

# IGNITE TEEN HANDOUT

Week 12 – 1/23/2022

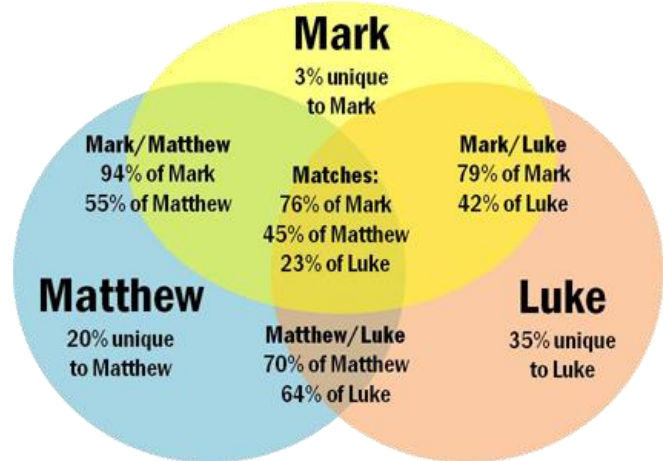
Topic: The Synoptic Gospels  
Matthew, Mark & Luke



SET THE WORLD

## So...What is the GOSPEL?

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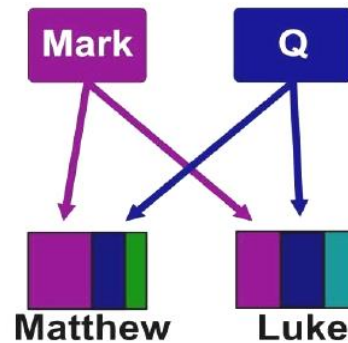
### Quick Graph Quiz

1. According to this graph which of the synoptic Gospels is the most unique?
2. Which of the synoptic gospels was a primary source for the other two?
3. What % of the material found in the gospel of Matthew is also found in the gospel of Luke?

## The "Same Eye" Gospel Tradition

- What are the Synoptic Gospels?
  - The word synoptic comes from Greek roots meaning "same eye."
  - Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called "Synoptic" Gospels because, when examined side-by-side, immediately there appears similarities in structure and content.

### Two-source Hypothesis



## Source Materials for the Synoptic Gospels

### Oral Tradition

**The Gospel of Mark** serves as a source for both Matthew and Luke

**The Q Source** – scholars have identified that Matthew and Luke shared another source in addition to the Gospel of Mark. They call this source "Q" taken from the German word *Quelle*, meaning "source."

# key words to know

**Gospel** – “the good news” of the revelation of God in and through Jesus Christ, proclaimed initially by him, then by the Apostles, and now by the Church (CYB p. 1848)

**Evangelist** – anyone who actively works to spread the Gospel of Jesus; more commonly and specifically, refers to one of the persons traditionally recognized as an author of the four gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (CYB p. 1847)

**Narrative gospel** - A narrative is a report of **related events** presented to the listeners or readers in words arranged in a **logical sequence**. The focus of a narrative gospel is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

**Oral Tradition** – the handing on of the accounts and teachings of Jesus by word of mouth.

The apostles, other disciples, friends and family of Jesus, those who heard Jesus speak, those who were healed by Jesus or witnessed Jesus’ miracles all had things they remembered Jesus saying and doing. During their lifetimes they shared these stories with each other and those interested in learning more about Jesus. This collection of materials is referred to as the oral tradition. As time went on, the Apostles and other eyewitnesses to the saving acts of Jesus were dying. People realized it was important to have a written record of the oral tradition. The written record became the Gospels as we know them.

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**Synoptic gospels** – The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke - these gospels can be “seen” or “read together,” because of the many parallels that exist among the three.

check these out



Who is Jesus?

Jesus by GodStuff explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N6P3zLm6dq0>

Jesus: Who is He? | The Alpha Youth Film Series

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWiDy22NGy8>

## Key ideas for this week

### Things to know about Gospels

A gospel is an account describing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth.

The Word Gospel means ‘good news’

The **good news** communicated in the Christian gospel - God’s love for us and saving action seen throughout the Old Testament which culminates in the person of Jesus Christ sent by God to save the world.

A Gospel is **NOT** a biography in the **modern sense** of this word; a gospel is a testimony of faith – an account of how a person or community of persons experienced Jesus as the Son of God in their lives.

