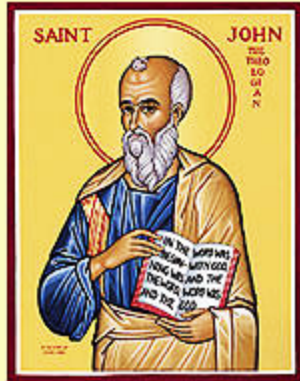
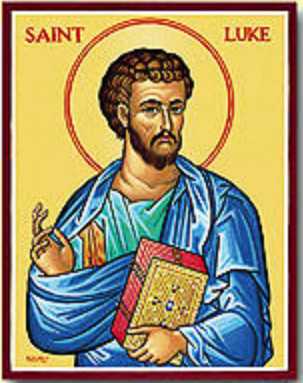
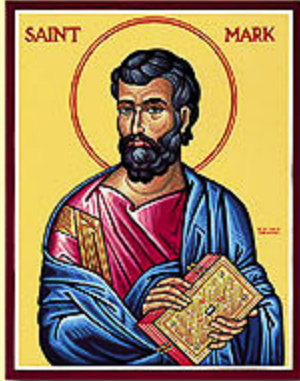
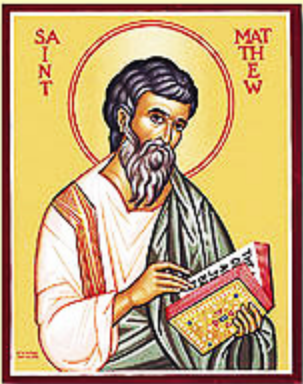


# THE GOSPELS



# In Summary ...



**MATTHEW**

**MAN**

**GENEALOGY  
OF CHRIST**

**KING**

**MARK**

**LION**

**VOICE CRYING  
IN THE  
WILDERNESS**

**SERVANT OF  
MANKIND**

**LUKE**

**OX**

**SACRIFICES**

**SON OF MAN /  
PRIEST AND  
SACRIFICE**

**JOHN**

**EAGLE**

**IN THE  
BEGINNING**

**INCARNATED  
LOGOS**

# **The Gospel According to St John**

## **Eye Witness Testimony**

And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. (John 19:35)

# The Gospel According to St John

## signs

St John refers to the Lord's miracles as "signs". They reveal the Lord's glory.

1. Changing water into wine at Cana in John 2:1-11  
- "the first of the signs"
2. Healing the royal official's son in Capernaum in John 4:46-54
3. Healing the paralytic at Bethesda in John 5:1-15
4. Feeding the 5000 in John 6:5-14
5. Jesus walking on water in John 6:16-24
6. Healing the man blind from birth in John 9:1-7
7. The raising of Lazarus in John 11:1-45

The eighth sign being the Resurrection of the Lord.

# **The Gospel According to St John**

## **Purpose of the Book**

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. (John 20:30,31)

# The Gospel According to St John

## I AM

1. I am the bread of life. John 6:35
2. I am the light of the world. John 8:12
3. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. John 10:9
4. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. John 10:11
5. I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. John 11:25
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6
7. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. John 15:5



# The Gospel According to St Matthew

## Tax Collector

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.

Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

When Jesus heard that, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE MERCY AND NOT SACRIFICE.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."  
(Matthew 9:9-13)

# The Gospel According to St Matthew

## Purpose of the Book

To prove to the Jews that the Lord Jesus is their Messiah.

1. More quotations from and allusion to the Old Testament
2. Genealogy of the Lord Jesus to Abraham
3. Does not explain the Jewish customs
4. Emphasis on the Lord Jesus as the "Son of David"
5. Includes non-Jews (the wise men, the Great Commission)



# The Gospel According to St Matthew

## Five Great Discourses

Chapters 5-7            The Sermon on the Mount  
when Jesus had ended these sayings

Chapters 10            Sending out the Twelve Apostles  
when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples

Chapter 13            Parables of the Kingdom of Heaven  
when Jesus had finished these parables

Chapter 18            Teaching on humility, temptation and forgiveness  
when Jesus had finished these sayings

Chapters 24 – 25    Destruction of the Temple and the End of the Age  
when Jesus had finished all these sayings

# **The Gospel According to St Matthew**

## **The Great Commission**

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.  
(Matthew 28:19,20)

# **The Gospel According to St Mark**

## **St Mark in the N.T.**

So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. (Acts 12:12)

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. (Acts 12:25)

First and second trips (Acts 13:5,13 and 15:36-39)

St Paul's letter (Colossians 4:10 and Philemon 24)

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry. (2 Timothy 4:11)

# **The Gospel According to St Mark**

## **Serving . Discipleship . Persecution**

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

"Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. (Mark 8:34,35)

# The Gospel According to St MARK

## Purpose of the Book

To the Romans with emphasis on persecution.

### 1. Explains Jewish customs

For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands in a special way, holding the tradition of the elders. (Mark 7:3; read the full message 7:1-5)

### 2. Translates Aramaic words

James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, to whom He gave the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder" (Mark 3:17)

And they brought Him to the place Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a Skull. (Mark 15:22)

### 3. Emphasis on persecution and martyrdom

Carrying the Cross and following Jesus (Mark 8:34-38)

The coming persecution (Mark 13:9-13)

# **The Gospel According to St Mark**

## **The Gospel of Action**

More of what the Lord did than what He said

Moves quickly from one event to another in the ministry of the Lord Jesus

Uses “immediately / at once / quickly” about 47 times

# The Gospel According to St Luke

Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. (Luke 1:1-4)

- Probably Gentile by birth
- Educated in Greek – command of the language
- Physician by profession
- Companion of St Paul
- Accurate historian (the book of Acts)
- Investigated every thing: (Luke 1:2)

# The Gospel According to St Luke

## Themes

- Universality of the Gospel – Gentiles as well as Jews
- “Son of Man” repeated many times
- Prayer, e.g. “Jesus also was baptized; and while He prayed, the heaven was opened” (Luke 3:21)
- Special concern for the role of women
- Family (men, women and children) is important
- Joy in the message of the Gospel (the Good News)
- Concern for the poor, sinners and outcast
- Emphasis on the Holy Spirit (as well as in Acts)



# The Gospel According to St Luke

## Structure

- Ministry in Galilee and surroundings (4:14 – 9:50)
- Events in Judea and Perea (9:51 – 19:27)  
Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51)
- The final week in Jerusalem (19:28 – 24:53)  
When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. (Luke 19:28)

# **The Gospel According to St Luke**

## **The Complete Nativity Narrative**

- Annunciation of the birth of St John the Baptist
- Annunciation of the birth of the Lord Jesus
- St Mary's visit to St Elizabeth
- The birth of St John the Baptist
- The birth of the Lord Jesus Christ
- The shepherds and the angels
- Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple