

JESUS & HISTORY MT. 4:17,23-25, 9.35

Newsweek: “Woman from ancient burial may have been Viking warrior, head wound suggests.”
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Where does our historical knowledge come from?

- The actual events
- Records of those events (the more the merrier!)
- Repercussions of those events
- Archeology: such as remains, ephemera, and especially the middens
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The possibility of female Viking warriors bears **absolutely no weight** in our lives.

What about when a story means **everything**?

What do we find in the Gospels?

1. The Gospel writers record a **singular message**

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Matthew 3:2 And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

Mark 1:1 THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,**

Mark 1:15 And saying, **The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.**

This can be deceiving but the message was all about:

- **Christ the King/Messiah**
- **The coming kingdom**
- **How to enter into that kingdom!**

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

- **Christ as the only way into the kingdom!**

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**

Matthew 16:21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, **how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.**

Matthew 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, **and to give his life a ransom for many.**

- **The Kingdom life & lifestyle**
- **Opposition to the King & Kingdom lifestyle!**

2. The Gospel writers record an **itinerant ministry**

This means He travelled from place to place

Matthew 4:23 And Jesus went about **all Galilee, teaching** in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing** all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. Matthew 4:24 And his fame went throughout **all**

Syria:(ὅλην τὴν Συρίαν) and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils (δαμονιζομένους), and those which were lunatic (σεληνιαζομένους), and those that had the palsy (παρωλητικούς); and he healed them. Matthew 4:25 And there followed him great multitudes of people from **Galilee (Γαλιλαίας)**, and from **Decapolis (Δεκαπόλεως)**, and from **Jerusalem (Ιεροσολύμων)**, and from **Judaea (Ιουδαίας)**, and from **beyond Jordan (πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου)**.

Matthew 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities (τὰς πόλεις) and villages (τὰς κώμας), **teaching in their synagogues**, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.

How might this help us?

- **We should expect the same teaching to happen in more than one place**
- **We should expect repetition**
- **We should expect similar encounters**
- **We shouldn't expect exact, word-for-word records → in everyplace.**

Variation occurs

Variation must occur

Variation occurs due to the audience

Variation occurs due to circumstances

Variation occurs due to external factors