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Walk Through the New Testament
Lesson 2

THE LIFE OF CHRIST
PART 1

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John

WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

TEN LESSONS:

- 1. Overview and Relationship of the Old and New Testaments**
- 2. The Life of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John**
- 3. The Life of Christ – The 4 Gospels: Part 2**
- 4. The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles**
- 5. The Epistle to the Romans**
- 6. The Epistles to the Corinthians and the Galatians**
- 7. The Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon**
- 8. The Pastoral Epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) and Hebrews**
- 9. The General Epistles: James to Jude**
- 10. The Revelation**

DISTINCTIVES OF THE GOSPELS

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

To the Jews

To the Romans

To the Greeks

To the World

Promised
King

Obedient
Servant

Perfect
Man

Divine
Son

Lion

Ox

Man

Eagle



Ezekiel 1:10, Revelation 4:7

THE GOSPELS:

A fourfold manifestation of Christ

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
To	<u>Jews</u>	<u>Romans</u>	<u>Greeks</u>	<u>World</u>
Theme	<u>King</u>	<u>Servant</u>	<u>Man</u>	<u>Son</u>
Symbol	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Ancestry	<u>Abraham</u>	(none)	<u>Adam</u>	<u>God</u>
Traced to	Royalty	(none)	Humanity	Eternity
Emphasis	Taught	Wrought	Sought	Thought
Key Verse	5:17	10:45	19:10	10:10
Key Word	Sovereignty	Ministry	Humanity	Deity
Savior	Promised	Powerful	Perfect	Personal

Norman Geisler, *Popular Survey of the New Testament (Baker)*, p. 47, altered by JR

JESUS' MISSION STATEMENT

- **Matthew** Jesus came not to abolish the law or the prophets but to fulfill. Mt. 5:17
- **Mark** Jesus came to serve and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45
- **Luke** Jesus came to seek and to save those who are lost. Luke 19:10
- **John** Jesus came that we may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10

**Emphasis of the
Synoptic Gospels:
Matthew, Mark, Luke**

**Emphasis of
the Gospel of
John**

Public Ministry

Private ministry

Galilean ministry

Judean ministry

Parables

No parables

Human side

Divine side

Earthly aspect

Heavenly aspect



◀ Jesus' Galilean Ministry

◀ Jesus' Judean Ministry

Basic Data of the Gospels

Book	Differences	Similarities
Matthew	42%	58%
Mark	7%	93%
Luke	59%	41%
John	92%	8%

William Graham Scroggie, *Guide to the Gospels*, (Grand Rapids: Kregel, 1995)

WHO IS JESUS?

