

*The Gospel of King Jesus*  
**Sunday AM Sermon: The Gospel of Jesus the King**

### I. What Is “The Gospel”?

“The gospel of the \_\_\_\_\_” (Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 24:14)

Romans 1:1-4

- The gospel was promised \_\_\_\_\_ through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures.
- The gospel is about \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is about Jesus as son of David/Son of God – \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is about Jesus as son of David/Son of God – King vindicated by the \_\_\_\_\_.

“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel” (2 Tim. 2:8).

### II. “Gospel” in the First Century

Noun: *euangelion* , Verb: *euangelizomai*

Two important backgrounds to understand this word:

#### A. The way it was used by ancient Rome

Since providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus, whom she filled with virtue that he might benefit humankind, sending him as a savior, both for us and for our descendants, that he might end war and arrange all things, and since he, Caesar, by his appearance excelled even our anticipations, surpassing all previous benefactors, and not even leaving to posterity any hope of surpassing what he has done, and since the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the good tidings (*euangelion*) for the world that came by reason of him...

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you **good news** (*euangelizomai*) of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

## B. The way it was used on the Old Testament

Isaiah 40:9-11; 52:7-10

The gospel is the proclamation that Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_.

Consider the sermons of Acts:

Why are the “gospels” called “the gospel”?

### III. Misunderstandings – and the Difference It Makes

“Gospel” = “Plan of Salvation”

One of the most important contributions that Acts makes to gospeling is the *how* – for it is in these sermons that we see how the apostles called people to respond. And they are consistent: to participate in the Story of Jesus the apostles called people *to believe, to repent, and to be baptized*. I would contend that there is no such thing as gospeling that does not include the summons to respond in faith, repentance, and baptism.  
-Scot McKnight, *The King Jesus Gospel*, p. 127

What happens when the gospel becomes man-centered?