

A Harmony of the Gospels by Chronology and Topics

GOSPELS

SIDE BY SIDE

MATTHEW



MARK



LUKE



JOHN

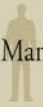






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Why Do We Need Four Gospels?

Because the four Gospels contain different accounts of the same or similar events in the life of Jesus, readers of the Gospels have often sought to compare and contrast these accounts by placing them next to each other. These side-by-side comparisons attempt to harmonize the work of the four Evangelists and so are often called “Gospel Harmonies.”

FOUR POINTS OF VIEW

Gospel	Symbol	Viewpoint	Audience	Jesus the Son of God
Matthew	 Man	Palestinian Jewish	Jewish world	Is the Messiah King of Israel
Mark	 Lion	Hellenistic Jewish	Greek-speaking world	Is the Power of God in the world
Luke	 Bull	Greco-Roman	Gentile world	Is the Ideal Man of God
John	 Eagle	Heavenly	Whole world	Is the Word of God



Why are there four Gospels instead of just one? One answer is that it takes four points of view to get the whole story about Jesus. Some might argue that one authoritative story should be enough. However, God chose to reveal himself using four Gospels. The Gospel of John begins with these words: “In the beginning was the Word ... (vs. 1) and the Word became flesh ... (vs. 14). In other words, God chooses as his preferred method of communication to speak to humans by means of the human. This is true of the Bible and it is supremely true of Christ whom we are told is God in the flesh (John 1:14–18). So then, the Gospels are, like Jesus, both a Divine work as well as a human work. They have real human authors and one divine Author. They give details that might be difficult to understand, but they are never truly contradictory. They have four different points of view on the history of Jesus but only one Divine conclusion as to his identity as the Son of God.

Harmony of the Gospels

EVENT	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
The genealogy of Jesus	1:1-17		3:23-38	
Jesus' birth and childhood	1:18-2:23		1:5-2:52	
John the Baptist's ministry	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-18	1:19-34
Christ's public ministry and first Passover	3:13-4:12	1:9-14	3:21-4:13	1:35-4:42
Christ's ministry in Galilee	4:12	1:14-15	4:14-15	4:43-54
His rejection at Nazareth and move to Capernaum	4:13-22; 8:14-17	1:16-34	4:16-41	
His first ministry tour and second Passover	4:23-12:14	1:35-3:6	4:42-7:50	5:1-47
His second ministry tour	12:15-13:58	3:7-6:6	8:1-56	
His third ministry tour	9:35-11:1; 14:1-12	6:6-29	9:1-9	
Ministry to his disciples and third Passover	14:13-18:35	6:30-9:50	9:10-56	6:1-71
Ministry in Judea			10:1-13:21	7:1-10:39
Ministry beyond Jordan	19:1-20:34	10:1-52	13:22-19:27	10:40-11:54
The last week (Passover/Easter)	21:12-28:20	11:1-16:20	19:28-24:53	11:55-21:25
Arrival in Bethany and Mary anoints Jesus' feet	26:6-13	14:3-9	19:28	11:55-12:11
Triumphal entry	21:1-11	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
Second cleansing of the temple; barren fig tree cursed	21:12-13; 18-22	11:12-18	19:45-48	
Greeks seek Jesus; fig tree withered	21:19-22	11:19-25	21:37-38	12:20-50
Jesus' authority challenged	21:23-22:46	11:27-12:37	20:1-44	
Denouncing the scribes and Pharisees	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	
Widow's offering		12:41-44	21:1-4	
The Olivet discourse	24:1-25:46	13:1-37	21:5-36	
Crucifixion predicted	26:1-5	14:1-2	22:1-2	
Judas's bargain	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6	
Preparation and the Passover	26:17-30	14:12-26	22:7-20	13:1-14:31
Discourse and high priestly prayer				15:1-17:26
Gethsemane	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1
Betrayal, arrest, and trial	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-14

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Jesus condemned to death and Peter's denial	26:57-75	14:53-72	22:54-65	18:15-27
Formal condemnation after dawn	27:1-2	15:1	22:66-71	
Judas' suicide	27:3-10			
Jesus' first time before Pilate	27:11-14	15:1-5	23:1-5	18:28-38
Jesus before Herod the Tetrarch			23:6-12	18:39-19:16
Jesus' second time before Pilate	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	
Soldiers mock Jesus	27:27-31	15:16-23	23:26-33	19:16-17
The crucifixion	27:32-49	15:21-36	23:26-43	19:18-29
Jesus' death	27:50-56	15:37-41	23:44-49	19:30-37
Jesus' burial	27:57-66	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42
Earthquake and tomb opened	28:1-4			
Visit of women at dawn	28:5-8	16:1-3	24:1-8	20:1
Women report to the apostles; Peter and John visit the tomb			24:9-12	20:2-10
Jesus appears first to Mary Magdalene		16:9-11		20:11-18
Jesus appears to other women; the guards report to the rulers	28:9-15			
Jesus appears to two on the road to Emmaus		16:12-13	24:13-32	
Jesus appears to Peter			24:33-35	
Jesus appears to ten, Thomas absent		16:14	24:36-43	20:19-25
Jesus appears to the eleven, Thomas present				20:26-31
Jesus appears to seven on the sea of Galilee				21:1-25
Jesus appears to about five hundred at an appointed mountain in Galilee	28:16-20	16:15-18		
Jesus appears to his brother James—1 Corinthians 15:7				
Jesus appears to his apostles again, his ascension		16:19-20	24:44-53	
Jesus appears to Paul—1 Corinthians 15:8				

