

Breaking Open the Book

The Gospel, or 'good news' was first proclaimed by Jesus, after his resurrection, the one who spoke the Gospel became the one spoken about.

The Gospel is the good news about the establishment of the Kingdom or Reign of God. Jesus proclaims and actualises the Gospel. Jesus is the good news.

It was not until about 150AD, some years after writing of the four Gospel accounts that the word 'Gospel' came to be used to refer to the book that contains the Gospel.

[http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Four Gospel Chart.htm](http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Four_Gospel_Chart.htm)

Discovering the Book

Read this :

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.*

What significance does the passage have?

When did Jesus say it?

What does it say to you about salvation?

Remind yourself of the context of Jesus' world, read the document Romans, Jews and Greeks that is located in the files below.

This site provides an interesting summary of Luke's Gospel

http://www.narrowgate-rmartin.com/theo10_classnotes/notes_gospel_luke.htm

This site also provides a good overall summary of Luke's Gospel.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/story/luke.html>