44-47
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, suffering, redemption, humility, service

V. John - The Eagle

- A. Theme: John presents Jesus as the Eternal God in flesh - fully Divine, Creator of all, the True Light, the Great I AM - coming to reveal the Father and redeem His people.
- B. Text: John 1:1-18
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Jude 24-25
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, Deity of Christ

VI. Palm Sunday - Blessed Is the King

- A. Theme: On Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where He was recognized as the Messianic King.
- B. Text: Matthew 21:1-11
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: 1 Timothy 1:17
- E. Teaching keywords: Lent, Christology, Kingdom of God

VII. Christ - The Risen Lord of All

- A. Theme: All of the Gospels present Jesus as the Risen Lord of all, and they call all people to become His disciples.
- B. Text: Luke 24:1-12; Matthew 28:18-20
- C. Response: Water Baptism
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21
- E. Teaching keywords: Easter, resurrection, salvation and deliverance, Christology, kingdom of God, great commission

Four Gospels - One Christ - Series Outline
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