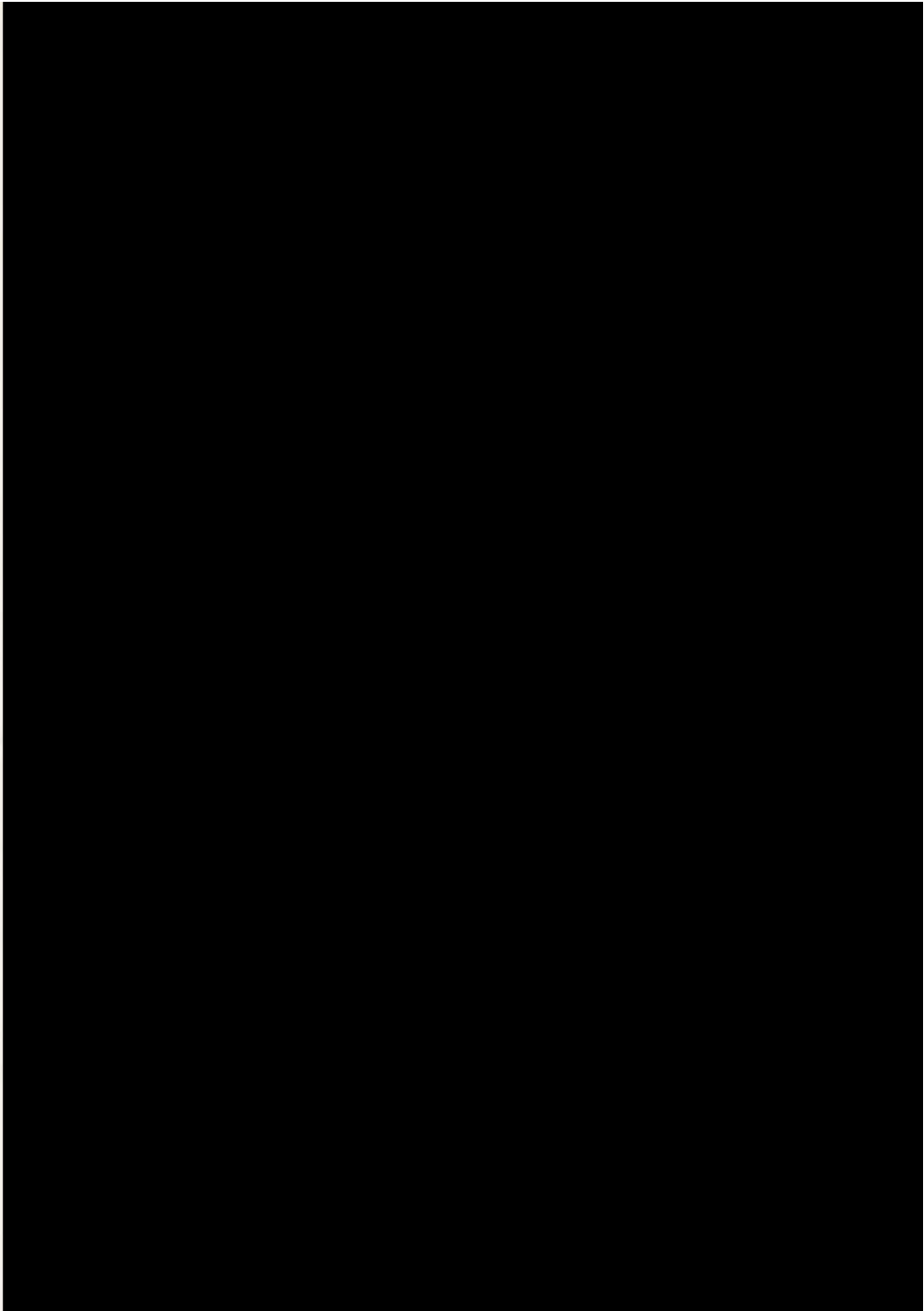
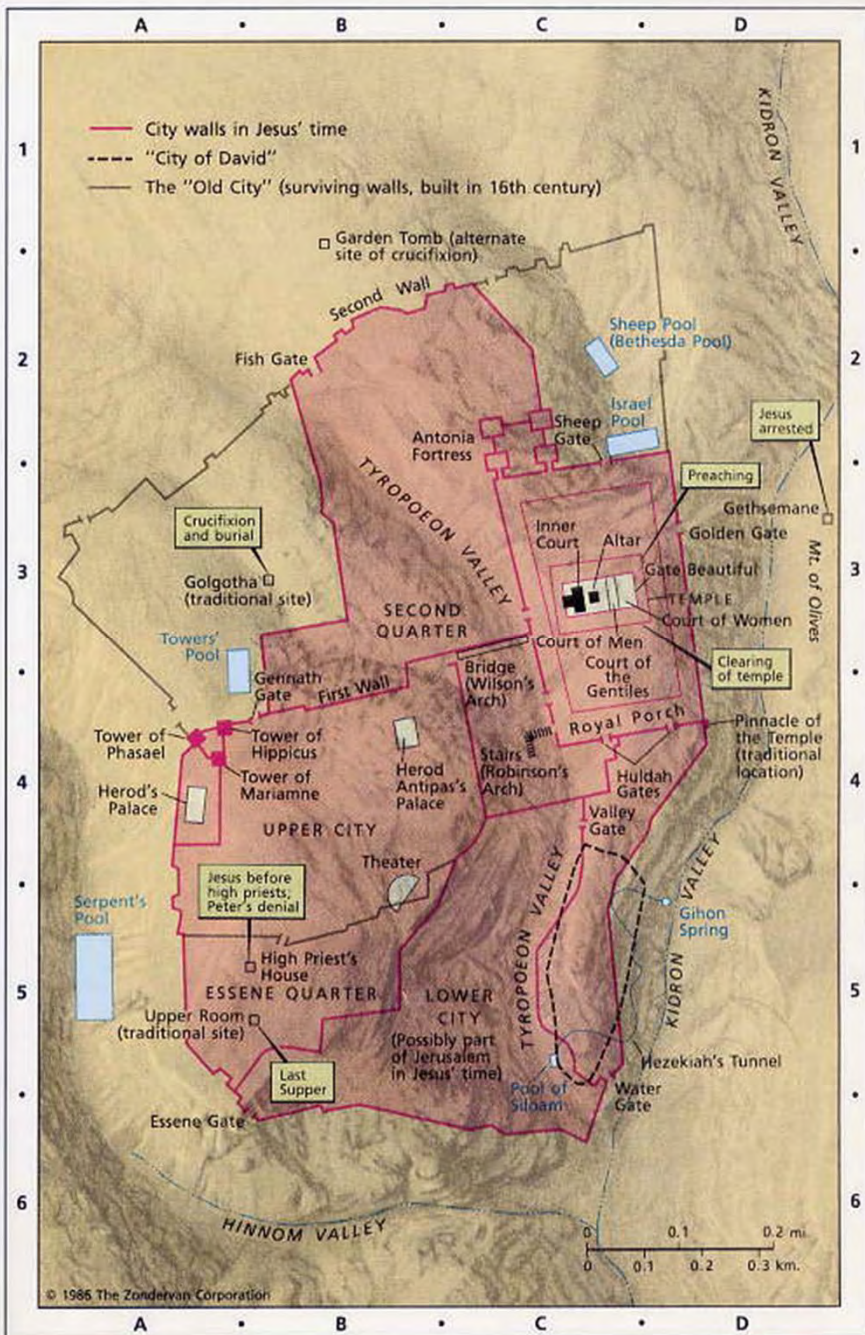
- He is the promised Messiah. Matthew 1
- He has the right credentials.
 - Legal through Joseph. Matthew 1:1-17
 - Natural through Mary. Luke 3:23-38
- He is fully God and fully Man. John 1:1-18

Who Was Matthew?



