

Mark 1:1

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

I remember way, way back about 50 years ago, they came out with, back then, what was called “Quadraphonic Audio”. Today we call it Surround Sound, which came from Quad (4 speakers) technology. But I remember being at a friend’s house, and the brother had these “quad” (as we called them) headphones. Now you must realize back then that Stereo or mono (one speaker) was all we had. (I know, I’m a dinosaur) But I remember putting on these Quad headphones and listening to them for the first time. It was like I was in a totally different world. My music experience (I always loved music) was taken to a new height, a different realm so to speak. It was amazing. I heard instruments and vocals in different positions and not all cluttered together, and it caused me to appreciate the music even more.

But if you think about it, when you read the Four Gospels, it’s like putting on a pair of Quad headphones, as you get four different aspects of the same story from four different men. Each man tells the exact same story of Jesus, yet each one brings more dimension to the story.

Think of football season, and when you are watching a game, and something happens, and they need to stop the game and review the film of what just happened. But when they do, it’s not just one camera telling the story. But rather there are multiple camera’s with different camera angles telling the same story or capturing the exact same moment in the game. Not one camera angle is wrong, but they all tell a different side of the story of what really happened. But each view combined causes the referees to see every angle of the same play, to come to the right decision of what happened.

So it is when you read the Four Gospels. Yes, reading one will tell the story of Jesus, and how He died and rose from the dead and paid for all our sins on the cross. But when you read them all together, you get the bigger picture of Jesus’ three-year ministry. And reading them all, those areas that seem to have holes or you read it and wonder, what am I missing here, comes together as one gospel tells one side, and another gospel will tell a different side, or a different camera angle on what happened, and it makes more sense.

We can even now bring Surround Sound into the picture, and the Surround Sound is reading the entire bible, and getting the whole picture of redemption and God’s plan from Genesis to Revelation.

We just finished celebrating Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, which tells of what Jesus did for us all on the cross. But when you read the entire bible, it gives you that surround sound of God’s plan for redemption through His Son, Jesus Christ, as well as puts the entire story into a new light. But you won’t experience the goodness of Quad or surround sound unless you put on your spiritual headphones or glasses (Think 3D), and you read it all for yourself.

Try it, and you will find that you will appreciate what God and Jesus did for us all even more!

† **Psalm 119:160** *The entirety of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous judgments endures forever.*

† **Acts 20:27** *For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.*