

Best news ever!

Jesus said, “I have come down from heaven!” John 6.38. What a news scoop! And it got the inspiring journalistic coverage it deserved.

First, Jesus promised that (aided by the Holy Spirit) his disciples would be given full memory of his sayings. John 14.26. What a miracle! But there's more.

Second, God recruited four journalists – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – whose contribution is quite unique. Professor F. Godet wrote –

“Of all the important events which took place in the world before the advent of Jesus Christ, there is not one which has been recorded in four narratives – much less in four narratives nearly contemporaneous with the event and simultaneous with each other. The appearance of Jesus on earth has been alone the object of this signal distinction.”

So they were not late historians, foisting myths about Jesus on to an unsuspecting public. No. They were setting down what their readers already knew and believed.

Third, well before our modern era of news-gathering, God enabled the first century to see journalism at its best. And Jesus' appearance on earth deserved such in-depth and expert treatment, because in all of history there was never ever a man like him.

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What power the four gospels have to change our lives forever.

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