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# The Four Gospels

An interesting thing about the Bible is that there are only four Gospels while Jesus had 12 apostles. And of these four Gospels, only two were written by apostles, i.e. Matthew and John. The other two were written by Mark and Luke, who were both second generation believers.

A Gospel is a narrative on the life of Jesus. Each of the four Gospels (which means Good News) tells a different aspect of the story of Jesus' life and his teachings. From the four Gospels then, a mosaic or tapestry can be constructed on the life of Jesus, presenting him as the Messiah, the Saviour.

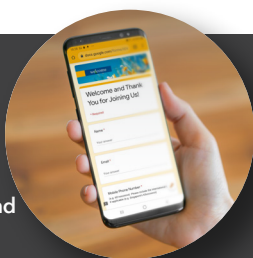
While covering different aspects on

the life of Jesus, the four Gospels actually complement each other. This is especially so in the first three: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. These are often referred to as the Synoptic Gospels because they include many of the same stories, often in a similar sequence and in similar or sometimes identical wording. The term *synoptic* means *to be seen together*, or *synchronized viewing*.

The fourth Gospel, John, is markedly different. It emphasises on what Jesus said about himself: he is the Son of Man and the Son of God. If you were to use a red-letter Bible (where the words spoken by Jesus are printed in red), you'll notice that almost the whole book of John is

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red as Jesus spoke of himself.

In the book of Revelation, John the Apostle (same author as John's Gospel) was taken up into heaven and there he saw four living creatures: "The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle." (Revelation 4:7) Each of the four living creatures, when juxtaposed with the four Gospels, gives an alignment that was realized by the early church as representing Kingship, Servanthood, Sonship, and Deity.

Here is an overview of the Gospels:

### **MATTHEW**

- Matthew's Gospel figuratively portrays Jesus as a lion; he is the Lion of Judah. As king of the beasts, the lion is regal and royal.
- Jesus' genealogy was traced through his foster father Joseph, all the way back to King David.
- Jesus' birth attracted kings from afar to worship him.
- The Sermon on the Mount is the kingdom's manifesto.
- Matthew's Gospel is filled with Jewish ideas and customs and in many instances, addresses traditions and laws. Of particular interest was Jesus' criticism of the Scribes and Pharisees for their wrong understanding of the Mosaic Laws and how these religious figures had poorly interpreted the laws to justify their own self-righteousness.
- Jesus said: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain, their teachings are merely human rules." (Matthew 15:8-9)

### **MARK**

- Mark's Gospel figuratively portrays Jesus as an ox; he is a Servant. The ox is a strong and powerful animal that uses its strength not to lord over others, but instead to serve. It symbolizes controlled power, gentle strength, and meekness.
- There is no genealogy in Mark's Gospel because slaves or servants have none.
- Jesus demonstrated meekness by becoming nothing. He poured out to death.

### **LUKE**

- Luke's Gospel portrays Jesus as a man; he is the Son of Man. He left the splendour of heaven for the hill of Golgotha. There, he laid down his life on that cruel cross for the sins of the world.
- Jesus' birth saw shepherds coming to adore him, in recognition of the Great Shepherd that he was soon

to be.

- Jesus' genealogy was traced through his mother Mary, and all the way back to Adam, the first man. The humanity of Jesus was also reflected in the healing and caring accounts of his earthly ministry.

### **JOHN**

- John's Gospel figuratively portrays Jesus as an eagle; he is the Son of God. He came down from heaven to show us the way to heaven.
- Why is the eagle used to represent the Son of God? It is revealed that the eagle spends much of its time in the heavens above, using its sharp vision to watch over the earth.
- Jesus' genealogy is found right in the beginning in John 1:1-4. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind."
- Jesus isn't only the Son of God. He is the Word, and the Word is God (John 1:1).

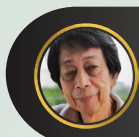
### **THE GOSPELS**

The four Gospels are the most important writings in the world because they confirm the coming of Jesus as the Saviour of the world. Like a photograph developed from a film negative, they make patent what was made latent in the Old Testament. And that is that God would send a Servant King to gather His people back to Himself. The Gospels leave no doubt that the Servant King was Jesus Christ.

The Gospels, in agreement with the Old Testament, also prophesy of Jesus' return as the King of kings and Lord of lords. His first coming was as a suffering servant and as the Lamb of God to be sacrificed for the sins of the world. His next advent will be as King of kings over the whole Earth.

It's obvious that the Gospels cannot cover every facet of Jesus' life on Earth, but enough had been written about him to know who he truly was and is. The apostle John was one of Jesus' closest friends, and he wrote in John 21:25, saying: "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written."

