

of the Romans, out of the Greeks, but come together to form a new nation for the glory of God. And for the Christians naturally he quoted frequently from the OT.

I've sometimes seen a church that had a big sign out *in front* which said, "No creed but the NT" and that is not a Christian statement. To a Christian the Bible is one book which includes both the OT and the NT and both are equally part of God's revelation. The Christian is interested in the OT, and John unlike Mark and Luke, but like Matthew quotes frequently from the OT.

The eagle soars overhead just as the deity of Christ soars high over all these other vital aspects of the life of Christ. Perhaps there is something in the figure in the fact that the Gospel of John is usually thought of as written later than the others. At least it is sort of different. We speak of the others as being the synoptics. People put the Gospel of John to some extent by itself. Like the eagle it soars overhead. It looks ~~by~~ beyond these vital things that the others have and looks to the very heart of the matter. It sees Jesus as God incarnate in human form. It sees the deity of Jesus Christ.

Matthew starts with his genealogy. Mark plunges into his work. Luke starts with the preparation for his coming and the story of his wonderful birth. John looks far back into eternity. "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God." He was with God in the beginning.

Now we see the great difference between these four books. We have to look at Him from all four angles in order to get the full picture of the Lord Jesus Christ. You have these four such different angels, and yet as you look at them you see a very remarkable similarity. That is the emphasis they put on the last week of his life. His death and his resurrection.

When you pick up the biography of Geo. Washington you read of his activities in his early life, you read of his great activity in the American revolution which many say would never have been won if it were not for the remarkable character of George Washington. Then you read how the president laid the foundation for American democracy and established so many things that continue with us to this day. Then you go on in most biographies, and unless they are very lengthy them have comparatively little to say about his death. He came to the end of his life and he died. You read the story of the life of Abraham Lincoln who was assassinated, and perhaps there will be a little more emphasis laid on the events of his death. But still the death of a human being is a comparatively unimportant incident in his life as a rule. It is just the end of it.

But in this case you find all four of the gospels agreeing in this remarkable difference with most biographies, because after all they are not biographies really, they are pictures. They picture that which is most important about the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Matthew out of the 28 chs., the last 7 deal with the events