

The Fourfold Gospel

Workbook Edition

**Parts I, II, III: Introductions
to the First Passover**

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Introduction

This workbook is based on *The Fourfold Gospel* by J.W. McGarvey and Philip Y. Pendleton. Each lesson contains McGarvey's title and harmonized Scriptures along with study questions which I have prepared for personal study and class discussion.

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PART FIRST.

THE PERIOD OF CHRIST'S LIFE PRIOR TO HIS MINISTRY.

I.

LUKE'S PREFACE AND DEDICATION.

LUKE I. 1-4.

1. Who were Luke and Theophilus?
2. What was Luke's objective in writing an account of the gospel?
3. Compare Luke's gospel to the other three gospels.

II.
JOHN'S INTRODUCTION.
JOHN I. 1-18.

1. Explain John's reference to Jesus as the "Word" and "Light."
2. Why is Jesus divine (i.e., God)?
3. What was John the Baptist's role in the kingdom?
4. Who did not receive Jesus?
5. What is given to those who received Jesus? Explain their birth.
6. What did Jesus have to do to become flesh? How was He full of grace and truth?
7. How did Jesus declare God?

III.
GENEALOGY OF JESUS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.
MATT. I. 1-17.

1. What is the significance of the genealogy of Christ recorded in Matthew's gospel from a Jewish perspective?

2. What is the significance of the genealogy being in three groups of fourteen?

3. List and explain the significance of some of the more notable people in the genealogy.

IV.
GENEALOGY ACCORDING TO LUKE.
LUKE III. 23-38.

1. What are the major differences between the genealogy of Christ recorded by Matthew and the genealogy of Christ recorded by Luke?
2. What is the significance of the genealogy in Luke's gospel from both a Jewish and Gentile perspective?
3. List and explain the significance of some of the more notable people in the genealogy.

V.
ANNUNCIATION TO ZACHARIAS OF THE BIRTH
OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.
(At Jerusalem. Probably B. C. 6.)
LUKE I. 5-25.

1. Who were Zacharias and Elisabeth? What was their relationship with God?
2. What did Gabriel tell Zacharias about Elisabeth and John?
3. What happened to Zacharias as a result of his unbelief?
4. How would John be like Elijah?

VI.

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

(At Nazareth, B. C. 5.)

LUKE I. 26-38.

1. When was Gabriel sent to Mary? Where was Mary living at the time Gabriel appeared to her?
2. What was Mary's relationship to Joseph?
3. What did Gabriel tell Mary? What was Mary's reaction?
4. What did Gabriel say about the person and work of Jesus?
5. What did Gabriel tell Mary about Elisabeth? Why might this information have been meaningful to Mary?
6. How could Mary know that the things told her by Gabriel would come true?

VII.
MARY, FUTURE MOTHER OF JESUS, VISITS
ELISABETH, FUTURE MOTHER OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.
(In the Hill Country of Judæa, B. C. 5.)
LUKE I. 39-56.

1. Why might Mary have stayed with Elisabeth three months?
2. What happened when Mary spoke to Elisabeth?
3. Why was Mary blessed?
4. How did Elisabeth refer to Mary in respect of being the mother of Jesus?
5. What did Elisabeth say in respect to Mary's faith?
6. How did Mary magnify the Lord?
7. Upon whom does the Lord have mercy?
8. What had God done to the proud, the princes, and the rich? How?
9. What had God done to the people of low degree and the hungry people? How?
10. How had God been merciful to Israel?

VIII.
THE BIRTH AND EARLY LIFE OF JOHN THE BAPTIST.
(Hill Country of Judæa, B. C. 5.)
LUKE I. 57-80.

1. How had the Lord magnified his mercy toward Elisabeth?

2. Why did Elisabeth and Zacharias name their son, John? What happened after Zacharias verified that his name was to be John?

3. What did people wonder about John? Why?

4. How had God blessed Israel with the birth of John?

5. Why was John the prophet of the Most High?

6. What is God's tender mercy toward us?

7. What do we know about John's childhood?

IX.

ANNUNCIATION TO JOSEPH OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

(At Nazareth, B. C. 5.)

MATT. I. 18-25.

1. What was the relationship between Mary and Joseph before Mary's conception of Jesus?
2. Why was Joseph going to put Mary away? How had he decided to put her away?
3. Why didn't Joseph put Mary away?
4. How did Mary conceive Jesus?
5. In what way were the conception and birth of Jesus a fulfillment of Old Testament prophesy?
6. What do the names "Jesus" and "Immanuel" mean? In what way do these names accurately describe Jesus?
7. Did Joseph take Mary to be his wife before Jesus was born? Did she remain a virgin until after Jesus was born?
8. Did Mary give birth to other children after Jesus was born?

X.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

(At Bethlehem of Judæa, B. C. 5.)

