

“The Gospel of Mark”

Four Portraits of Jesus Christ:

Matthew—Jesus Christ is King.

Mark—Jesus Christ is a servant.

Luke—Jesus Christ is a man.

John—Jesus Christ is God.

The Synoptic Gospels

Matthew, Mark and Luke

1. John the Baptist, Jesus’ baptism and temptation.
2. Jesus’ ministry in Galilee.
3. Jesus’ journey to and His ministry in Judea.
4. Jesus’ final week in Jerusalem, His death and His resurrection.

The four Gospels are not contradictory but they are different. They have different audiences and different purposes.

Matthew—written between AD 58-65

--written to Jewish believers (possibly in Antioch) to demonstrate that Jesus is the Messiah in fulfillment of Old Testament Scriptures.

Luke—written between AD 60-61

--addressed to “Theophilus”, but also intended for Gentile believers to assure them of “the certainty of those things in which you were instructed.”

John—written between AD 85-90

--probably written from Ephesus to Gentile believers to encourage their faith in Jesus Christ.

Mark—written between AD 65-67

--written by John Mark under the influence of Simon Peter.

1 Peter 5:13 "She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son."

--written to encourage the church in Rome during intense persecution.

Important Lessons from the Gospel of Mark:

I. Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

II. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the world's only hope.

III. Jesus Christ demands total commitment from His followers.

IV. The highest calling in life is the call to serve.

V. God can use us mightily even though we fail.