

# The Fifth Gospel Account

(2 Corinthians 3:2-3)

- Introduction:
1. There has been much said in recent years about the “lost books of the Bible” and additional “gospel accounts” which didn’t find their way into the canon of Scripture.
  2. Actually, it is a misnomer to identify these books as “lost books,” for more accurately, they should be referred to as “rejected books.”
  3. Among these rejected books are several books that would typically be considered, “Gospel Accounts.”
    - a. “The Gospel of Thomas,” “The Gospel of Mary,” “The Gospel of Judas,” “The Gospel of Philip,” and “The Gospel of Peter.”
    - b. This list is not exhaustive, but representative.
  4. But I am here to tell you today that there really is a “Fifth Gospel Account” - YOU!
  5. (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).
  6. Let’s explore some of the teachings of this “Fifth Gospel?”

## I. What This Fifth Gospel Account Teaches About Priorities

- A. (Matthew 6:33).
- B. (Luke 14:26-44).
- C. When people read your gospel account, do they see consistency with the previous four gospel accounts on the topic of priorities?

## II. What This Fifth Gospel Account Teaches About Morals

- A. (Matthew 5-7) Sermon on the Mount.
- B. When people read your gospel account, do they see consistency with the previous four gospel accounts on the topic of morals?

## III. What This Fifth Gospel Account Teaches About Compassion

- A. (Mark 5:1-20; Mark 6:34; Luke 9:11; Matthew 11:19).
- B. When people read your gospel account, do they see consistency with the previous four gospel accounts on the topic of compassion?

## III. What This Fifth Gospel Account Teaches About Perseverance

- A. (Luke 9:62).
- B. When people read your gospel account, do they see consistency with the previous four gospel accounts on the topic of perseverance?

- Conclusion:
1. May we live in such a way that our “gospel account” isn’t dismissed as being bogus and lacking authenticity.
  2. We may be the only Bible some people read, so make sure they’re reading the truth.