

FOUR GOSPELS COMPARATIVE

Gospels	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
First Intended Readers	Jewish • (40 OT quotes) • (60 references to Prophets)	Romans / Gentiles • (Explains Jewish customs)	Greeks / Gentiles	Cross-Cultural • (Mentions Hebrew, Greek, Latin on the cross)
Pictures Jesus As...	Prophe­sied King • Son of David (Abraham)	Obedient Servant • Action more than teaching	Perfect Man • Son of Man (Adam)	Divine Son • Son of God
Genealogy	From Abraham (Legal)	No genealogy	Genealogy from Adam (Bloodline)	Jn.1:1-2 to God (Pre-Existence)
Ends with...	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise: Spirit (Book of Acts chapter 2)	Promise: Return (Book of Revelation chapter 19)
Key words / Themes	• “fulfilled” (38x) • “kingdom” • “righteousness”	• “immediately” (42x) • “demon” • “kingdom of God”	• “it came to pass” (40x) • “compassion” • “sin”	• verily, verily (24x) • “believe” • “life” • “I am” • “light”
Prominent Ideas	Law and Promise	Power and Service	Grace and Salvation	Glory and Life
Ministry	Galilee	Galilee	Galilee	Judea
Face/ “Beast” (Ek.1 & Re.4)	Lion (Ensign: Judah)	Ox (Ensign: Ephraim)	Man (Ensign: Reuben)	Eagle (Ensign: Dan)
Prophe­sied “Branch”	David’s Branch (Je.23:5-6; Is.11:1)	My Servant the Branch (Zc.3:8)	Man called the Branch (Zc.6:12)	Branch of YHWH (Is.4:2)