LUKE II. 1-7.

1. Why did Joseph and Mary have to go to Bethlehem to enroll? Where were they living before going to Bethlehem?
2. What was Mary's condition at the time of the enrollment?
3. In what city was Jesus born? Where in the city was He born?
4. Why is Jesus called Mary's firstborn son?
5. What did Mary do with Jesus after His birth?

XI.
THE BIRTH OF JESUS PROCLAIMED BY ANGELS
TO THE SHEPHERDS.
(Near Bethlehem, B. C. 5.)
LUKE II. 8-20.

1. Where were the shepherds and what were they doing when the angels proclaimed Jesus' birth?
2. Where was the angel when he talked to the shepherds? What is the significance of the light that shone around them?
3. What was the shepherd's initial reaction to seeing the angel?
4. What did the angel say to the shepherds? What was the significance of Jesus' birth? What was the sign given to them?
5. What did the multitude of heavenly hosts do and say?
6. What did the shepherds do after the angels departed?
7. What did the shepherds say after finding Mary, Joseph, and Jesus? What was the reaction of the people who heard them?
8. What did the shepherds do after finding Mary, Joseph, and Jesus?

XII.
CIRCUMCISION, TEMPLE SERVICE,
AND NAMING OF JESUS.
(The Temple at Jerusalem, B. C. 4.)
LUKE II. 21-39.

1. What is the significance of Jesus being circumcised?

2. Why did Joseph and Mary take Jesus to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord?

3. What is the significance of the sacrifice they offered?

4. Who were Simeon and Anna? What is significant about what they said?

5. What did Joseph and Mary do after accomplishing everything commanded in the Law?

XIII.
EASTERN WISE-MEN, OR MAGI, VISIT JESUS,
THE NEW-BORN KING.
(Jerusalem and Bethlehem, B. C. 4.)
MATT. II. 1-12.

1. Where did the Wise-men come from? How many were there?
2. Why did the wise men go to Jerusalem?
3. What was Herod's reaction to hearing about the Wise-men's inquiry? What did he do?
4. What did Herod learn from the chief priests and scribes?
5. What did Herod want to know from the Wise-men? Why might Herod of met with them in private?
6. What did Herod command the Wise-men to do after finding Jesus? What was Herod's reason for wanting to see Jesus?
7. How did the Wise-men find Jesus?
8. What did the Wise-men do when they saw Jesus?
9. Did the Wise-men report the location of Jesus to Herod? Why?

XIV.
FLIGHT INTO EGYPT AND SLAUGHTER OF THE
BETHLEHEM CHILDREN.

(Bethlehem and Road thence to Egypt, B. C. 4.)

MATT. II. 13-18.

1. When did Joseph take Mary and Jesus and depart for Egypt? How long did they stay?
2. How did Joseph taking Mary and Jesus to Egypt fulfill prophesy?
3. How had the Wise-men mocked Herod?
4. What did Herod do after being mocked by the Wise-men?
5. How did Herod determine which babies to kill?
6. Why might Herod have killed the babies?
7. How did the killing of babies in Bethlehem fulfill prophesy?

XV.
THE CHILD JESUS BROUGHT
FROM EGYPT TO NAZARETH.
(Egypt and Nazareth, B. C. 4.)
MATT. II. 19-23; LUKE II. 39.

1. Why was it safe for Joseph to return from Egypt with Mary and Jesus?

2. When leaving Egypt, where did Joseph first take Mary and Jesus? Why didn't they stay there?

3. Where did Joseph take Mary and Jesus after leaving the land of Israel? How did this fulfill prophecy?

XVI.
**JESUS LIVING AT NAZARETH AND VISITING
JERUSALEM IN HIS TWELFTH YEAR.**

(Nazareth and Jerusalem, A. D. 7 or 8.)

LUKE II. 40-52.

1. How does Luke describe Jesus' growth and development as a child?
2. What do we learn about Joseph and Mary by the fact that they went to the feast of the passover every year?
3. What did Jesus do while His parents started their journey home?
4. When did Joseph and Mary find Jesus missing? What did they do?
5. Where did Joseph and Mary find Jesus? What was He doing?
6. Why might the people who heard Jesus in the temple have been amazed?
7. What did Mary ask Jesus? What was His answer?
8. Did Mary and Joseph understand Jesus' answer? Why might they not have understood?
9. What did Jesus do after His parents found Him?

PART SECOND.

BEGINNING OF THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST, THE FORERUNNER.

XVII.

JOHN THE BAPTIST'S PERSON AND PREACHING.

(In the wilderness of Judæa, and on the banks of the Jordan,
occupying several months, probably A. D. 25 or 26.)

MATT. III. 1-12; MARK I. 1-8; LUKE III. 1-18.

