

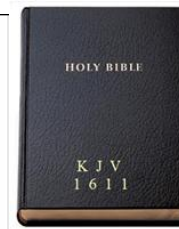
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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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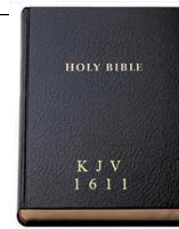


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The Gospels

The Life And Ministry Of Jesus Christ

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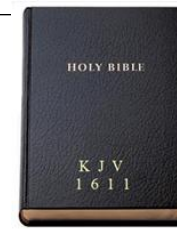


Why Four Gospels?

1. To stress the importance of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ cf. (Gen 41:32)
2. To instruct Christians on how to study the word of God- given the obvious similarities between the gospels, particularly the “synoptic” gospels (i.e.- Matthew, Mark, and Luke), it is logical and reasonable to COMPARE the various accounts; this comparing of scripture with scripture is exactly how to study the Bible (1 Cor 2:13)
3. To present the Lord Jesus Christ from four different perspectives

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portrayal	The King of Israel	The Servant of the Lord	The Son of Man	The Son of God
Emphasis	His sermons	His miracles	His parables	His doctrines
Theme	Law	Power	Grace	Glory
Application	Prophetical	Practical	Historical	Spiritual
Audience	The Jew	The Roman	The Greek	The Church
The Branch	The righteous Branch (Jer 23:5; 33:15)	My servant the Branch (Zec 3:8)	The man...the Branch (Zec 6:12-13)	The Branch of the Lord (Isa 4:2)
The Cherub	The lion	The ox	The man	The eagle

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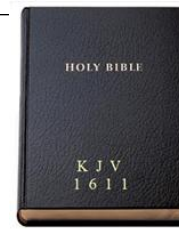


Genealogy	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Record	Yes (1:1-17)	No	Yes (3:23-38)	No
Reason	A king needs one	A servant needs none	A man has one	God has none
Root	The REGAL line-through his step father Joseph back to Abraham		The PHYSICAL line-through his physical mother Mary back to Adam	
Relationship	Links him to the royal (“son of David”) and racial (“son of Abraham”) HEBREW family		Links him to the HUMAN family	

Traditional “Christian” Beliefs Refuted By A Proper Study OfThe Gospels

1. Jesus Christ was born on December 25th (Luke 2:8)
2. The wise men were present at the birth of Jesus (Matt 2:9)
3. There were three wise men (Matt 2:11)
4. Jesus Christ was crucified on a Friday (Matt 12:40)

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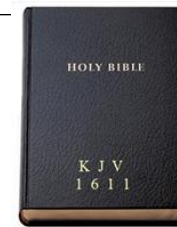


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Reasons For The First Coming Of Christ

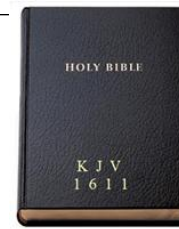
1. To PRESENT God to man (John 1:18; 14:9; 1 Tim 3:16; 1 John 1:1-2)
2. To PREACH the word of God (Isa 61:1; Luke 4:18-19; John 3:34; 7:16; 12:49-50; 17:8,14; 18:37)
3. To PROMPT sinners to repentance (Matt 9:13; John 9:39)
4. To be a PROPITIATION for our sins (Matt 1:21; Luke 19:10; 1 Tim 1:15; 1 John 2:2)
5. To PREVAIL over the devil and his works (Heb 2:14; 1 John 3:8)
6. To be a merciful and faithful high PRIEST (Heb 2:17; 4:14-16; 7:23-28)
7. To PROVIDE spiritual PROSPERITY (Isa 61:1; John 10:10; Eph 1:3; 4:8)
8. To PROCLAIM liberty to the captives of death (Isa 61:1; Psa 68:18; Eph 4:8)
9. To fulfill PROPHECY (2 Sam 7:8-17; Isa 7:14; 9:7)
10. To PREPARE for his Second Coming (John 14:2-3)

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	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Chapters	28	16	24	21
Verses	1,071	678	1,151	879
Words	23,343	14,949	25,640	18,658
Author	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Date	47 AD	57 AD	63 AD	90 AD
Key Verse	Matt 5:17	Mark 10:45	Luke 19:10	John 20:31
Key Word(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “fulfill(ed)” (18x) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “straightway” (19x) • “immediately” (17x) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Son of man” (26x) • “sinner(s)” (16x) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “father” (126x) • “know” (71x) • “believe” (52x) • “life” (44x) • “light” (24x) • “love” (22x) • “verily, verily” (25x)
Division	Synoptic			Supplementary

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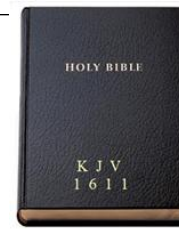
Matthew

- His name means, “gift of the Lord”
- He is also called Levi (Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27,29)
- He was a former publican (a Jew employed by the Romans to collect taxes for the government)

Mark

- His full name was John Mark (Acts 12:12,25; 15:37)
- *Mark* is derived from the Latin *Marcus*
- He accompanied Paul and Barnabas on part of their first missionary journey (Acts 12:25; 13:5), but left them later (Acts 13:13)
- He was a nephew of Barnabas (Col 4:10)
- He accompanied Barnabas following his split with Paul (Acts 15:39)
- He may also have been closely related to Peter in some way (1 Pet 5:13)
- Some believe Mark’s gospel was written based on the testimony of Peter

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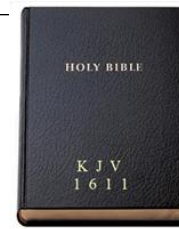
Luke

- *Luke* is derived from the Latin *Lucas*
- He is also the author of Acts cf. (Luke 1:3-4; Acts 1:1)
- He was a physician (Col 4:14)
- He joined Paul at Troas shortly after he began his second missionary journey (Acts 16:8-10) and remained with him to the end (2 Tim 4:11)

John

- His name means, “favored of the Lord”
- He is also called the beloved disciple (John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2; 21:7)
- His full name is John Zebedee (Matt 4:21; 10:2; 26:37; Mark 10:35; Luke 5:10; John 21:2)
- He was brother to James (Mark 3:17)
- He and his brother James worked with their father as commercial fishermen (Matt 4:21)
- They had a business partnership with Peter (Luke 5:10)
- He is also the author of 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation

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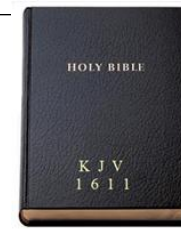
The Progression Of The Writings Of John

The Gospel	The Epistles	The Revelation
Past events	Present events	Prospective events
Salvation	Sanctification	Glorification
Christ as Prophet	Christ as Priest	Christ as King
The cross	The table	The throne

Jesus Christ: Our Soul-Winning Example In John

1. His dealing with Nicodemus (John 3) shows our need to look beyond RELIGIOUS boundaries
2. His dealing with the Samaritan woman (John 4) shows our need to look beyond RACIAL boundaries
3. His dealing with the lame and blind (John 5; 9) shows our need to look beyond PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS
4. His dealing with the woman taken in adultery (John 8) shows our need to look beyond LIFESTYLES and PAST SINS

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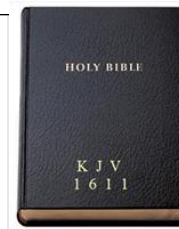
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