



Harmony of the Gospels

Jesus Christ, a Fourfold Manifestation

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Synoptic Problem

- Which of the synoptic authors was the first to write his gospel?
- Which of the synoptic author(s) is dependent on whom?

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Synoptic Content

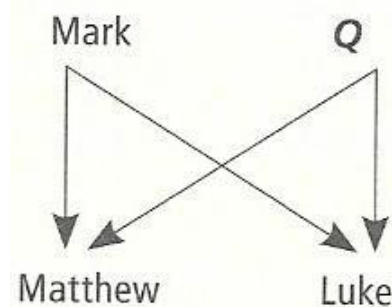
- Only 7% of the information found in Mark is peculiar to that Gospel; 93% is also found in either Matthew or Luke
- 47% of Matthew is common to Mark; 28% of Luke is common to Mark
- Matthew and Luke have 250 verses in common that are not found in Mark (23% of Matthew and 22% of Luke)

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Two-Source Theory



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Q is believed to be a lost collection of the sayings of Jesus.

The document is called Q from the first letter of the German word *quelle*, meaning "source."

Message of the Gospels

Matthew: The promised King is here; see his credentials.

Mark: This is how he has worked as a servant; see his power.

Luke: This is what he was like as the Son of Man; see his humanity.

John: This is who he really was; see his deity.

When Was the Temple Cleansed?

Near the end of Christ's ministry? (Matt. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; Luke 19:45-46)

Early in Christ's ministry? (John 2:13-17)

What Was the Order of the Temptations?

*Turn stones into bread, **the pinnacle of the Temple, all the kingdoms of the world?*** (Matt. 4:3-10)

*Turn stones into bread, **all the kingdoms of the world, the pinnacle of the Temple?*** (Luke 4:3-12)

Where Were the Demoniacs Healed?

Country of the Gadarenes? (Matt. 8:28-34)

Country of the Gerasenes? (Mark 5:1-20;
Luke 8:26-39)

James and John or Their Mother?

Their mother goes to Jesus? (Matt 20:20)

James and John go to Jesus? (Mark 10:35)

Where Was the Blind Man Healed?

Coming into Jericho? (Luke 18:35-43)

Going out of Jericho? (Matt. 20:29-34;
Mark 10:46-52)

How Many Donkeys at the Triumphal Entry?

Two? (Matt. 21:2)

One? (Mark 11:2; Luke 19:30)

When Was the Fig Tree Cursed?

After Jesus cleansed the Temple?
(Matt. 21:12-19)

Before Jesus cleansed the Temple?
(Mark 11:12-14,20-24)

How Many Times Did the Rooster Crow?

Once? (Matt. 26:34; John 13:38)

Twice? (Mark 14:30)

When Was Jesus Crucified?

In the third hour? (Mark 15:25)

In the sixth hour? (John 19:14)

How Many Angels Were at the Tomb?

One? (Matt. 28:5)

Two? (John 20:12)