

# THE GOSPELS

In the New Testament, there are four separate accounts of Jesus' life written by four different authors, addressed to four different audiences, with four different Gospels. Yet, all four convey the "good news" that Jesus, the Messiah and incarnation of God Himself, died on the cross for humanity's sin, then rose and was resurrected from the dead in order to reconcile the world to the Creator.

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
<b>Author</b>	original disciple	John Mark	Paul's Companion	original disciple
<b>Audience</b>				
<b>Sources</b>	Jesus/Mark	Peter	Paul	Jesus
<b>Date</b>	60s or 70s A.D.	50s or 60s A.D.	60s or 70s A.D.	90s A.D.?
<b>Emphasis</b>	Jesus and the OT	Just the Facts	The Holy Spirit	Jesus is God
<b>Key Metaphor</b>	King	Son of Man	Savior	Son of God
<b>% Unique</b>	42 %	7 %	59 %	93 %
<b>Misc.</b>	Jesus' 5 discourses Sermon on Mount	The First Gospel Jesus' birth	the Holy Spirit the poor	Jesus = God metaphors
<b>Start</b>	Jesus' birth	Jesus' baptism	Jesus' birth	beginning

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# PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

## Ministry C & D Begins

*“Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ Jesus replied, ‘Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then John consented.”*

— Matthew 3:13-15

In the story of the temptations, we recognize that Jesus is going to be a faithful instrument in service to God.

## Coronation of the King

### Jesus’ Baptism

*“[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, ‘Look, the LAMB of GOD, who takes away the SIN of the world!’ .... Then John gave this testimony: ‘I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, “The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit” I have seen and I testify that this is the SON of GOD.’” — John 1:29, 32-34*

## Desert Temptations

### The Evaluation of the King

*“At once, the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert 40 days, being tempted by Satan.” — Mark 1:12-13*

1<sup>st</sup> Temptation: *“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” — Matthew 4:3*

2<sup>nd</sup> Temptation: *“If you are the Son of God ... throw yourself down [from a high place at the temple].” — Matthew 4:6*

3<sup>rd</sup> Temptation: *“All this I will give you [authority over all nations] if you will bow down and worship me.”*

— Matthew 4:9

(In Luke, the second and third temptations are switched.)

In response to each of Satan’s temptations, Jesus quoted a passage from the Old Testament book of Deuteronomy. The best way for us to face temptations today is to know God’s Word well and wield it like a sword.