

# THE FOUR GOSPELS

## MATTHEW

Written by Matthew, one of Jesus' disciples probably in Antioch in Syria (63-66 AD?) for a Jewish audience

Emphasizes Jesus as the Messianic King, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

A topical arrangement based in part on Mark has five great discourses by Jesus including "the Sermon on the Mount."

Has an eschatological focus on the Kingdom of God

## LUKE

Written by Paul's companion, a Gentile Doctor for a Greek believer (57 -60 AD?)

Emphasizes Jesus as the Savior of the World and Son of Man (Humanity)

The longest gospel, well researched and written, Luke uses Mark but has much content not found in the other Synoptics – account continues in Acts.

This gospel shows Jesus' special concern for women, the poor and the gentiles.

## MARK

Written by Peter's Translator, in Rome to disciple Roman Gentile believers (50-65 AD?)

Emphasizes Jesus as the Suffering Servant . focuses on what Jesus did more than what he said.

Shortest of the gospels, known for its "vivid, lively, flowing narrative." Action moves quickly from one episode to another

"Who am I?" Jesus' warns people to keep his "Messianic identity" a Secret

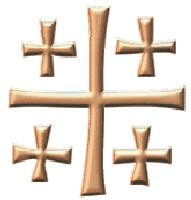
## JOHN

Written by Jesus' beloved disciple in Ephesus for a Greek Audience (85-90 AD?)

Emphasizes Jesus as the Logos, the Son of God (Deity) with numerous statements of the deity of Christ. Including the "I am's"

The writing style is very different than the other three gospels in a simpler Greek Notable for the long dialogues of Jesus. Half of John is focused on Jesus' last week and hours





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## Matthew

<b>B</b>	Intro: John	Galilee Presentation of the King Teaching the Crowds	Judea Rejection of the King Teaching the Disciples	Passion	<b>R</b>
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## Mark

<b>P</b>	Public Ministry "Who is he?"	Watershed Moment (8:26)	Jerusalem & Passion "The Son of God"	<b>R</b>
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## Luke

<b>B</b>	Intro: John & Jesus	Preparation	Galilee	Jerusalem Journey	Passion	<b>R</b>
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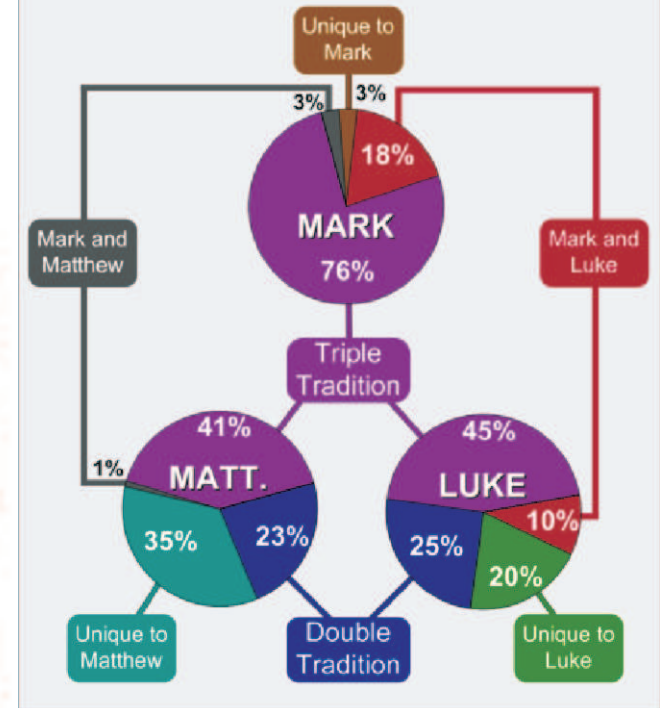
## John

<b>P</b>	The Book of Signs That you might believe	Discourse & Passion Narrative That you might have life	<b>R</b>	<b>E</b>
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B = Birth, R = Resurrection, P = Prologue, E = Epilogue

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## Relationships between the Synoptic Gospels



## Two-source Hypothesis

