

The Gospels Side by Side

by Douglas Connelly

| | Matthew | Mark | Luke | John |
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| Author | Jewish, former tax collector, one of Jesus' disciples | Jewish, close associate of Jesus' disciple Peter | Gentile, physician, associate of Paul | Jewish, Jesus' cousin and disciple |
| Audience | Jews | Romans | Greeks | everyone |
| Date (approx.) | A.D. 65-70 | A.D. 50 | A.D. 70 | A.D. 90-95 |
| Portrait of Jesus | promised King | Father's Servant | perfect human | fully God |
| Parables | 15 | 4 | 19 | 0 |
| Miracles | 21 | 19 | 20 | 7 |
| Unique Passages | visit of Magi (2:1-12) several parables Peter walking on water (14:28-31) Judas's suicide (27:3-10) | a naked follower, maybe Mark himself (14:51-52) | details of Jesus' birth (chaps. 1-2) Jesus' visit to the temple as a boy (2:41-52) parables of the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son (10:25-37; 15:11-32) | Jesus' first miracle, at Cana (2:1-11) raising Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44) washing the disciples' feet (13:1-17) Jesus' appearance to doubting Thomas (20:24-29) |