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come! 🙏



By Merrill Leong  
*Merrill is a member of KARIS.*

# Life Group Splash: Featuring Ninjas LG



## Tell us about Ninjas.

We have a very conservative but enthusiastic 11 young adult members, with a newly married couple, making us 18% married and 82% single. We are also mostly ladies. We meet weekly on Friday nights at Subang Dojo, a.k.a. Temple of Joanne Yeoh! However, our meetings have shifted to Zoom since the pandemic.

## What is the meaning behind the Life Group's name?

A ninja cannot reveal its secrets!

## Describe Ninjas in 3 words.

Chaotic. Foodies. Workaholics.

## What does it mean to be part of a Life Group?

Being able to support each other in work and life, and keeping each other centred in our walk with God.

## What is most enjoyable about Ninjas?

Quality time, having wine together while whining together, getting into a food coma, and listening to each other coming from different backgrounds. Friday nights are *da diggity bomb!*

## In what ways have Ninjas grown?

We are learning to love our neighbour sacrificially and are working on improving our Bible knowledge. We also challenge one another to be accountable and contribute more to our community.

## What are some memorable activities that Ninjas have done together?

Cameron Highlands 2020 Trip, Secret Santa, Cruise Wedding, Joyce's HappYIBOday with Yibo, NYE Dinner, and Lantern Festival.

## Describe Ninjas using a movie or show.

Tropic Thunder - because this Life Group is full of chaos; The Dark Knight - because we are the best LG you'll ever see; and John Wick - because we love our dogs.

## What would Ninjas say to someone who's on the fence about joining a Life Group?

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# FBC NEEDS YOU

Are You Wondering How  
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## 1. Creative & Communications

We are looking for graphic designers. You will be involved in designing our very own newsletter, FBC Today!

We are also looking for videographers and video editors. You will be involved in recording and editing videos that engage the FBC family.



## 2. AV Team

We are looking for sound engineers. You will be involved in mixing audio for recorded content to help make Sunday services happen!



## 3. Sunday School

We are looking for teachers. (Men, especially!) You will be involved in facilitating Sunday School classes and building relationships with the children of FBC.



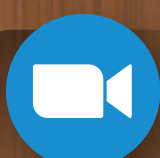
## 4. Alpha

We are looking for facilitators and befrienders. You will be involved in creating a safe space where people from all walks of life can discuss faith, life, and God.



## 5. When The Word Comes Alive

We are looking for moderators. You will be involved in facilitating lively and enriching discussion sessions about Christian living. (Questions will be provided.)



## 6. Zoom Hosts/ Co-hosts

We are looking for volunteers to host our Zoom Sunday worship services. You will be involved in posting announcements in the Chat and ensuring that the worship service runs smoothly.



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## | Pulpit Program

June 27, 2021

### The Church As Sacred Space (Exodus 40)



**PREACHER**  
Arnold Lim

July 4, 2021

### Persistence in Prayer - The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:7-13)



**PREACHER**  
John Lee

July 11, 2021

### Two Ways to Live (Matthew 7:15-29)



**PREACHER**  
Alex Tan

July 18, 2021

### The Authority of Jesus (Matthew 8:1-17)



**PREACHER**  
Lee Yee Dian

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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT



### Re-dedication by Parents and Guardians

We confess our failure to train our children to love and revere You, O God, above all else. We have allowed the world to define what success and prosperity are instead of aligning ourselves to Your Word, Your ways, Your thoughts, Your definition of success and prosperity. We repent. Please forgive us, LORD.

We want to re-dedicate ourselves:

- To be God-loving and God-fearing parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts, and to be good stewards of the children You have entrusted us.

- To re-align ourselves to Your call upon our lives in our roles as parents, grandparents, uncles, and aunts to the next generation. Help us to nurture them to discover their giftings and talents, to build them up and not to tear them down, to encourage and release them into Your perfect plan.

- To model to them faith, love, and perseverance in our lives so that one generation will testify of Your love and faithfulness to the next generation.

- To walk humbly before You. When and where we fail, LORD, we thank You that by Your mercy and grace, You guide our sons and daughters to walk in the ways of righteousness and into the calling You have for them.

## | Upcoming Events

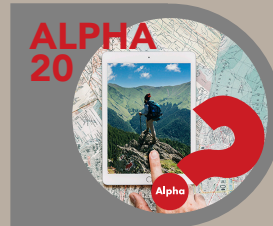


### Understanding the Book of Ezekiel

10-week Study  
With Dr Leong Tien Fock

Every Monday

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### Is There More to Life Than This?

22 July to  
7 October 2021  
(Every Thursday)  
8:00pm

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### The Pastoral Epistles

Study on The Book of  
1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus

Every Wednesday  
8:30pm

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### Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm

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Password: pray



### Monthly Prayer Meeting

26 June (Saturday)  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137  
Password: pray



### Real Life Experiences By Doctors and Patients

3 July (Saturday)  
2:00pm to 4:00pm

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