



Evangelism In Matthew #1

“Gospel” terms in the NT • 508x • 472vs • 22 forms

+ἄγγελος

ἀγγελία(ἄγγελος)**message = 2**

ἀγγέλλω(ἄγγελος)**to announce = 1**

ἄγγελος**messenger, angel = 175**

ἀναγγέλλω(ἀνά, ἄγγελος)**to report, announce, recount; proclaim = 14**

ἀπαγγέλλω(ἀπό, ἄγγελος)**to tell, bring news, report = 45**

ἀρχάγγελος(ἄρχω, ἄγγελος)**archangel = 2**

διαγγέλλω(διά, ἄγγελος)**to announce through a messenger; to preach = 3**

ἐξαγγέλλω(ἐκ, ἄγγελος)**to make known, proclaim = 2**

ἐπαγγελία(ἐπί, ἄγγελος)**promise; notification; indication = 52**

ἐπαγγέλλομαι(ἐπί, ἄγγελος)**to promise; to profess = 15**

ἐπάγγελμα(ἐπί, ἄγγελος)**promise; profession, art = 2**

εὐαγγελίζω(εὐ, ἄγγελος)**to proclaim good news = 54**



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εὐαγγέλιον(εὐ, ἄγγελος)**good news, gospel = 76**

εὐαγγελιστής(εὐ, ἄγγελος)**evangelist = 3**

ἰσάγγελος(ἴσος, ἄγγελος)**like or equal to an angel = 1**

καταγγελεύς(κατά, ἄγγελος)**proclaimer = 1**

καταγγέλλω(κατά, ἄγγελος)**to announce, declare, preach = 18**

παραγγελία(παρά, ἄγγελος)**commandment = 5**

παραγγέλλω(παρά, ἄγγελος)**to command = 32**

προεπαγγέλλω(πρό, ἐπί, ἄγγελος)**to promise long before = 2**

προευαγγελίζομαι(πρό, εὐ, ἄγγελος)**to evangelize earlier = 1**

προκαταγγέλλω(πρό, κατά, ἄγγελος)**to announce beforehand = 2**



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- +ἄγγελος
 - 13 of the 22 forms are verbs
 - 191 of the 504 occurrences are verbs • 37.89%
- Gospel defined/described
 - An account of the **life** of Christ • Matthew • Mark • Luke • John
 - The message **proclaimed** by the Christ
 - The message **about** the Christ
 - The **content** of our faith
 - A specific **action produced by our faith** ... evangelism



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- Just under 40% — 37.89% — of gospel terms are **verbs**.
- Additionally, in every context where non-verbal terms are used, almost all of which are nouns, the context, specifically its **use** in context, appears to be that the gospel as content was **not** just something that was **identified** and **defined**, but something to be **believed in** and, more importantly, something that actively **changed** those who heard and believed it.
- The gospel’s divinely designed active role in changing souls **initially** was **also** divinely designed to change the lives of **other souls** as the gospel spread from one person to the next.



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- In brief, while it’s certainly true that the gospel has defined **content**, the “**what**” of faith, it’s **equally true** that the gospel must **change** those who believe it.
- That change impacts the believer **first**, but it **also** impacts the lives of those that the believer reaches as the gospel continues to **act** through that believer.
- We usually identify this second element as **evangelism**.
- It has been suggested that evangelism only reaches its zenith — its completion — when those who are evangelized become **evangelists**. That simple statement sums up the two elements of “gospel” that we just presented.



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- Our goal in this series of studies:
 - Examine, first, the gospel records — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — to see what they say about **what the gospel is** and **what the gospel does**.
 - In the second part of our study we will take a look at the book of Acts.
 - That text tells us/shows us how both elements of the gospel introduced above take place as the kingdom of God **starts**, and then **spreads**, throughout the Roman empire.



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- Souls **heard** the gospel as message.
- Souls were **changed** by that message.
- And souls **shared** that message with others.
- That first cycle of hearing, believing and sharing was **repeated** by the **second** generation of Christians.
- And the **third**. And the **fourth**.
- That cycle **continues today**.



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- We want to look at the gospels and Acts **to learn**.
- We want to look at the gospels and Acts, **not** just to legitimize what we already believe (yes, that’s certainly valuable) ...
 - But we want to look at those sacred texts to **motivate us to do** what those first disciples did.
 - **Come** to saving faith.
 - **Spread** that saving faith.



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- The gospel ...
 - Starts **before** Matthew 1.1
 - It starts **before** the closing verses of Malachi
 - It was **proclaimed** by all of the prophets
 - It was **proclaimed** throughout Wisdom Literature
 - It was **anticipated** in the Mosaic Law
 - It was **present** in the Garden of Eden **after** sin
 - But it existed **before** that ...
 - From **eternity** • Eph 3.11 (cf. Rom 8.28, 9.11, Eph 1.11, 2 Tim 1.9)



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- The gospel ...
 - Was **revealed** in *time*
 - It was revealed **repeatedly** in time
- What God **planned** from eternity ...
 - Was/is **revealed in God’s word**
 - It centers on **the role of the Son of God**
 - As he **fulfills** God’s eternal will to **heal** the open wound of sin ...
 - **From Adam to** the cross ... And **from** the cross **to** judgment
 - **Not** two healings ... But **one** centered in Christ’s propitiatory atonement for all



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- Matthew roots his gospel account ...
 - First, in Old Testament prophecy ...
 - And second, in its counter part, New Testament fulfillment
- **It's all good ... all good news**
 - **It was and remains rooted in the grace of God ...**
 - **It was and remains realized through Christ's atoning death**

