

Survey of the Four Gospels

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John

Facts about the New Testament

- Written between 50 and 95 AD
- First book, 1 Thessalonians, written by Paul
- Last book, Revelation, written by John

Facts about the New Testament

1. The New Testament is the _____ Word of God.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:13

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God" (King James Version)

"All scripture is God-breathed" (New International Version) **2 Timothy 3:16**

*I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. **Revelation 22:18-19***

2. The New Testament was compiled by

_____ in the fourth century A. D.

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Criteria to determine which books would become the New Testament

- Written by an Apostle or a close associate
- Recognized by Early Church as authoritative
- Doctrinally consistent, does not contradict

Modern Translations

Good updated translations are needed because language becomes _____.

3. Manuscript _____ for the New Testament is extremely reliable. *Facts about the New Testament*

Manuscript veracity, accuracy, and reliability

- Caesar's Gallic Wars (58 BC)—10 copies, 1000 years after his death
- New Testament letters—20,000 copies, less than 100 years after Jesus Christ

Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke

- Syn, meaning same, together, like synergy
- Optic, meaning—to see
- “Seen together”

The Gospel of John

Written later as an addition, to supplement the other three Gospels.

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

are four witnesses from different _____.

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1. Matthew — written to _____ Christians.

*As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. **Matthew 9:9***

Matthew's goal is to convince Jews to rethink their ideas about Messiah by showing that Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament scriptures.

*A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, **Matthew 1:1-3***

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” **Matthew 1:22-23, Isaiah 7:14***

where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." **Mathew 2:15, Hosea 11:1**

and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." **Matthew 2:23, Isaiah 11:1, 53:3**

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. **Matthew 5:17-18**

Jesus' _____ the Law and the Prophets

- Do not murder. I say, don't get angry with your brother. **(Matthew 5:21-22)**
- You heard, Don't commit adultery. I say, Do not lust. **(Matthew 5:27-28)**
- You heard don't break your oath. I say don't swear at all. **(Matthew 5:33-36)**

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law. **Matthew 7:28-29**

This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases." **Matthew 8:17, Isaiah 53:4**

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." **Matthew 13:34-35**

This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" **Matthew 21:4-5, Isaiah 53:4**

But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. **Matthew 26:56**

Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: "They took the thirty silver coins, the price set on him by the people of Israel, and they used them to buy the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me." **Matthew 27:9-10, Zechariah 11:12-13, and Jeremiah 9:1-13, 32:6-9**

About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”— which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Matthew 27:46, Psalm 22:1

The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:4

“some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” **Matthew 28:13-14**

So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. **Matthew 28:15**

2. Mark—a gospel to the _____.

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Mark is influenced by and is Peter’s associate

- Shortest Gospel
- Gospel to the Romans
- Action, adverb “immediately” used often
- Written first, source for Matthew and Luke
- Key interest with persecution and martyrdom

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.

Mark 8:34-35

“I tell you the truth,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. **Mark 10:29-30**

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel

against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. Mark 13:11-13

A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, he fled naked, leaving his garment behind. Mark 14:51-52

Mark's gospel is also a gospel of a second chance.

3. Luke—a gospel for _____ Christians.

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Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. Therefore, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught. Luke 1:1-4

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:20-21

The Gospel of Luke

- Luke was not Jewish, a G_____
- Well educated in Greek culture
- A physician who accompanied Paul

Luke's training as a _____ , accounts for the special place given to the healing miracles of Jesus.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry." Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. Luke 7:11-17

Luke being a Gentile, had a _____ gospel. Christ is portrayed as the Savior of the whole world.

People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Luke 13:29-31

Parable of the Good Samaritan

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. Luke 10:30

But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. Luke 10:33

Parable of the Prodigal Son

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. Luke 15:11-12

"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. Luke 15:13

Key verse in Luke

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Luke 19:10

4. John—a _____ gospel.

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The Gospel of John

- Presumes the other 3 Gospels are known
- Written in 85 AD, as an older man
- John was probably a teenager when he followed Jesus as a disciple

John records a series of private _____ with Jesus

- Nathanael—"guileless"
- Nicodemus—"You must be born again"
- The Woman at the Well—"I'll give you water that will make you never thirst again"

John emphasizes the Deity of Jesus, "Jesus is not only a good man, but He is God."

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made **John 1:1-3**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14**

For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. **John 5:18**

“I have shown you many great miracles from the Father. For which of these do you stone me?”

“We are not stoning you for any of these,” replied the Jews, “but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.” **John 10:32-33**

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. **John 14:1-2**

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6**

When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Dear woman, here is your son,” **John 19:26**

So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. **John 20:3-4**

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. **John 20:8**

“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” **John 20:25**

Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” **John 20:26-27**

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” **John 20:28**

“Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 29:30

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:30-31

He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” John 21:5

“No,” they answered.

“Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. John 21:6

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” John 21:7

This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. John 21:24

Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. John 21:25

The Gospels of Jesus Christ have _____ the world.

- They give us History
- They give us Revelation from God
- Challenge—*What do you think of Jesus?*

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