

# The 4 Gospels Compared



*Matthew, Mark , Luke & John*



# What is a Gospel?

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❖ gospel |'gäspəl|

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



# Why 4 Gospels?

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## ❖ The Synoptic Gospels: “*seeing together*”

● Matthew (A.D. 58-68) 42%

● Mark (A.D. 55-65) Mark 1:1 7%

● Luke (A.D. 60-68) 59%

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● John (A.D. 80-90) 92%



# MARK

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❖ Authorship: title of “According to Mark”

Name(s): John Mark (mentioned 10 times)

## **Acts 12:12**

And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying.

Could this be the Upper Room?

Acts 1:10-14, Acts 2:1-4, Mark 14:13-15, 51-52



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## **Acts 12:25**

And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark.



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## **Acts 13:5 & 13**

**5** And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

**13** Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.



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## **Acts 15:37-39**

**37** And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark.

**38** But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.

**39** And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus;



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## **Colossians 4:10**

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner saluteth you,  
and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching  
whom ye received commandments: if he come  
unto you, receive him;)



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## **2 Timothy 4:11**

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.



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## **Philemon 1:23-24**

**23** There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;

**24** Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers.



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## **1 Peter 5:13**

The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.

The gospel according to Peter?



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❖ Probably written to Roman Christians

## **Mark 7: 1-4**

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)



# MARK

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

Parable: Growing seed (4:26-29)

Pigs are numbered (2000) (5:13)

Jesus was a Carpenter (6:3)

Miracle: Deaf Decapolis man (7:31-37)

Miracle: Blind Bethsaida man (8:22-26)

Young naked man fleeing (14:51-52)

Simon the Cyrene's sons- Rufus & Alexander (15:21)



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## ❖ The controversial extended ending: 16:9-20

[The earliest manuscripts and some other ancient witnesses do not have Mark 16:9-20]

9-11                      John 20:10-18

12-13                     Luke 24:13-35

14                         Luke 24:36-43

15-18                    Matt 28:16-20

19-20                    Luke 24:50-53



# MARK

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❖ Christ the humble servant

## **Mark 10:45**

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.