

## Comparative Chart of the **Four Gospels**

<b>Gospels</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
<i>Author's profession</i>	Publican		Physician	Fisherman
<i>Probable date</i>	50 / 60's	50's	60's	90's
<i>Probable origin</i>	Antioch in Syria (?)	Rome (?) Possibly with help from Peter	Rome (?)	Ephesus
<i>Culture of first intended readers</i>	Jewish 40 OT quotes 60 references to prophets	Roman / Gentile Explains Jewish customs	Greek / Gentile	Cross-cultural Mention of Hebrew, Greek, Latin on the Cross
<i>Portrait of Jesus</i>	Prophesied King King of Israel Son of Abraham, David	Obedient Servant Servant of the Lord Action, no genealogy	Perfect Man Son of Man Son of Adam (of God)	Divine Son Son of God
<i>Genealogy</i>	Genealogy from Abraham	No genealogy	Genealogy to Adam	Genealogy John 1:1-2 to God
<i>So</i>	Royal Lawgiver Matt 28:18-20	Mighty worker Mark 16:16-20	Savior of sinners Luke 24:44-53 Jesus' historical certainty	Son of God John 20:30-31 that you may believe Jesus is the Son of God
<i>Prominent ideas</i>	Law and promise	Power and service	Grace and salvation	Glory and life
<i>Key verses</i>	Matt 1:1; 2:2; 3:15; 28:18	Mark 10:45; see also 1:1; 8:29 Peters confession	Luke 5:31-2; 19:10; see also 2:11, 34-5; 4:18-19	John 1:10-14; 3:16; 20:30-31
<i>Key words / themes</i>	fulfilled; kingdom; righteousness	immediately; (strait-way); demon; believe; Kingdom of God vs. kingdom of darkness, demons	compassion; save (with cognates); sin; prayer, concern for poor	Believe; life; light; I am; contrasts; seven I am's; seven signs; divinity of Jesus
<i>Style / outlook of writer</i>	Teacher Lengthy organized discourses, ethical content, fulfilled prophecies	Preacher Miracles, evangelistic	Litterateur Parables Travel narrative, discipleship	Theologian Doctrines, discourses on "I am = God"
<i>Broad division</i>	Synoptics: stressing humanity of Christ, from outward, earthly side			John: stressing deity of Christ, from inward, heavenly side
<i>One Gospel</i>	"To present Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the World"			