- Matthew was a Jewish tax collector working for the Romans. Mt 9:9
- His toll booth was on the international highway, called the Via Maris, that ran right by Capernaum.
- He was probably the richest of the disciples.
- He gave up the most to become a disciple. Fishermen could have returned. He could not.
- He gave a banquet for Jesus. Matt. 9:10

Map 8: JERUSALEM IN JESUS' TIME



- **When was Matthew written? About 50 AD.**
 - **“To this day”** suggests it was sometime after Jesus had risen. (27:8, 28:15)
 - Before the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD as temple was still standing. (24:15, 27:53)
- **To whom was Matthew written? Jews**
- **What is Matthew’s Emphasis?**
 - The Kingdom of Heaven/God. 34 times
 - “Your King is coming to you” Mt. 21:5
 - Jesus fulfills OT prophecies of coming King.
“fulfilled” 16 times: 1:22-23, 2:15, 2:17-18, 2:23, 4:14-16, 5:17, 8:17, 12:17-18, 13:14, 13:35, 21:4-5, 24:34, 26:54, 26:56, 27:9-10, 27:35

What is the Kingdom of God?

- The rule of an eternal sovereign God over all creatures and things. Psalm 103:19, Daniel 4:3
- The sphere of salvation entered into at the new birth. John 3:5-7
- The Kingdom of God (68x in 10 NT books) and the Kingdom of Heaven (32x in Matt) are referring to the same thing.
- We are to pray, “Thy kingdom come”.

Outline of Matthew

1. Presentation of Jesus the King 1:1-4:11
2. Teachings of Jesus the King. 4:12-7:29
3. Power of Jesus the King. 8:1-11:1
4. Opposition to Jesus the King. 11:2-16:12
5. Preparation of the Disciples. 16:13-20:34
6. Final Presentation and Rejection. 21 – 27
7. Proof of Jesus' right to be King. 28

Who Was Mark?

- John (Jewish name) Mark (Latin name) is first mentioned in Acts 12:12.
- Mark was a nephew of Barnabas. Col.4:10
- His home was in Jerusalem. Acts 12:12, 13:13
- He may have been in Gethsemane. Mk 14:51
- He helped Paul and Barnabas (Acts 13:5) and then defected (13:13).
- Barnabas took him to Cyprus. Acts 15:36
- Later, worked with Paul. Philemon 24, II Tim. 4:11
- Worked with Peter in Rome. I Peter 5:13 “my son”
- Peter probably helped Mark write the Gospel.

Outline of Mark

1. Presentation of the Lord's Servant. 1:1-13
2. Manifestation of the Servant. 1:14-3:6
3. Opposition to the Lord's Servant. 3:7-8:13
4. Instructions to the Disciples. 8:14-10:52
5. Rejection of the Lord's Servant. 11:1-15:47
6. Resurrection of the Lord's Servant. 16:1-20

Who Was Luke?

- Luke was a medical doctor. Col 4:11-14
- He emphasizes Jesus' healing ministry.
Luke 4:38-40, 5:15-25, 6:17-19, 7:11-25, 8:43-56,
9:1-11, 13:11-13, 14:2-4, 17:12-14, 22:50-51
- He was a close companion of Paul.
Acts 16:10-17, 20:5-15, 21:1-18, 27:1-28:16
- He wrote both Luke and Acts to Theophilus from Rome while Paul was in prison, 60 - 62 AD.
- He was with Paul before he died. II Tim 4:11

Outline of Luke

1. Prologue of Luke's Gospel 1:1-4
2. Coming of the Son of Man 1:5-4:13
3. Ministry of the Son of Man 4:14-9:50
4. His Ministry during Rejection 9:51-19:27
5. His Suffering and Sacrifice 19:28-23:56
6. Final Proofs of the risen Son of Man 24

Who Was John ?

- John was a fisherman with brother James. Mt 4:21
- Jesus called them “Sons of Thunder.” Mk 3:17
- He calls himself the disciple “whom Jesus loved.”
- John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, 20
- He was an eye-witness of Christ’s ministry. I Jn 1:1
- He is the only disciple mentioned at the cross. 19:26
- He became a pillar in the Jerusalem church. Gal. 2:9
- His later ministry was in Ephesus where he wrote his Gospel ca. 80-90 AD.
- He wrote Revelation while banished on Patmos.
- He died a natural death and is buried in Ephesus.



Church of St. John in Ephesus, where John is buried.

Outline of John

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| 1. | <u>Introduction</u> of the God-Man | 1 |
| 2. | <u>Presentation</u> to the Nation | 2: - 12 |
| 3. | <u>Instruction</u> to the Disciples | 13 - 17 |
| 4. | Act of <u>Redemption</u> for the World | 18 - 19 |
| 5. | <u>Revelation</u> to Believers | 20 - 21 |

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