

The Gospels

The gospels were written to _____ more than to _____.

John 20:30-31 *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

John 21:25

²⁵ *Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.*

The information that was recorded was specific _____ of the life and work of Jesus that proved Him as the Messiah.

The timespan of his active ministry to his crucifixion is only about ____ years. Followed by ____ days from the resurrection to the ascension.

_____ was written first around A.D. 62. Followed by _____ and _____ and finally _____ around A.D. 90.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are the _____ gospels.

John went beyond these already recorded events to express a _____ of Jesus.

Generally we think of:

- Luke being the Christmas story - the _____ of Jesus.
- Matthew being the _____ of Jesus.
- Mark showing intense _____ and spiritual _____ during the ministry of Jesus - uses the word immediately 41 times!
- John being the clearest explanation of the _____ of Jesus as the foundation of our salvific theology. The gospel of John is most notably known for Jesus' _____ statements in which Jesus declares himself as the true Savior through many metaphors.

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Matthew 8:23-27

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. ³⁷ And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹ And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Luke 8:22-25

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they set out, ²³ and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. ²⁴ And they went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵ He said to them, "Where is your faith?" And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?"

John 16:32-33

Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

What similarities do you see in all 4 passages?

What differences do you see in the 3 synoptic gospels?

How does the passage in John show a theology of Jesus?

How do the accounts of the miracle in the synoptic gospels serve to support Jesus' statements in the passage in John?