

I. The problem with the word Gospel

- A. The Gospels *are* the gospel (Is your gospel big enough to include Mk. 14:9?)
- B. Many of us are much more comfortable with Paul's gospel language than that of the Gospels (cf. the deity of Christ, running straight to Jn. 1:1)

II. The Gospel needs to be plugged into the larger story of salvation history

- A. Mark: The story of the prophets
- B. Matthew: The story of Israel
- C. Luke: The story of humanity
- D. John: The story of God

III. The Gospels tell the story of God's surprising covenant faithfulness

- A. Jesus in the role of Israel
 - 1. Out of Egypt I called my Son
 - 2. Baptism-wilderness-temptation
- B. Jesus in the role of David
 - 1. The promised Davidic king
 - 2. Son of God title (cf. 2 Sam. 7)
- C. Jesus in the role of God
 - 1. The return of YHWH to Zion
 - 2. The dwelling of God among men