

A SUGGESTED COMPARISON OF THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS AND JOHN  
WITH REFERENCE TO THE TEACHING OF CHRIST

Synoptic Gospels

Teaches mainly in Galilee except for his last week

Teaches mainly in form of short sayings and parables; Sermon on Mt. is the exception.

Teaching themes: kingdom of heaven, its nature, manner of coming and conduct suitable for it

Teaching of individuals: almost none

Teaching mainly addressed to ordinary, common people

Teaches with authority; makes claims on disciples as their Messiah

John

Teaches mainly in Jerusalem

Teaches through conversations and discourses

Teaching deals with: relation of Himself with God; themes of light, love and truth

Teaching of individuals: some

Teaching mainly addressed to His disciples and antagonistic Jews

Teaches and claims His deity and equality with God