

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?

- ❖ There aren't 4 gospels! There are 4 records or viewpoints of ONE gospel because it was such good news! Together these complementary accounts provide a rich and clear picture of the Messiah. If we were missing any of the four records there would be things about Jesus that we would not know.

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%

Why 4 Gospels?

- ❖ What can we learn by examining what is mentioned in all four books?

Jesus Feeds 5000

Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey

The Last Supper

Betrayed and Arrested

Peter denies Christ

Jesus before Pilate

Led away and Crucified

Died on the Cross

Laid in the Tomb

Resurrection

MATTHEW

❖ Authorship: title of “According to Matthew”

Name(s): Matthew or Levi (Mark 2:14 & Luke 5:27)

Matthew 9: 9-13

9 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.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. **11** When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **13** But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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- Matthew 10:3 “the tax collector”
- Most references to money
- Unique descriptions of money:

Chapter 17:

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?”**27** “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.”

Chapter 18:

23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.**24** And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

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MATTHEW



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- ❖ Mark was possibly written first but Matthew is the best bridge between the Old Law and the New Law.
- ❖ Matthew writes to the Jews that Christ is the fulfillment of the promised KING through Abraham and through David.

MATTHEW

❖ Jews would appreciate Matthew's perspective:

What is the last word in the Old Testament?

CURSE

❖ Matthew 1:20-23

20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

MATTHEW

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Matthew 1: 1-16

Lineage through Joseph

Abraham

(Gen 22)



David

(2 Sam. 7)



Jesus

Son of David

1:1

9:27

12:23

15:22

20:30

21:9

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Matthew 2: 14-15

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

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Matthew 2: 16-18

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

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Matthew 2: 22-23

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

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Matthew 4:13-17

13 And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:

14 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

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Matthew 8: 16-17

16 When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:

17 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

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Matthew 13:34-35

34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

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Matthew 21:1-5

1 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, **2** saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. **3** If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." **4** This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: **5** Say to Daughter Zion, See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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Matthew 26:52-54

52 "Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. **53** Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? **54** **But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?**"

MATTHEW

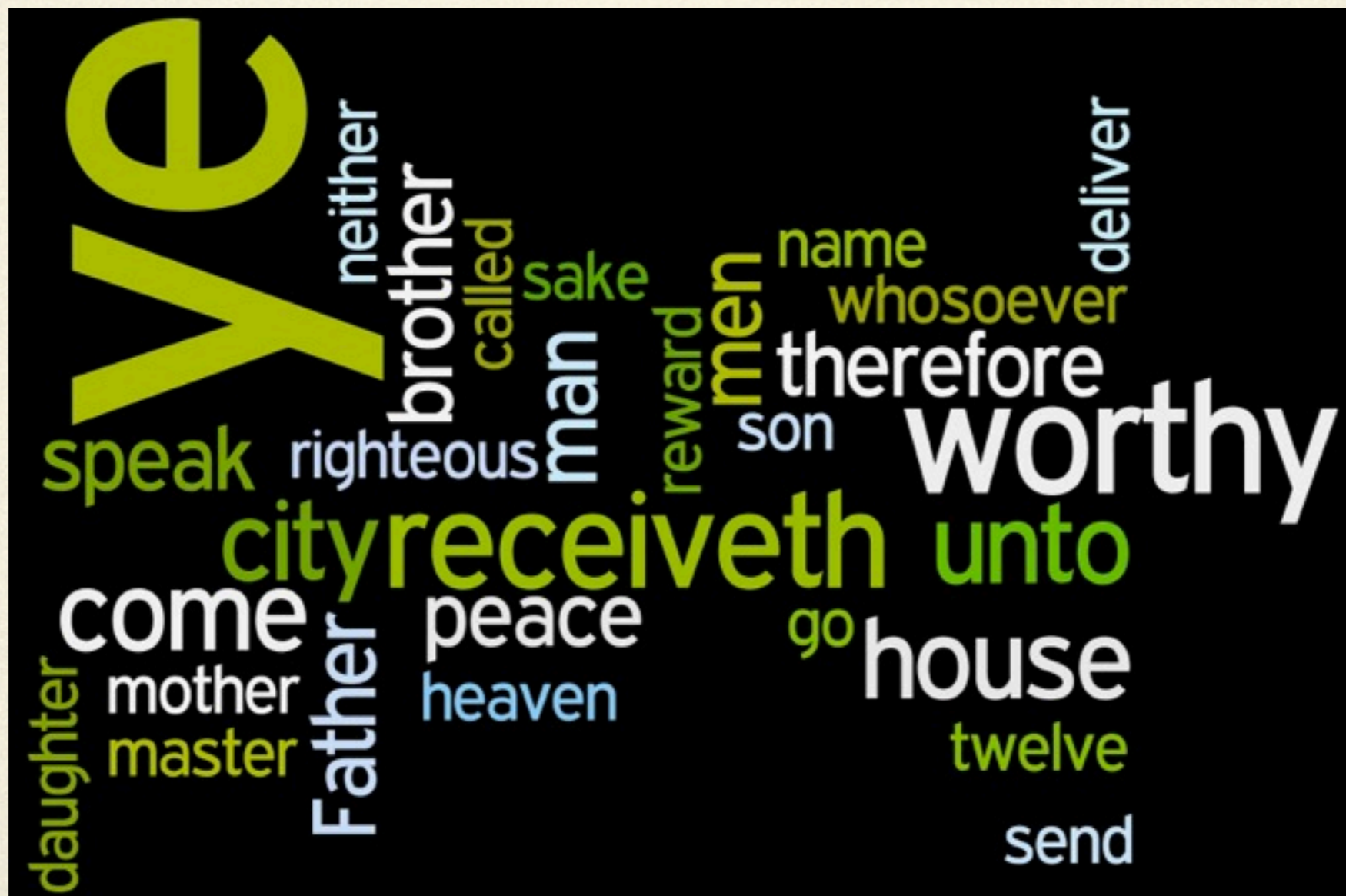
❖ The 5 great discourses of Jesus

25% of the book of Matthew contain the words of our Savior. These are found primarily in five major discourses.

MATTHEW

❖ The 5 great discourses of Jesus

Matthew 10 (Address to the Apostles)



MATTHEW

❖ The 5 great discourses of Jesus

Matthew 18 (Church behavior)



MATTHEW

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Matthew 24-25 (Mount of Olives)



MATTHEW

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

- Angel appears to Joseph (1:18-25)
- Visitors arrive from eastern lands (2:1-12)
 - The escape to Egypt (2:13-18)
 - The return to Nazareth (2:19-23)
 - Sermon on the Mount (5-7)
 - Heals blind and mute (9:27-34)
- Urges disciples to pray for workers (9:35-38)
 - Address to the Apostles (10:16-42)
- Parables on the Kingdom of Heaven (13)
- Peter finds coin in fish's mouth (17:24-27)
 - Church Behavior (18:10-35)
 - Equal pay in the kingdom (20:1-16)
- Parable of two sons (21:28-32)
- Parable of wedding feast (22:1-14)
- Seven Woes to the Pharisees (23)
- Parable of 10 virgins (25:1-13)
- Parable of Talents (25:14-30)
- Jesus tells of Final judgement (25:31-46)
 - Judas Kills himself (27:3-10)
- Guards posted at the tomb (27:62-66)
- Jesus appears to the women (28:8-10)
 - Leaders bribe guards (28:11-15)
 - The Great Commission (28:16-20)

MATTHEW

❖ The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.