1. What was the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Who was the governor of Judea and the tetrarch of Galilee? What role did they play in the crucifixion of Jesus?
3. Who were the high priests? Why were there two high priests? What part did they play in the crucifixion of Jesus?
4. What did John the Baptist preach? How did John's preaching fulfill Isaiah's prophesy?
5. What does "repent" mean?
6. Explain John's baptism (baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins).
7. What was John's dress and diet?
8. What did John say to the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism? Why did he call them offspring of vipers?
9. Why did John tell them not to say, "We have Abraham to our father?"

10. What did John tell the people to do?

11. Why might the people think that John was the Christ?

12. What lines of distinction did John draw between himself and the Christ?

P A R T T H I R D.

BEGINNING OF OUR LORD'S MINISTRY.

XVIII.

JESUS BAPTIZED BY JOHN IN THE JORDAN.

(Jordan east of Jericho, Spring of A. D. 27.)

MATT. III. 13-17; MARK I. 9-11; LUKE III. 21-23.

1. Where was Jesus baptized? What city did he leave when he went to be baptized?
2. Who baptized Jesus?
3. Why was Jesus baptized? Are we baptized for the same reason? Explain.
4. Why might John have hindered Jesus from being baptized?
5. What did Jesus do after being baptized?
6. What happened when the heavens were rent asunder?
7. What was the significance of the Spirit descending in a bodily form as a dove?
8. What was the significance of the voice from heaven?
9. What did Jesus begin doing after His baptism? How old was He?

XIX.

JESUS TEMPTED IN THE WILDERNESS.

MATT. IV. 1-11; MARK I. 12, 13; LUKE IV. 1-13.

1. When do the Scriptures tell us that Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit?
2. Where did the Spirit lead Jesus? For what reason?
3. How long was Jesus in the wilderness? What were the conditions in the wilderness?
4. What is the symbolism in Jesus fasting forty days and forty nights?
5. List and explain the three temptations of Jesus. What do we learn from each temptation?
6. What did Satan do after Jesus resisted his third temptation? What will Satan do if we resist him?

XX.

JOHN'S FIRST TESTIMONY TO JESUS.

(Bethany beyond Jordan, February, A. D. 27.)

JOHN I. 19-34.

1. Whom did the Pharisees send from Jerusalem to question John? What did they want to know?
2. Why did John say that he was not Elijah when Jesus said that he was Elijah?
3. What did John the Baptist's answer in John 1:23 tell them?
4. How did John contrast himself with Jesus in John 1:27? How does John contrast his baptism with Jesus' baptism in John 1:33?
5. How did John assert the deity of Jesus?
6. How did John know that Jesus was the Lamb of God and Son of God?
7. What is significant about Jesus being called the Lamb of God?

XXI.**JESUS MAKES HIS FIRST DISCIPLES.**

(Bethany beyond Jordan, Spring A. D. 27.)

JOHN I. 35-51.

1. Who were John's two disciples in John 1:35? What did they do when John said that Jesus was the Lamb of God?
2. What did Jesus ask the two men who followed Him? What was their response?
3. Why might they have wanted to know where Jesus was staying?
4. What did Andrew do after learning where Jesus was staying?
5. What did Jesus tell Peter?
6. What is the meaning of "Cephas?" What is symbolic about Simon being called Cephas (Peter)?
7. Where did Jesus find Philip? What did Jesus command him to do?
8. Who did Philip take to Jesus? What did Philip tell him?
9. What was Nathanael's response to Philip? Why might he have responded that way? How did Philip respond back to Nathanael?
10. What was the first thing Jesus said to Nathanael?
11. What was Nathanael's response to Jesus' statement? What was Jesus' answer to his question?
12. How did Nathanael know that Jesus was the Son of God and King of Israel?

13. What would Nathanael see since he had believed? What does this mean?

XXII.
JESUS WORKS HIS FIRST MIRACLE
AT CANA IN GALILEE.

JOHN II. 1-11.

1. How long after calling Philip to be a disciple, did Jesus attend the wedding in Cana?
2. Why might Mary have told Jesus that they have no wine?
3. What was Jesus' response to Mary? Explain.
4. What did Mary say to the servants? What do we learn from her statement?
5. Explain, in detail, the miracle Jesus performed.
6. What did the ruler of the feast say to the bridegroom after tasting the wine? What do we learn from the statement?
7. Was this the first sign (miracle) performed by Jesus? What human religious doctrines are disproved by this fact?
8. What resulted from the disciples witnessing this miracle?

XXIII.

JESUS' FIRST RESIDENCE AT CAPERNAUM.

JOHN II. 12.

1. Where did Jesus go after the wedding feast in Cana? Who went with Him?
2. Why might Jesus have gone to Capernaum?
3. What human religious doctrine is disproved by the fact that Jesus had brothers and sisters?
4. Why didn't they stay in Capernaum very long?