

Harmony of the Gospels in Rhyming Verse

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Reverend Roland S. Taylor, the semi-retired Baptist preacher whose deep love for poetry and song has led him to be known in many congregations as a “singing evangelist,” shares his talent for translating prose into verse as he presents the story of the saving grace of Jesus Christ in this poem of epic proportions.

A chronological account of the development of Christ’s life and ministry, adopting the outline presented in the work of John A. Broadus and A.T. Robertson in their *The NIV Harmony of the Gospels*, Rev. Taylor’s presentation brings the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John together into one continuous lyrical body.

Presented as a series of individual poems, *Harmony of the Gospels in Rhyming Verse* leads readers through the prophecies, parables, and miracles that surrounded Christ. Beginning with “A Preview of Who Jesus Is,” following Christ’s ministry through Galilee, Judea, and Perea, and ending with the “Resurrection and Ascension of Christ,” Rev. Taylor conveniently breaks his epic into thirteen “chief divisions” in chronological order.

Armed with the book’s “Analytical Outline of the Harmony,” which contains a sequential listing of the topics covered in each of the divisions and functions as a convenient “timeline” of events, and useful tables for finding specific passages quickly, readers can easily cross-reference biblical passages with Rev. Taylor’s poetic interpretations.

Simple yet memorable, Rev. Taylor’s poetry brings the traditional vernacular of the Bible to life in contemporary language, with a modern understanding. Thus, John 3:16 begins:

*For God so loved the world, that he gave
His one and only Son to come to earth;
In order for the Son of Man to save
The soul that is adjudged highest worth.*

*That whosoever trusts in Christ alone
Will have the gift of life for evermore;
God sent his Son, in order to atone
For sin and death, that judgment holds in store.*

A beautiful and meticulous recreation of the life and times of Jesus Christ, *Harmony of the Gospels in Rhyming Verse* is recommended as a powerful supplement to any Christian’s spiritual study.

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