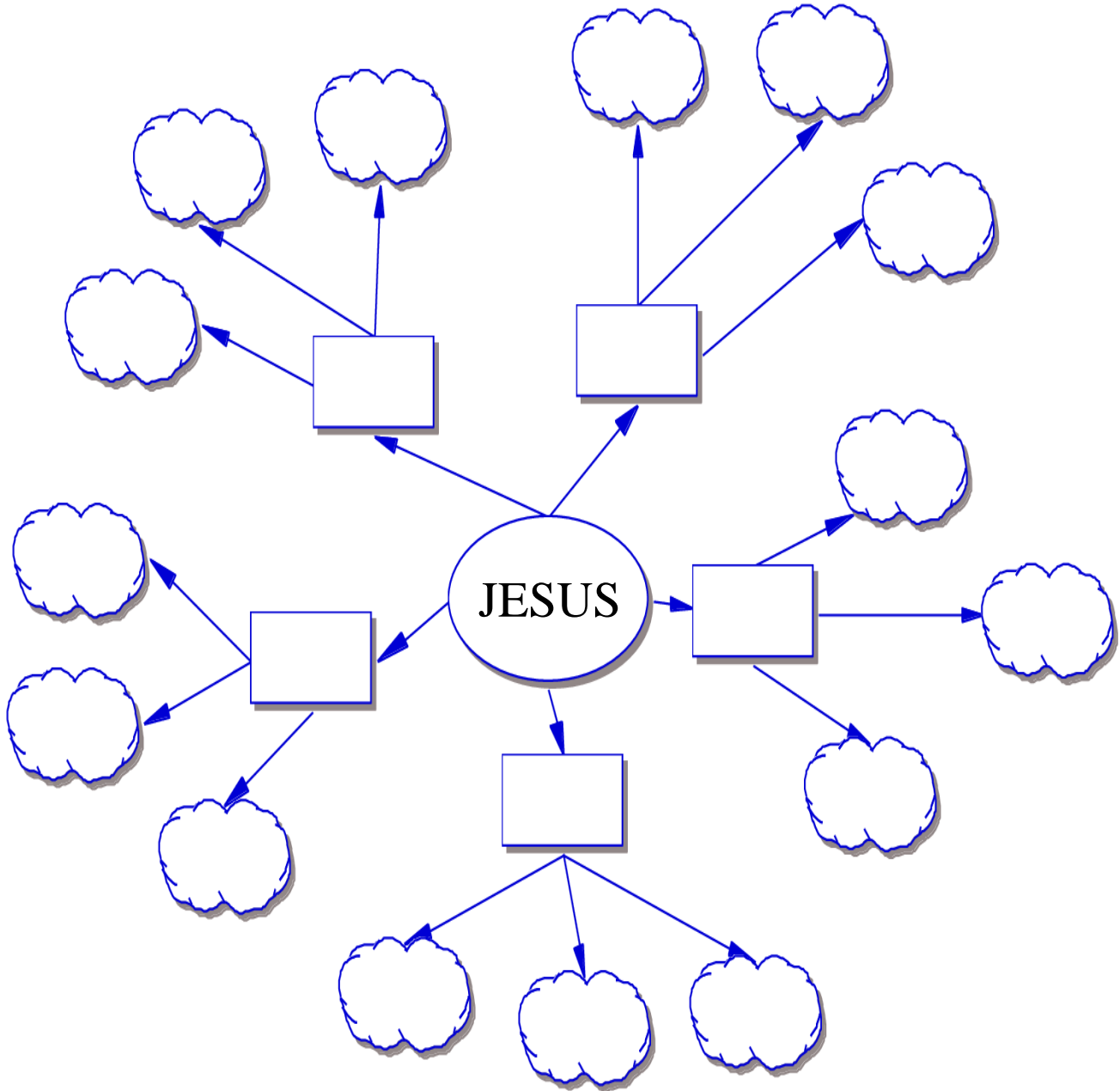
### Why do we have four gospels?

- To give a more complete picture of Christ
- To enable us to objectively verify the truthfulness of their accounts (this meets the Biblical standard which states judgment in a court of law was not to be made against a person based on the testimony of a single eyewitness but that two or three as a minimum number were required. See [\(Deuteronomy 19:15\)](#)).

The gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are considered **synoptic gospels** because

- They are all **narrative** gospels
- There are many similarities between them that are not shared by the Gospel of John. “Synoptic” means here that they can be “seen” or “read together,” indicating the many parallels that exist among the three.
  - Draw from the same source material
  - Incorporate common themes

# Mind Map: WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT JESUS



## Instructions

- Be creative – get as many ideas down on your mind map as you can in the time allotted
- Include ideas from everyone in your group – no spectators please
- Feel free to add additional arrows and shapes to this mind map to incorporate more ideas if you need to



## Luke 1: 1-4

- What four important things does this passage tell us?
- Who is Theophilus?

# LET'S RECAP...

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I wish I knew more about \_\_\_\_\_

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The thing I liked best about this week was \_\_\_\_\_

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to put my faith into action.

This week I was most inspired by \_\_\_\_\_  
because \_\_\_\_\_

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