



SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH

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*One-page study outlines for
the Gospels*



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MATTHEW

Type:
Gospel (Synoptic)

Chapters:
28

Written:
50-60 AD

Time Period:
7 BC-26 AD

Author:
Matthew (Disciple)

OVERVIEW: One of the four Gospels, this book provides a first-hand account and testimony about Jesus Christ. Matthew, one of the original Twelve Apostles, was an educated tax collector. As a Jewish man, his account is uniquely written for Jewish people to teach that Jesus Christ was the long-awaited Messiah. Matthew cited the Old Testament more than fifty times because he understood the importance of supporting his testimony with God's prophecies about the promised Messiah to resonate with a Jewish audience. This Gospel contains miracles, stories, prophecies, and teachings.

1	Birth of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Matthew 1-2	Matthew provides the genealogy of Jesus Christ going back to Abraham. When Joseph feels hesitant to wed Mary, an angel appears telling him not to fear making Mary his wife. Matthew recounts the Magi's journey, King Herod's slaughter of all male babies under two years old, Jesus' family's escape to Egypt and eventual return to Nazareth at God's instruction.
2	Teachings of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Matthew 3-25	Matthew provides the most comprehensive telling of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. There are twenty three parables in this Gospel and nine are unique, including the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, and the Parable of the Sower.
3	Miracles of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Matthew 3-25	Matthew includes eighteen miracles, two of which are unique to this Gospel: Peter walking on water, and the coin found in the mouth of the fish to pay the temple tax for Jesus and Peter.
4	Prophecies of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Matthew 3-25	Matthew recounts how Peter's confession of faith (that Jesus is the living Christ and Son of God) would be the rock on which the Church would be built. He also tells Jesus' prophecies that the kingdom would be handed over to the Gentiles, that the temple would be destroyed in less than fifty years, and shares one of the most quoted descriptions of the End Times.
5	Death, Resurrection, and Ascension Details Unique to this Gospel Matthew 26-28	Matthew shares about the thirty pieces of silver paid to Judas for betraying Jesus, and Judas' suicide. He also recounts the disturbing dream of Pilate's wife, as well as the earthquake at the Resurrection. Significantly, Matthew provides the words of the Great Commission that all believers are to share Jesus Christ's teaching throughout every corner of the earth.



MARK

Type:
Gospel (Synoptic)

Chapters:
16

Written:
50-60 AD

Time Period:
7 BC-26 AD

Author:
John (Mark*)

OVERVIEW: One of the four Gospels, this book provides a first-hand account and testimony about Jesus Christ. It is the shortest of all four Gospels. Mark's account is written by John Mark who traveled with the Apostle Paul and Barnabas on Paul's first missionary journey to Asia Minor. Unlike Matthew's account, Mark's Gospel is written to a Gentile audience, which emphasizes Jesus's actions more often than His teachings. As such, we are blessed with a vivid account of the love, mercy, and gentleness of God.

1	Birth of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Mark 1-2	Mark does not recount Jesus' birth or His early years; rather he highlights the ministry of John the Baptist, who was God's forerunner to the Messiah's appearance.
2	Teachings of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Mark 3-15	There are two parables in this Gospel which are unique to Mark's account: the first compares the kingdom of God to growing grain from seed without man's knowledge, and the second tells the need for disciples to watch for the second coming of Jesus.
3	Miracles of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Mark 3-15	Mark includes fifteen miracles, three of which are unique to this Gospel: Jesus healing the deaf man with a speech impediment in Sidon, Jesus healing the blind man at Bethsaida, and Jesus healing the boy with an unclean spirit.
4	Prophecies of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Mark 3-15	Mark shares how Jesus announces to Peter and his brother Andrew that He will make them fishers of men; Jesus bestows the title "Sons of Thunder" on James and John; and recounts the story of the power that left Jesus when the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years touched His garment.
5	Death, Resurrection, and Ascension Details Unique to this Gospel Mark 15-16	Mark recounts how a young man following Jesus after his arrest runs away naked, as well as Pilate asking whether or not Jesus was dead. Notably, the last verses of Mark (16:9-20) were not part of the earliest discovered manuscripts, yet have been included in this Gospel.

*John Mark was a friend who traveled with the Apostle Paul.



