

BREAKING NEWS

Your Story According To...

AT A GLANCE:

The title of the Feast talk series is Breaking News— borrowed from the title of a feature on television news programs, Breaking News, which is about newly received information on an event that is currently occurring or developing.

The August talk series is about the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John which, as a whole, are referred to as the Good News— the life and times of our Lord Jesus and His message about our salvation — which is good news, indeed.

To this day, the Good News is still Breaking News because God’s work on each of us remains currently occurring.

AFTER THE SERIES:

We should be able to have a macro-view of the four Gospels, understand our Catholic faith, and not feel guilty to ask questions about it, because doubts are part of our faith journey— Doubts are needed to deepen our faith.

Talk 1: “Gospel”

WHAT IT’S ALL ABOUT:

Our first talk is titled Gospel. Because before we unpack the four Gospels, we need to first ask the question, “What is THE Gospel?”

What does the word Gospel mean? Today, it’s a religious word. But it didn’t start that way. In Greek, the word for Gospel is Euangelion, and it literally means “Good Tidings” or “Good News”. It comes from the root word Angelos, which means messenger.

Euangelion isn’t just any kind of good news. It’s the good news of victory: God is telling you, “Jesus has fought the battle for you and you’re winning the war.”

The Gospel is not just about the distant past but about the present. The Gospel is not just about what happened to this guy named Jesus 2000 years ago but about what He’s doing in your life today.

He’s called you to do bigger things than you’ve ever dreamed possible.

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

The first talk is about the Gospel according to Mark. Mark, the first one to have ever been written (Not Matthew), starts off by saying in verse one, *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.* (Mark 1:1 NKJV)

A few chapters later, he’d say, *And the gospel must first be preached to all nations.* (Mark 13:10 NIV)

And he would end his book by saying, *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.* (Mark 16:15 NKJV)

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Talk 1:
Success

Talk 2:
Mark

Talk 3:
Matthew

Talk 4:
Luke

Talk 5:
John

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II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Review members that The Gospels are not a biography of Jesus but a theology of Jesus. The Gospel writer had a core message he wanted to communicate to a specific audience, and that core message determined what sayings and stories he was going to include in his Gospel, and how he was going to sequence them.

Ask What one thing fascinated you about the Gospels?

Ask for sharing of a particular verse or a story in the Gospel that made the member really understand Jesus and His mission.

Ask How do you build the Kingdom of God in your own personal life—and in the world around you?

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that everyone will always remember the two amazing things He created us:

First, He created each one of us with God-dreams.

Second, He created us with God-capacities to make those God-dreams come true.

Pray that amid doubts about God and our Catholic faith, everyone will be guided to pursue what bigger things each one is made for.

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