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The Nature of God: The Gospels

The Bible is divided into two main parts – the **Old Testament** and the **New Testament**. The New Testament is a record of Jesus' life and teachings. It is a collection of twenty-seven books written by a number of authors.

The first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are called the **Gospels**. The word 'gospel' means "**good news**." The gospel writers were so excited about their "good news" that they wanted to share it with others. They wanted people to know that Jesus was the Messiah. They also wanted to preserve the message of Jesus for future generations.

The four gospels teach about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The divine nature of Jesus is revealed in the gospels (Christ, Son of God, Lord, Savior etc.). The gospels teach that God has power to perform miracles and to forgive sins. Lessons on how to live are included in all of the gospels.

Christians have been given the responsibility to spread the good news about Jesus to others (Matt. 28:19). Individuals can spread the good news by showing love and helping others. The good news can be also spread through the print media, television and the internet.

Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. How many books are in the New Testament? _____

2. Name the four gospels.

3. What does the word gospel mean?

4. What is the "good news" that the gospel writers wanted everyone to know?

5. Give three (3) things we can read about in the gospels.

6. Give two (2) ways that Christians can spread the good news to others.

