


# ARAMAIC BIBLE COMPANION

## FOUR ACCOUNTS

### ONE GOSPEL

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Good news good news Christ died for you  
Good news good news if I believe  
Good new good news I'm saved eternally  
That's wonderful extra good news

### INTRODUCTION

Friends, we have four interlocking stories of the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ which like four newspaper takes are glorious facets of one hugely significant redemption story. Matthew Mark and Luke and John use different tools. Matthew 70 times says “Look- catch a glimpse of the king, Mark 40 gives us 40 accounts of where “immediately Jesus made a difference” in life. Luke records 72 events that would not have happened unless Jesus had been there – powerful dynamic creative interventions. John gives us a huge mountain of evidence- 200 accumulated evidences that Jesus is God. Let me be specific and pull out 3 of each from the gospels.

### MATTHEW

First we listen to the Levite who said “Take the world but give me Jesus-His tune  
*See Him a lying on a bed of straw a draughty stable with an open door*  
*Mary cradling the babe she bore - the Prince of Glory when He came*  
*O now carry me to Bethlehem to see the Lord appear to men*  
*Just as poor as was the stable then, the Prince of Glory when He came.*

#### **His keynote LOOK**

1. Matthew's first **look** is at the eastern kings coming to the light and birth of Christ
2. In the **central look** is when the Levite says “Look the covering veil of the temple is torn into two from top to bottom and the earth was rent there was rock schism and tombs opened - bodies of those asleep were raised (in the tombs) and left the tombs after His rising.” (These entered “the holy city” and appeared among many people)
3. The **last look** was at the mountain in Galilee where Jesus left them after telling the disciples to go to “all nations” and teach them.”

### MARK

Next we ask Mark what did Peter say about Jesus-his signature tune might be  
*What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought since Jesus came into my heart*  
*I have joy in my soul for which long I had sought since Jesus came into my heart*

#### **His keynote IMMEDIATELY**

1. Peter's first memoir is of heaven opening and the Father's voice at Jesus' baptism reflected in the curtain opening at Jesus cry at the cross-the way to God is open
2. Peter's 9<sup>th</sup> incident involves the sudden healing of his wife's mother and a glorious change in his home life
3. The final issue of the death of Christ is devoid of the keyword - for Peter the terrible change came with the council and not till Jesus said "Go tell my disciples & Peter". Over all this there are 40 "and's"- the longest polysundetone of watching and awareness in all scripture. Not till Acts 3.7 do we find Peter active in signs and wonders again.

## **LUKE**

Next tell us Dr Luke what you see in Jesus Christ-his signature tune might be  
*Down from His glory ever living story my God'n Saviour came & Jesus was his name  
 Born in a manger to His own a stranger a man of sorrows tears and agony  
 O how I love Him how I adore Him! My breath my sunshine my all in all  
 The Great creator became my Saviour and all God's fullness dwelleth in Him.*

### **His keynote REAL-ITS REAL**

1. The 11<sup>th</sup> event – the whole army of heaven appeared with the angel at Bethlehem
2. The central event-6<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> hour darkness worldwide and Jesus communicated with a great message ***It is finished*** and then said "Father into your hands I give my Spirit. Luke links the curtain rending and the righteous Christ with a widespread repentance & sorrow.
3. The final divine event was Christ taking Himself back to heaven blessing his own as He went.

## **JOHN**

Finally we ask John the divine who outlived them all – what of Jesus? His tunes  
*Could I with ink the ocean fill or were the skies of parchment made  
 To write the love of God to men would drain the ocean dry  
 Nor could a scroll contain the whole thought stretched from sky to sky  
 More about Jesus would I know more of his grace to others show  
 More of his saving fullness see more of His love who died for me...More more about  
 Jesus*

### **His keynote MORE STILL THERE'S MORE**

1. First thing - John tell us who are you - a voice crying "Prepare the way of the Lord"
2. Central thing – He received the vinegar and shouted "It is finished-paid-complete"
3. Final thing – John said Jesus did't say he would return proper in my lifetime but he met me on Patmos and gave another book that tells more about that but the world could not hold the books that could be written about the things He did.

## **CONCLUSION**

They are a formidable foursome often symbolized as the Lion, the ox, the man and the eagle. We derive immense profit from all. There once was a scholar called Tatian who utterly confused a generation of two of believers. It was not until the bishops of the east banned his “Diatessaron” (a blend of all four gospels on a faulty timeline) that the church got back to the genuine gospels the Maharreshe-which in its pristine splendour the “Sisters of Sinai” found in St.Catherine’s, Sinai. The Peshitto-“the simple gospel” the eastern Aramaic text that I have so greatly enjoyed resulted from the huge desire to get back to the genuine sacred text.

This is the gospel or hope *SIBA(Aramaic)* in Christ alone by which we are saved.

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord for this Good News of our atoning Lord!