

# THE 4 GOSPELS

Week 12

30<sup>th</sup> March

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- As we have just seen, the Bible is not one book but a library of 66 books written by over 40 people.

## The writers were:

- Shepherds
- Kings
- Fishermen
- Peasants
- Doctors
- Tax-collectors

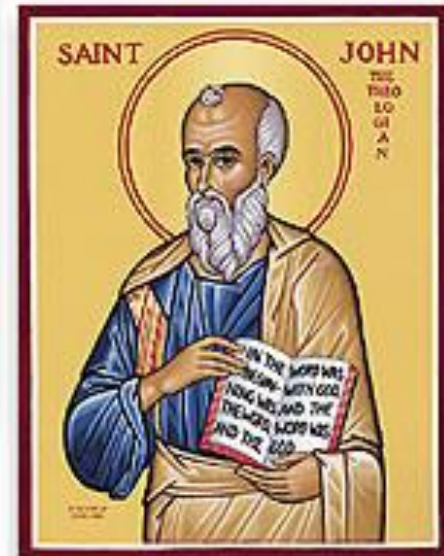
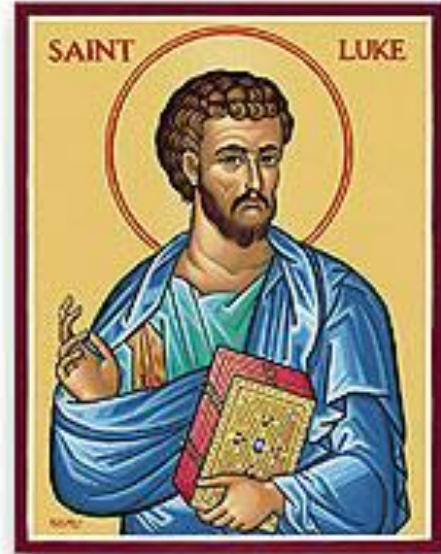
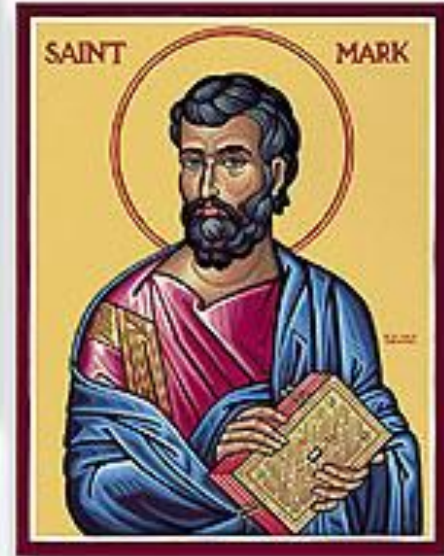
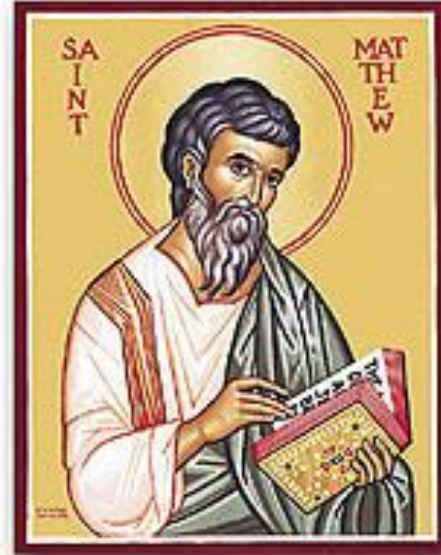


## They were from:

- Rome
- Jerusalem
- Babylon (Iraq)
- Persia (Iran)
- Greece
- Turkey

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- This week, you should spend one hour each day researching one of the 4 Gospels.
- Your task each day is to take notes on the Gospel you are learning about.
- You might want to do extra research using [Kid Rex](#) or [Kiddle](#).
- On Friday, you will write down all of the similarities and differences in all 4 Gospels.



# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

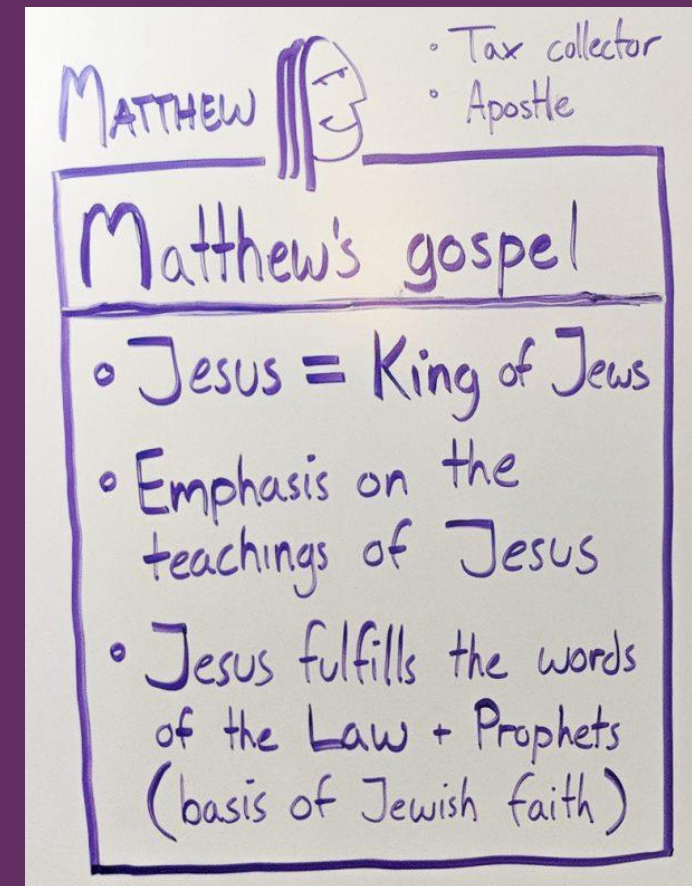
Matthew is the first gospel of the four. This gospel was written for people familiar with the Old Testament and makes more references to the Old Testament than any other gospel. Matthew takes great care to show how Jesus fulfills the prophecies made about him earlier in the Bible—especially focusing on Jesus' role as the Messiah.

In Matthew, Jesus teaches people what it means to be part of his kingdom. He is betrayed and crucified. He rises again and orders his disciples to spread the good news.

Within Matthew- Jesus is presented as a miracle worker. It is within the gospel of Matthew where these stories are found:

- Healed the blind man
- Enabled the Mute man to speak again
- Bread and wine

Another notable parable within this gospel is the story of the Wise and Foolish Builders.



# THE GOSPEL OF MARK

This is the shortest gospel.

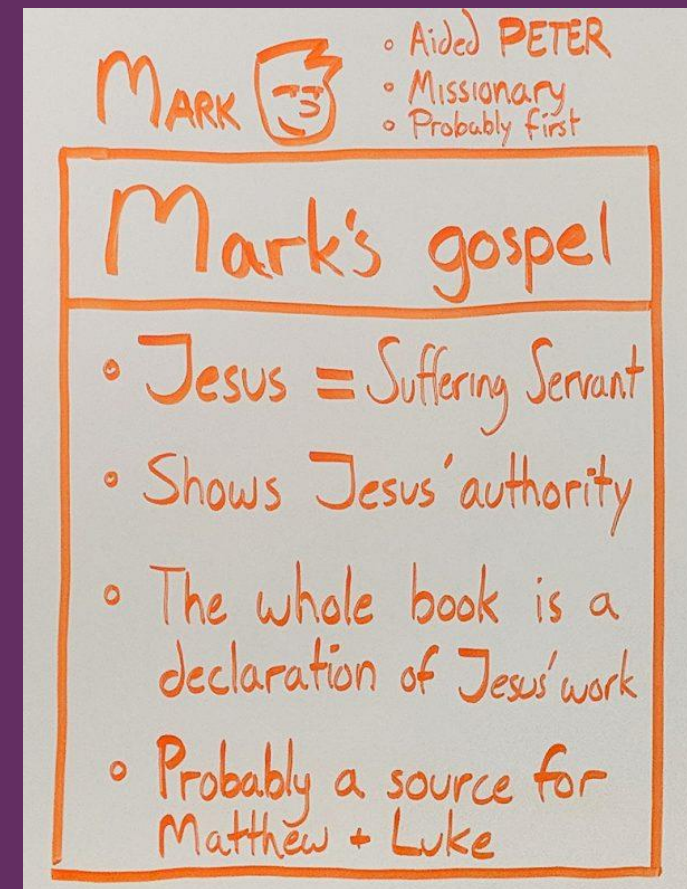
In fact, it's possible that this gospel was written so that it could be easily memorized and told aloud—written to “go viral”.

Mark's stories are not arranged chronologically; instead they're put together to give us a quick, accurate view of Jesus.

This Gospel emphasizes two important characteristics of Jesus Christ:

- His authority as the Son of God
- His compassionate service to people (particularly in miracles)

This Gospel tells stories of Jesus working hard and achieving magnificent things.



# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

This is the longest of the four gospels—in fact, it's the longest book of the New Testament for that matter.

