

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.

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

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.