

Lecture 1

Authors

Matthew

- Matthew
- Also known as _____ (9:9; Mk 2:14; Lk 5:27–28)
- One of the 12 (9:9; 10:3; Mk 3:18; Lk 6:15; Ac 1:13)
- A tax collector (9:9; 10:3; [see also 5:46; 9:10–11; 11:19; 18:17; 17:24–27; 21:31–32; 22:15–19])

Mark

- Mark
- Not one of the 12
- Not an _____ (but a very well connected associate....)
 - Served under _____; learned from and recorded Peter's accounts (Ac 12:12; 1 Pet 5:13)
 - Also served with _____ (Acts 12:25; 13:5, 13; 15:37–38; 2 Tim 4:11; Phm 24)
 - Barnabas' cousin (Col 4:10)

Luke

- Authored Luke-Acts as a two-volume work
- Not one of the 12
- A _____
- A _____ (Col 4:14)
- Had a "journalistic" approach to his research and writing (Lk 1:1–4 [see also Ac 1:1])
- Served with Paul
 - The "we" passages: Acts 16:10–17; 20:5–15; 21:1–18; 27:1–28:16.
 - 2 Tim 4:11; Phm 24

John

- John
- One of the 12
- The book presents itself as an eyewitness account (cf. 1:14; 2:11; 1 Jn 1:1–4).
- Presumably the "disciple whom _____" (Jn 13:23; 19:26–27; 20:2; 21:20, 24)

- Son of Zebedee; brother of James; perhaps a cousin of Jesus (**Mt 27:56; Jn 19:25**)?¹

Audiences

Matthew— _____

Mark—Maybe _____, but intended for a _____ audience.²

Luke—Acts— _____

John— _____

Gospels as a genre

- A _____ B _____
- "T _____ B _____" ³

The Gospels' Plot

1. Pr _____ and Pr _____
2. B _____ through B _____
3. M _____, M _____, and M _____
4. D _____ unto D _____
5. A _____ and A _____

Beginnings

- Definition: Up until Jesus begins his ministry / calls his first disciples.
 - **Matthew 1:1–4:11; Mark 1:1–13; Luke 1:1–4:13; John 1:1–34**

¹ Benjamin L. Gladd, *Handbook on the Gospels* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2021), 312.

² Benjamin L. Gladd, *Mark, BTINT*, 64.

³ William W. Klein, Craig L. Blomberg, and Robert L. Hubbard, Jr., *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation* 3d ed. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2017), 512; Craig L. Blomberg, *Jesus and the Gospels: An Introduction and Survey* (Nashville: B&H, 1997), 107.

Matthew 1:1–4:11

1:1–17 G _____
1:18–25 Jesus' birth
2:1–12 Wise men
2:13–23 On the run until N _____
3:1–12 John the Baptist
3:13–17 Jesus' baptism
4:1–11 Jesus' t _____

1. A 1:1–17 3 eras, "father"
2. B 1:18–25 Holy Spirit, divine declaration, salvation, God with us
3. C 2:1–12 the way to the King, true/false worship, people coming
4. D 2:13–23 to Egypt, Bethlehem massacre, from Egypt
5. C' 3:1–12 the way of the kingdom, true/false worship, people coming
6. B' 3:13–17 Holy Spirit, divine declaration, fulfill all righteousness
7. A' 4:1–11 3 temptations, "son of God"

Mark 1:1–13

1:1–8 John the Baptist
1:9–11 Jesus' baptism
1:12–13 Jesus' temptation

- Mark is more _____.
- Mark begins with an _____ Jesus.

Luke 1:1–4:13

1:1–4 Luke's opening dedication
1:5–25 John the Baptist foretold and conceived
1:26–38 Jesus foretold and conceived
1:39–56 Mary visits Elizabeth
1:57–80 Birth of John the Baptist
2:1–21 Birth of Jesus
2:22–40 Jesus presented in the temple
2:41–52 Jesus at 12 years old
3:1–20 John the Baptist
3:21–22 Jesus' baptism
3:23–38 Genealogy
4:1–13 Jesus' temptation

- Luke gives the only preface among the Gospels (1:1–4).
- Luke alternates between J_____ and J_____.
- Luke provides some information about Jesus' _____.

John 1:1–34

1:1–5 In the beginning was the Word.

1:6–8 John the Baptist

1:9–13 The Light of the world

1:14–18 The Word became flesh.

1:19–34 The testimony of John the Baptist

- John's prologue is unique from the start. John just has a special tone!
- Obvious echo of _____.
- Despite the uniqueness of this prologue, it too presents [indeed, highlights] John the Baptist.

Endings

- Definition: _____ and after.
 - **Matthew 28:1–20; Mark 16:1–20; Luke 24:1–53; John 20:1–21:25**

Matthew 28:1–20

28:1–10 Resurrection

- 5–7—“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who is crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”
- 9–10—“Greetings!... do not be afraid; Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

28:11–15 G _____ C _____

28:16–20 G _____ C _____

Mark 16:1–20

16:1–8 Resurrection

- 6–7—“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.”

16:9–11 Jesus appears to Mary.

16:12–13 Jesus appears to two others.

16:14–20 Great Commission

Luke 24:1–53

24:1–12 Resurrection

- **5–7**—“Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

24:13–35 _____ appearance

24:36–49 _____ appearance

24:50–53 Jesus’ ascension

John 20:1–21:25

20:1–18 Resurrection

- **13**—“Woman, why are you weeping?”
- **15–17**—“Women, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?... Mary. ... Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

20:19–23 Appearance / Great Commission

20:24–29 Thomas

20:30–31 Purpose statement

21:1–14 Large catch of fish

21:15–23 Peter reinstated

21:24–25 Conclusion

Key passages

Matthew

- Genealogy (**1:1–17**)
- Discourses (esp. Sermon on the Mount [**chs. 5–7**]; see also **chs. 10; 13; 18; 23–25**)
- OT fulfillment statements (**1:22–23; 2:15, 17, 23; 4:14; 5:17; 8:17; 12:17; 13:14, 35; 21:4**)
- Great Commission (**28:18–20**)

Mark

- **1:1**—“The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
- **10:45**—“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”
- **16:9ff**

Luke

- **2:1–52** (Jesus’ birth, infancy, childhood)
- **10:25–37** (The Good Samaritan)
- **15:1–32** (The Lost sheep, coin, and son)
- **24:13–53** (Jesus’ appearances and ascension)

John

- **1:1–18** (Prologue)
- **3:16**
- ‘I am’ statements
 1. The _____ (6:35, 41)
 2. The _____ (8:12; 9:5)
 3. The _____ (10:7)
 4. The _____ (10:11)
 5. The _____ and the _____ (11:25)
 6. The _____, and the _____, and the _____ (14:6)
 7. The _____ (15:1, 5)
- Signs
 1. _____ (2:1–11)
 2. _____ (4:46–54)
 3. _____ (5:2–15)
 4. _____ (6:1–15)
 5. _____ (6:16–21)
 6. _____ (9:1–41)
 7. _____ (11:1–57)
- Foot washing (13:1–20)
- Farewell discourse (chs. 14–16)
- Purpose statement (20:30–31 [cf. 21:25])