

The Theological Emphases of the Four Gospels

1. What is the historical significance of Jesus?
 - a. The two-tiered approach of John, Matthew, and Mark
 - b. The different approach of Luke-Acts
2. Why did the Jewish leadership reject him?
 - a. Scripture had to be fulfilled
 - b. The wickedness of those who rejected him
3. What is the meaning of his death?
 - a. Atonement
 - b. The path back to the full glory of the Father
 - c. A necessary step toward exaltation and mission
4. What response should Jesus receive in the present?
 - a. Persevering faith and love for fellow Christians
 - b. Certainty of conviction despite social ostracism
 - c. Repentance and faith in light of failure and atonement
 - d. Acceptance rather than rejection