

Wonderful words

Gospel: this literally means 'Good news' but also the title of the four books of the bible that tell the story of the life of Jesus.

Theology: the study of God and religious belief or a set of beliefs

Luke: one of the three gospels which are similar in the New Testament

Matthew: one of the three gospels which are similar in the New Testament

Mark: one of the three gospels which are similar in the New Testament

Interpretation: a way of explaining one meaning of something.

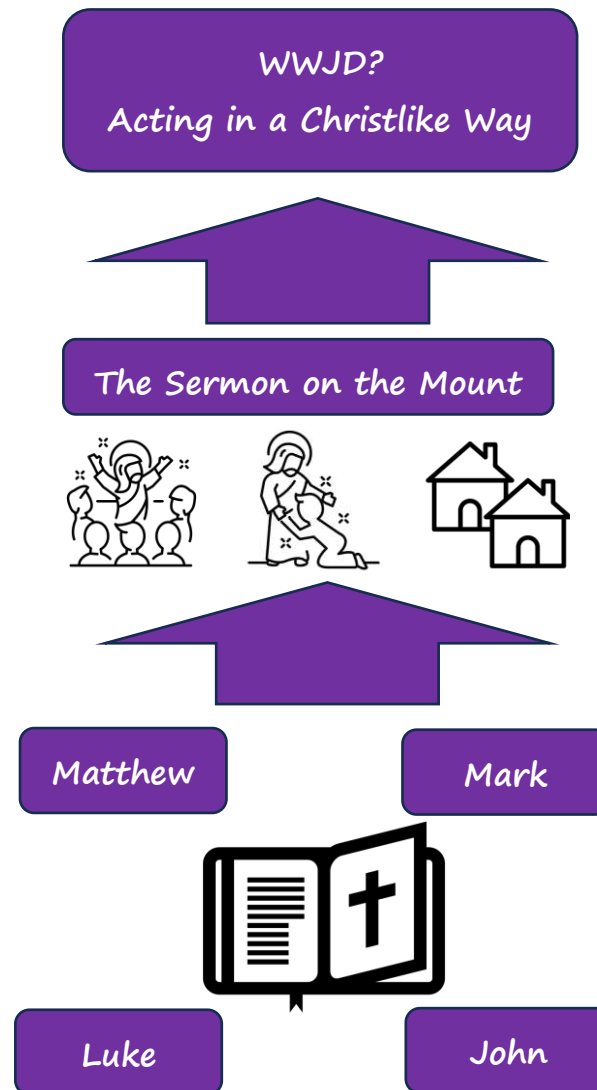
Leprosy: a bacterial infection that damages the nerves

Christlike: becoming more like Jesus in how people act

Parables: a story Jesus told that has a special meaning

Commandments: a rule which has to be observed

So how does it all work?



Important information

The word **Gospel** literally means good news. It is also the title given to the four books of the Bible which tell the story of the life of Jesus.

Three of the gospels are similar, these are the Gospels of **Matthew**, **Mark** and **Luke**. They wrote about the life of Jesus using eyewitness accounts. The Gospel of **John** is very different to the other three. People who study **theology** look at the **interpretation** or meaning of what these four wrote.

The gospels contain the **parables** that Jesus told and how he told people to live known as **commandments**. The gospels contain the two great commandments of Jesus that tell Christians how to live. He also gave The Sermon on the Mount to tell people how to live.

Jesus would show that the good news was for everyone including those people in society many did not like. An example of this was Jesus healing people with **leprosy**, a disease that people were scared of.

You will often see people wearing things with the letters **WWJD** on them, this means they are thinking 'What would Jesus do?' By following what Jesus taught in the commandments, in his actions and in the parables they hope to become more **Christlike**.