

ABOV- Session 7

- I. "Gospel"= "Good news" - Four Gospels:
1. Matthew
 - One of Jesus' 12 disciples
 - Jewish
 - Audience: Jews
 - Refers frequently to OT prophecies to show Jesus is the Redeemer
 - Chronological
 2. Mark
 - Friend of Peter
 - Emphasized Jesus came as servant
 - Audience: Romans (who knew nothing of the OT)
 - Used short action stories to get their attention & included more miracles than other Gospel writers
 - Chronological
 3. Luke
 - Gentile = non-Jewish person
 - Physician & historian
 - Audience: general
 - Emphasized Jesus as perfect human- the "son of man"
 - Chronological: organized, detailed
 4. John
 - One of Jesus' 12 disciples
 - Jewish
 - Audience: general
 - Emphasized Jesus as God & eternal life through Him
- II. Jesus' Lineage- From the Line of Promise: **sovereignty of God**
- Matthew: goes back to Abraham (writing to Jews)
 - Luke: goes back to Adam (writing to all people)
- III. Birth of Jesus
- Fulfilled many prophecies: **sovereignty of God**

A Bible Overview, Session 7: Jesus' Early Years
Student Handout

- Humble birth
- IV. Jesus at 8 days old & Simeon
- Recognized Jesus as coming Messiah (Redeemer) (sovereignty of God)
 - Prophecy (human heart)
- V. To Egypt (1 year old)
- Fulfills prophecy
- VI. In the Temple (12 years old)
- "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"
- VII. 12 years-30 years
- No biblical information except that Jesus returned home with His parents and "...grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."