

The 4 Gospels Compared



Matthew, Mark , Luke & John

What is a Gospel?

- ❖ gospel |'gäspəl|
- ❖ ORIGIN Old English *gōdspel*, from *gōd* [good] + *spel* [news, a story] , translating from Greek *euangelion* 'good news' ;

Why 4 Gospels?

❖ The Synoptic Gospels: “*seeing together*”

● Matthew (A.D. 58-68) 42%

● Mark (A.D. 55-65) 7%

● Luke (A.D. 60-68) 59%

● John (A.D. 80-90) 92%

JOHN

❖ Authorship: title of “According to John”

Name(s): John (the disciple whom Jesus loved)

John 13:23 (Last Supper)

John 19:26 (At the cross with Mary)

John 20:2 (Racing Peter)

John 21: 7 (Fishing with Peter)

John 21:20 (Prediction?)

20 Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) **21** When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” **22** Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” **23** Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?” **24** This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

JOHN

Purpose

To testify one more time
that Jesus was the Messiah
and the Son of God.

JOHN

❖ Proof of Purpose: (His name - the I AM)

John 1:1-3 & 14

"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."

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

Exodus 3:13-14 (Hayah)

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; they shall say to me, What is his name? What shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

JOHN

❖ Proof of Purpose: (Miracles)

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

John 20: 30-31 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

John 21: 25 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

❖ The 7-Fold Gospel of John

Attributes of the Devil	7 Miracles	7 “I AMs”
Disappointment	Water to Wine: John 2:1-11	The Vine: John 15:1
Doubt	Nobleman’s Son: John 4:46-54	Way, Truth, Life: John 14:6
Disability	Lame Man: John 5:1-9	The Door(Gate): John 10:7
Deprivation	Feeding 5000: John 6:4-13	The Bread: John 6:35
Despair	Walk on Water: John 6:16-21	The Shepherd: John 10:11
Darkness	Blind Man: John 9:1-12	The Light: John 8:12
Death	Lazarus: John 11:30-44	Resurrection: John 11:25

JOHN

❖ The 7-Fold Gospel of John

Attributes of the Devil	The WAY of Jesus
Disappointment	Contentment
Doubt	Assurance
Disability	Ableness
Deprivation	Sustenance
Despair	Peace
Darkness	Light
Death	Life

JOHN

❖ The 7-Fold Gospel of John

The Ultimate I AM

John 8:58-59

Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I AM**. Then took they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

The Ultimate Miracle

John 20:1

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

JOHN

❖ What would we **NOT** know if it weren't for the writings of John?

Jesus as the creative Word (1:1-18)

John's disciples go to Jesus (1:35)

Water into Wine (2:1-12)

Jesus clears the Temple (2:13-25)

Nicodemus at Night (3:1-21)

Woman at the Well (4:1-26)

Heals Nobleman's Son (4:46-54)

Heals Lame Man (5:1-15)

Brothers mock Jesus (7:1-9)

Adulterous Woman (8:1-11)

Jesus heals blind man (9:1-12)

Lazarus Resurrection (11:37-44)

Washes disciples feet (13:1-20)

[John 14-17]

Mary given to disciple (19:26-27)

Peter and John Race (20:3-9)

Discussion with Peter (21:15-25)

JOHN

John 3:16

For **G**od so loved the world, that He gave his **O**nly begotten **S**on, that whosoever believeth in Him should not **P**erish, but have **E**verlasting **L**ife.

JOHN

GOSPEL

Revelation 22:17

**Whoever is thirsty, let him
come; and whoever wishes,
let him take the free gift of
the water of life.**