

THE SYNOPTICS

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SYNOPTIC

- SYN – “Together with” OPTIC – “Seeing”
- SYNOPTIC – Seeing Together
- Matthew, Mark and Luke are noticeable similar – John is different
- “Synoptic Problem”? There is no problem. 2 Timothy 3:16
- The sending of the Messiah, Messiah’s ministry to us (death and resurrection), exaltation and promised return.
- The goal – that all, in faith, may call Jesus Lord

MATTHEW

- Matthew/Levi – tax collector, disciple of Jesus
- Written in the 50's
- Jewish in nature – the fulfillment of the OT. More quotes and allusions to the OT than any other NT author.
- A universal message
- Purpose – to prove to Jewish readers that Jesus is Messiah through the fulfillment of OT prophecies
- Jesus is the new/greater Moses

WHAT DID YOU READ?

The longest of the synoptics – 28 chapters

The genealogy of Jesus – 1:1-17

The innocents – 2:16

Blessed! 5:1-11

“yes be yes and your no, no” 5:37

Forgive – 6:14-15

Jesus calms the storm – 8:23-27

“be afraid of the one who can destroy...” 10:28

MARK

- Mark/John Mark through the testimony of the early church
- Written in the 60's
- Gentiles – people throughout Rome. Many of the Jewish customs are explained.
- **Teachings** of the cross, discipleship, Jesus, Son of God are found throughout.
- Emphasis on what Jesus did vs. what He said.

WHAT DID YOU READ?

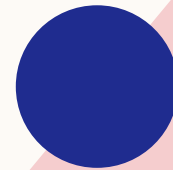
“...after digging through it” 2:1-5

Jesus’ mother and brothers 3:31-34; 6:3

Talitha koum 5:41

Marriage at the resurrection 12:25

“a young man” 14:51



LUKE

- Luke “the doctor” (Col. 4:14) and “fellow worker” (Philemon 24)
- Late 60’s
- “Part One” with Acts being part 2 – both written to Theophilus in Rome
- The “teaching” Gospel – “filling in the blanks” for Theophilus and Gentile readers.
- Strengthen the faith of Theophilus and us all
- Gentiles are included in God’s promises
- The way of salvation in Jesus

WHAT DID YOU READ?

The birth of Jesus foretold and happens 1 and 2

“you have found favor with God” 1:30

Nunc dimittis – you now dismiss 2:29-32