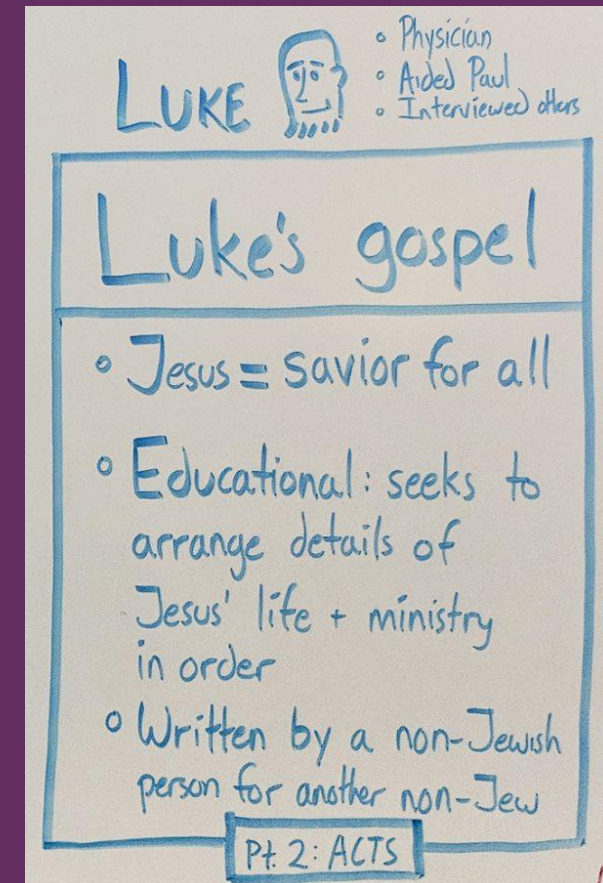
Luke is the historical, journalistic Gospel: a thorough account of the episodes in Jesus' life arranged in chronological order.

This gospel presents Jesus as the seeking saviour of all nations, a man who wanted to seek out and save those in need.

It was and continues to be a rich story of Jesus' life and ministry for both those who don't know much about Jesus and those who do.

Notable parables include:

- The good Samaritan
- The lost sheep



# THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

John is the persuasive Gospel. It's written to show the miracles of Jesus, so that those who read his story will believe in him and have everlasting life.

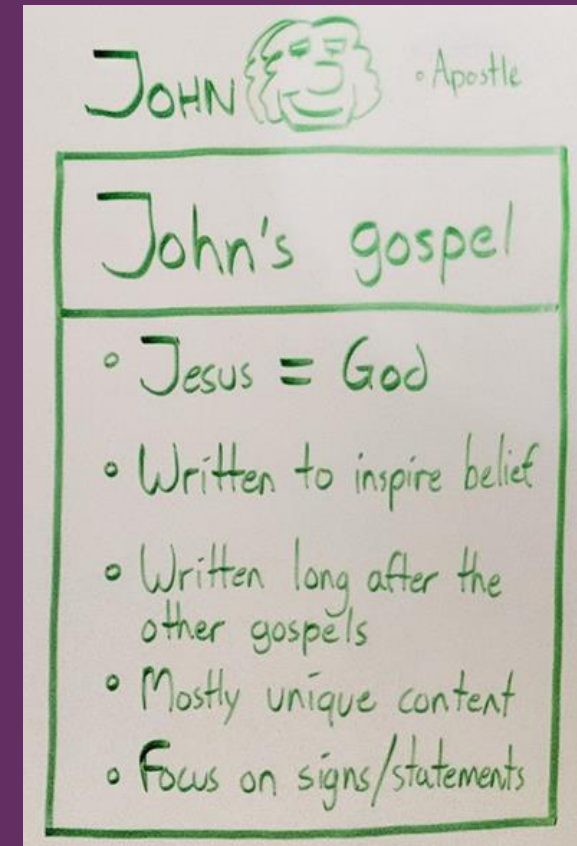
John's account of Jesus' teachings and miracles emphasize the divine nature of Jesus Christ.

To John, Jesus is the Son of God, come to destroy works of evil. The whole book is arranged to present Jesus this way.

That means the gospel of John has a very different feel from the other three. The way the gospel starts is a good example.

Mark begins with Jesus' baptism. Luke begins with the happenings surrounding Jesus' birth. Matthew begins with Abraham, and traces the generations down to Jesus. But John takes us all the way back to the very first words of the Bible:

"In the beginning". John is telling the story of the divine being who became flesh, dwelt among us, and died so that we might have everlasting life.



# SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

**Matthew**

**Mark**

**Luke**

**John**



Read	Read the information carefully.
Identify	Identify the main points from each of the first 4 Gospels.
Compare	Compare the Gospels to each other. Decide how they are similar and different.
Discuss	Discuss why Matthew, Mark, Luke and John might have decided to include different aspects of Jesus' life.

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