

Basic Outlines of the Four Gospels

Mark

Introduction: John the Baptist & Jesus (1:1-15, incl. the theme of Jesus' preaching 1:14-15)

Early Ministry: healing & preaching to Jews in Galilee (1:16 – 6:52)

Expanded Ministry: mostly outside of Galilee to non-Jews (6:53 – 8:21)

Central Section: Jesus and his disciples **“On the Way” to Jerusalem (8:22 – 10:52)**

(incl. *three passion predictions* [8:31; 9:31; 10:32-34] framed by two healings of blind men)

Final Ministry: in Jerusalem, incl. Apocalyptic Discourse (11:1 – 13:37)

Passion Narrative: Last Supper, Trials, Crucifixion (14:1 – 15:47)

Conclusion: Report about the Empty Tomb (16:1-8)

[Later endings added to Mark's Gospel: 16:9-20]

Material found only in Mark: 1:1 (*Introductory Verse*); 3:19b-21 (*Jesus' Family Comes for Him*); 4:26-29 (*Parable of Seed Growing of Itself*); 7:31-37 (*Deaf Man in Decapolis*); 8:22-26 (*Blind Man of Bethsaida*); 14:51-52 (*Young Man Runs Away after Jesus' Arrest*); [16:14-18 - *Commissioning of the Eleven*]

Matthew

Genealogy & Infancy Narrative: 1–2

Narrative: 3–4

First Discourse: “Sermon on the Mount”: 5–7

Narrative: 8–9

Second Discourse: “Missionary Instructions”: 10

Narrative: 11–12

Third Discourse: “Parables Collection”: 13

Narrative: 14–17

Fourth Discourse: “Community Instructions”: 18

Narrative: 19–22

Fifth Discourse: “Sermon on Eschatology”: 23–25

Passion & Resurrection Narrative: 26–28

Material found only in Matthew: 1:1; 1:18–2:23; 5:17-20, 21-24, 27-29, 31, 33-38, 43; 6:1-8, 16-19; 7:6, 15-17, 28-29; 9:27-31, 35-38; 10:22-23; 11:1, 28-30; 13:24-30, 36-43, 44-52; 14:28-31; 16:17-19; 17:24-27; 18:15-21, 21-35; 19:10-12; 20:1-16; 21:28-32; nearly all of ch. 23; 25:1-13, 31-46; 27:3-10, 24-25, 52-53, 62-66; 28:11-15, 16-20

Material in other Gospels but significantly *different in Matthew:* 1:2-17; most of ch. 5–7 (esp. 5:3-12; 6:9-15; 7:15-20); most of ch. 10; 12:33-37; 16:13-23; much of ch. 18; 22:1-14; 25:14-30.

Luke

Literary Preface & Infancy Narrative: 1:1 – 2:52

Preparation for Ministry: 3:1 – 4:13

Galilean Ministry: 4:14 – 9:50

Journey to Jerusalem: 9:51 – 19:27

Jerusalem Ministry: 19:28 – 21:38

Passion Narrative: 22:1 – 23:56

Resurrection Appearances & Ascension: 24:1-53

Material found only in Luke: 1:1-4; 1:5–2:52; 3:10-14; 4:14-30; 5:1-11; 6:24-26; 7:11-17; 8:1-3; *much of 9:51–18:14*; 19:1-10; 19:39-44; 22:15-17, 31-32, 35-38; 23:2-16, 27-31, 34, 39-43, 46; 24:13-35, 36-49, 50-53

Material in other Gospels but significantly *different in Luke:* 3:1-2, 23-38; 6:20-26; 7:36-50; 9:18-22; 11:1-8; 14:16-24; 19:12-27; 21:34-38; 22:15-38; 24:1-12

John

Prologue: 1:1-18 (Logos Hymn: The Word in the Beginning with God; The Word becomes Flesh)

“The Book of Signs”: 1:19 – 12:50 (Wedding at Cana, Dialogue with Nicodemus, Samaritan Woman at the Well, Healing at the Pool of Bethesda, Bread of Life Discourse, Man Born Blind, Raising of Lazarus, etc.)

“The Book of Glory”: 13:1 – 20:31 (Washing the Disciples' Feet, Farewell Discourses, Jesus' Prayer, Passion Narrative, Crucifixion Scene, Resurrection Appearances, esp. to Mary Magdalene and Thomas)

Epilogue: 21:1-25 (Another Resurrection Appearance at the Sea of Tiberias/Galilee - *added later*)