

The Gospel Train

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Introduction:

- A. As a culture, regardless of where we grew up, we are fascinated by trains
- B. Nearly two of every three sermons of Jesus involved a parable, especially when teaching about the kingdom of God.
 - 1. Matt. 13:34 - "All these things Jesus spoke to the multitude in parables; and without a parable He did not speak to them"
 - 2. The Gospel plan of salvation is well illustrated by a train
 - 3. Let's use a train to better understand the Gospel

I. THE GOSPEL TRAIN

- A. Planning the route and announcing the construction - Eph. 1:3-4; Gen. 12:2-3
- B. Surveying the land and marking the course - Jer. 23:5-6, 31:33-34, 39
- C. Leveling mountains, filling valleys, and making the grade (The Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) Isa. 40:3-5; John 1:14
- D. Laying track - Matt. 16:16-19; Luke 24:49
- E. Under the supervision of the Designer and Master - John 8:28-29, 5:19
- F. The train is powered by the Designer and Master - Acts 1:8, 2:4
- G. The train is on the tracks and in the station loading for departure - 1Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 2:36
- H. 3000 passengers board the train that day - Acts 2:37-38, 41
- I. The Lord is the ticketing agent and conductor - Acts 2:47
- J. The number of passengers on the train greatly increases - Acts 4:4, 32-33
- K. A few chose to disembark - Acts 5:5, 12
- L. Many more boarded - Acts 5:14
- M. The train went to Samaria - Acts 8:12-13
- N. Simon risked being cast from the train - Acts 8:
- O. The train stops for one man - Acts 8:36-39
- P. The train picks up a special passenger - Acts 9:3-6
- Q. Gentiles are invited to board the train - Acts 10:34-35, 47-48
- R. The train stops in Europe to board Lydia - Acts 16:14-15
- S. The train boards a penitent pagan - Acts 16:32
- T. The train boards converts in Corinth - Acts 18:6-9
- U. The train will stop to board everyone who buys a ticket - Acts 19:17-18, 20
- V. The train's terminus is the Judgment - Heb. 9:27; 2Peter 3:9-11
- W. The faithful complete their journey in heaven - 1Thes. 4:16-17; Rev. 21:27
- X. The unfaithful will be shunted away into perdition - John 5:28-29; Matt. 7:22-23

Conclusion:

- A. You are invited to board the Gospel Train - Rev. 22:17