

# The Gospels

## Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

- ⦿ The word gospel means good news, and is a term used to define the written accounts of Jesus of Nazareth in the New Testament.
- ⦿ The four widely known gospels are the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

## The Harmony of the Gospels

- ⦿ This is used to describe the way that the four gospels have a lot in common.
- ⦿ Many stories about Jesus are repeated in all of the gospels.

## Some Stories found in all 4 gospels:

- ⦿ **Jesus's baptism** (Matt 3:13–17, Mark 1:9–11, Luke 3:21–22, and John 1:31–34)

Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in all four gospels.

- ⦿ **Feeding the five thousand** (Matt 14:13–21, Mark 6:30–44, Luke 9:10–17, John 6:1–14)

Jesus fed 5000 people with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish in the gospels.

- ⦿ **Triumphal Entry Into Jerusalem** (Matt 21:6–11, Mark 11:7–11, Luke 19:35–38, John 12:12–18)

Jesus entered into Jerusalem triumphantly, with people praising Him.

- ⦿ **Last supper** (start, and some of the teachings during it) (Matt 26:20–29, Mark 14:17–25, Luke 22:13–30, John 13:1–35)

Jesus had his last supper with his 12 disciples (who he also picked in all four gospels).

- ☉ **Jesus and the disciples go to the Mount of Olives, and Jesus tells Peter he will deny Him** (Matt 26:30–35; Mark 14:26–31; Luke 22:31–39; John 13:36–38, 14:31)

Jesus told Peter that he will deny Jesus three times before Jesus was crucified.

- ☉ **Judas's betrayal, Peter's cutting of an ear, and Jesus's arrest** (Matt 26:47–57, Mark 14:43–52, Luke 22:47–54, John 18:2–12)

Judas betrayed Jesus in all of the gospels, and Jesus was arrested.

- ☉ **Peter denies** (Matt 26:69–75; Mark 14:66–72; Luke 22:55–62; John 18:17–18, 25–27)

Peter denied Jesus, just as Jesus said he would. (3 times)

- ☉ **Jesus's death and burial** (Matt 27:46–50, 57–61; Mark 15:37, 42–47; Luke 23:46, 50–56; John 19:28–30, 38–42)

Jesus was crucified and buried in all of the gospels.

- ☉ **Women find open tomb and run to tell the apostles** (Matt 28:1, 8; Mark 16:1–4, 8; Luke 24:1–2, 9–11; John 20:1–2, 18)

The women went to Jesus' tomb and found that He was no longer there. Mary Magdalene was there in all 4 gospels.

**Activity: Fill in the blanks**

Instructions: Use the word bank to fill in the blanks.

<b>empty</b>	<b>three</b>	<b>arrested</b>	<b>tomb</b>
<b>betrayed</b>	<b>crucified</b>	<b>baptized</b>	<b>triumphant</b>
<b>Matthew</b>	<b>good news</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>supper</b>
<b>Five</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>Harmony</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Empty</b>	<b>two</b>		

1. The four gospels are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Gospel means \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The gospels are written accounts of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The term the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospels is used to describe the  
way the four books have so much alike.

In all four gospels:

5. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by John the Baptist.
6. Jesus had a last \_\_\_\_\_ with His disciples before His death.
7. Jesus fed the 5000 with \_\_\_\_\_ loaves and \_\_\_\_\_  
fish.

8. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross.
9. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ by Judas, one of His Disciples.
10. Jesus had a \_\_\_\_\_ entrance into Jerusalem.
11. Peter denied Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ times before He was crucified.
12. Jesus was buried in a \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Jesus was \_\_\_\_\_ after he was betrayed.
14. Jesus' tomb was \_\_\_\_\_ when the women came to visit it.