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LUKE

Type:
Gospel (Synoptic)

Chapters:
24

Written:
60-61 AD

Time Period:
7 BC-26 AD

Author:
Luke, Physician*

OVERVIEW: One of the four Gospels, this book provides a first-hand account and testimony about Jesus Christ. Luke, a physician and historian, was a Gentile seeking the truth concerning stories about Jesus. His Gospel provides a balanced view of Jesus's ministry addressed to both the Jew and Gentile. Luke spends much time exploring how Jesus interacted with the common man. His account includes more stories involving women than any other Gospel. Luke focuses on sharing the Good News that Jesus Christ offers salvation for all who believe in Him by faith.

1	Birth of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Luke 1-2	Luke tells about the miraculous births of both Jesus and John the Baptist. He includes the account of Mary visiting Elizabeth during her pregnancy, and the birth and naming of John the Baptist. Luke shares the wondrous circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth, angelic appearance to the shepherds, and Simeon and Anna who recognize Jesus and prophecies about Him.
2	Teachings of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Luke 3-21	Luke shares twenty four parables with eleven being unique to this Gospel, including Lazarus, the rich man, and the prodigal son. Luke specifically recounts many warnings spoken to various religious leaders who worked to intentionally trick and trap Jesus for persecution and eventually death.
3	Miracles of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Luke 3-21	Luke includes twenty one miracles, five of which are unique to this Gospel, including raising Nain's son from the dead, the mouth of the fish to pay the temple tax for Jesus and Peter, and the healing of the ten lepers.
4	Prophecies of Jesus Unique to this Gospel Luke 3-21	Luke recounts many prophecies of Jesus, including predicting His death three times, when Jesus claimed in the synagogue that He was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecies, and the Transfiguration (among others). Luke also shares Jesus' prediction that Jerusalem and its temple would be destroyed.
5	Death, Resurrection, and Ascension Details Unique to this Gospel Luke 22-24	Luke recounts Jesus brought before Pilate to face charges, Pilate's claiming his own innocence in sentencing Jesus to death, Jesus' trial before Herod, the criminals crucified on either side of Jesus, the last words that Jesus said from the cross, His post-resurrection appearance to the disciples, and His ascension.

*Luke was a historian, physician, and Gentile.



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JOHN

Type:
Gospel

Chapters:
21

Written:
90 AD

Time Period:
7 BC-26 AD

Author:
John (Apostle)

OVERVIEW: The Gospel of John is a masterpiece of literature and theology. It provides an extraordinary account of the ministry and testimony of Jesus Christ. Ninety percent of John's Gospel is unique from the three Synoptic Gospels. Since John's Gospel was written decades after the other three Gospels, the Apostle provides a more rounded or relatable picture of our Savior. While the other three Gospels focus on the works and words of Jesus, John provides an exalted portrait of Jesus' love and deity. John emphasizes more of the deity of Jesus as the Son of God. Uniquely, nearly one-third of John's Gospel (chapters 13-21) covers the last week of Jesus' earthly life, death, and glorious resurrection.

1	Birth of Jesus Unique to this Gospel John 1	John's Gospel begins before the Creation, rather than at the birth of Jesus. He starts with, "In the beginning was the Word...", his first words promoting the deity of Christ.
2	Miracles of Jesus Mentioned in this Gospel John 1-12	John includes a total of seven miracles, all of which reflect Jesus' divine nature. Beginning with His first public miracle of changing water to wine at Cana and ending with raising Lazarus from the dead, this particular section of Scripture is referred to as "The Book of Signs."
3	The Seven "I Am" Statements of Jesus John 6-15	Unique to this Gospel, John provides the seven "I Am" statements of Jesus: the Bread of Life (6:35); the Light of the World (8:12); the Sheep's Gate (10:7); the Good Shepherd (10:14); the Resurrection and the Life (11:25); the Way, the Truth, and the Life (14:6); and the True Vine (15:1).
4	Death, Resurrection, and Ascension (Book of Glory) John 13-21	John provides the greatest detail of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Jesus' punishment and death on Good Friday, and His resurrection narrative. Scholars often refer to John's Gospel as the "Book of Glory" because the death, resurrection, and exaltation of Jesus is repeatedly referred to as His glorification.
5	Post-Resurrection Appearances John 21	John recounts several post-resurrection appearances of Jesus as well as the mandate to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. John shares how Jesus restored Peter to ministry after Peter denied him three times. The divinity of Jesus remains an emphasized theme as John wraps up his Gospel account.

