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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

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THE BEGINNINGS OF THE GOSPEL

3:15 - Gospels not really traditional biographies, for they leave many things out that biographies would include. They are writings to focus on specific audiences, and they appeal to the needs of those who will hear them. They each have an intended purpose.

4:10 - John 20: 30-31 Example of intended purpose – John states that he wrote his gospel so that it would be clearly understood that Jesus is the Christ and that to believe in him leads to eternal life with God.

6:40 – Only two of the Gospel writers were disciples who had been with Jesus (Matthew and John), the other two (Mark and Luke) were not with the physical Jesus. Mark reflects Peter, and Luke often reflects Paul.

10:25 – Perhaps Matthew and Luke had Mark's gospel at their disposal as they wrote their own accounts. Also possible that Matthew and Luke had access to a document that has not survived – something like The Sayings of Jesus.

11:20 – Because of Matthews intended audience (Jews), he put a great deal of emphasis on the Genealogy of Jesus as it was important for them to be able to trace the lineage.

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16:40 – Interestingly, Matthew included 4 women in the Genealogy; something that was never done in Jewish genealogies. He was making a point that in God's family there was no distinction. A radical departure from custom. Even more shocking – the 4 women were of tainted backgrounds. Another departure from custom – mixing saints and sinners.

35:00 – John begins at the very beginning.

John 20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Matt. 1:3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram,

Matt. 1:5 and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, 6 and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah,