

GOSPEL OF JOHN COMPARED WITH THE SYNOPTICS


MATTHEW | MARK | LUKE

(Synoptic means "see-together")

JOHN



Focus:	WHAT Jesus taught and did
Shows us:	OUTWARDLY Shows us Jesus
Emphasis on:	Jesus' Humanity God-MAN
Begins with:	Genealogy and fulfillment of Jewish prophecy
Christ Portrayed As:	Matthew — Prophesied King (from Abraham through David) Mark — Obedient Servant (from Nazareth) Luke — Perfect Man (from Adam)
Perspective:	Historical
Ministry Location:	Mainly North around Galilee (only 1 Feast mentioned)
Original Audience:	Matthew — Jews Mark — Romans Luke — Greeks
Unique Material:	Matthew, 42% unique Mark, 7% unique Luke, 59% unique
Key Word:	Matthew, "Fulfilled" (15 times) Mark, "Immediately" (17 times) Luke, "Son of man" (26 times)
Key Verse:	Matthew 21:5, "Behold your King" Mark 10:45, "to serve" Luke 19:10, To seek and to save

Focus:	WHO Jesus is
Shows us:	INWARDLY Shows us Jesus
Emphasis on:	Jesus' Divinity GOD-Man
Begins with:	A Divine relationship and external existence
Christ Portrayed As:	John — Son of God (from Heaven)
Perspective:	Spiritual
Ministry Location:	Mainly around Jerusalem during the Feasts (3 Passovers mentioned)
Original Audience?:	All Men
Unique Material:	John, 92% unique (7 "I AM" statements) (John leaves out Jesus' birth, baptism, temptation in the wilderness, Last Supper, agony in Gethsemane, parables, demonic confrontations, and ascension)
Key Word:	John, "Believe" 
Key Verse:	"But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name." (Jn.20:31)