

MATTHEW, MARK & LUKE: THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

A. Author: Matthew, Mark, Luke

B. Title: Means “to see together” because of the high similarity between the three gospels. John is much different as we will see next week.

C. Probable Order & Theme:

- Mark: Action oriented, little teaching of Jesus
- Matthew: Jewish audience, includes more teaching of Jesus
- Luke: Gentile audience, includes even more teaching of Jesus

D. Synoptic Outline:

1. The Birth Narratives (Matt. 1-2; Luke 1-2)

a. Matthew 1-2

- Emphasis on Genealogy (Starts with Abraham; includes Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, Mary)
- Told from Joseph’s point of view
- Includes the Wise Men

b. Luke 1-2

- Genealogy is Later (Traces back to Adam; no mention of the women)
- Told from Mary’s point of view
- Emphasis on the Shepherds
- Includes the story of Jesus in the temple at 12

2. The Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-23)

a. Greek Word for Baptism= *to dip beneath the water*

b. Purpose of Jesus’ Baptism

- To inaugurate His public ministry
- To fulfill all righteousness (Matt. 3:15)
- To receive God’s validation on His ministry (Spirit descending)
- Luke tells us Jesus was 30-years-old (Luke 3:23)

3. THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS (MATT. 4:1-11; MARK 1:12-13; LUKE 4:1-13)

a. All three gospels state that the Spirit led Jesus into the desert.

b. Only Matthew and Luke give the specifics of the temptation:

- Turn stones into bread (Deut. 8:3)
- Jump off the temple pinnacle (Psa. 91:11-12)
- Bow down and worship Satan (Deut. 6:13)

4. THE GALILEAN MINISTRY OF JESUS (MATT. 5:1-20:34; MARK 1:14-10:52; LUKE 4:14-9:50)

a. Jesus Called Twelve Disciples (Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)

- From all walks of life (fishermen, tax collector, zealot, intellectual, financier)
 - Mostly uneducated (remember education was religious)
- b. Jesus’ Ministry in Galilee
- Preaching (Matt. 4:17)
 - Teaching (Matt. 5-7)
 - Healing (Matt. 4:23-25)
 - Deliverance (Matt. 9:1-8)

5. LUKE’S SPECIAL SECTION: THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM (LUKE 9:51-19:27)

a. Luke 9:51- *He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem.*

b. Some of the most loved passages in the gospels:

- The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32)
- The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)
- Jesus Blessing the Children (Luke 18:15-17)
- Zacchaeus and the Sycamore Tree (Luke 19:1-10)

6. THE PASSION NARRATIVES (MATT. 21-28; MARK 11-16; LUKE 19:28-24:53)

a. The Triumphal Entry (Luke 19:28-40)

b. Cursing the Fig Tree (Matt. 21:18-19; Mark 11:12-14)

c. Cleansing the Temple (Matt. 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-18, Luke 19:45-48)

d. Challenges to Jesus’ Authority (Matt. 21:23; Mark 11:27, Luke 20:1)

e. Predictions of Death, Resurrection & Return (Matt. 24, Mark 13, Luke 21)

f. The Last Supper (Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13)

g. Prayer of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:30; Mark 14:26; Luke 22:39)

h. Betrayal and Arrest (Matt. 26:47; Mark 14:43; Luke 22:47)

i. Jesus’ Trial (Matt. 26:57; Mark 14:53; Luke 22:54)

j. The Crucifixion (Matt. 27:31; Mark 15:20; Luke 23:26)

k. The Resurrection Appearances

E. Real Life Lessons from Matthew, Mark and Luke

1. The Virgin Birth of Jesus shows Jesus’ humanity & divinity.
2. Jesus preached, taught, and validated His Messiahship during His earthly ministry.
3. The Passion of Jesus demonstrates His love for humanity and God’s desire for a relationship with them.
4. The Resurrection of Jesus was God’s “Amen” on His life and ministry.
5. Jesus lived and died so we can die and live.

Hymns for Tonight's Worship



44...Crown Him King of Kings

54.....My Tribute

55.....Bless His Holy Name

56.....To God Be the Glory

Upcoming Events

Thurs, Aug 18 - Soccer Practices Begin!

9:00-12pm **One Heart Craft Corner**

Sat, Aug 20

3:00pm **Baby Shower for Jessica Collings - First Place**

4:00pm **Jungle Games Challenge for Students- FLC**

Sun, Aug 21

4:00pm **First Priority - First Place**

4:45pm **Surrender Choir Returns! - Choir Room**

5:00pm **Discipleship Classes & Children's Choirs - see doors for classroom assignments**

6:00pm **Evening Worship & Business Meeting - Auditorium**

Mon, Aug 22

9:00am **Homebound Visitation**

6:30pm **Search & Rescue PLUS Celebrate America Block Party Canvassing Effort #2 - We need all hands on deck for this night!**

Tues, Aug 23

11:00am **Amazing Greys Choir Rehearsal - First Place**

6:30pm **Celebrate Recovery - First Place**

CELEBRATE AMERICA
BLOCK PARTY CANVASSING & SEARCH & RESCUE
MON - 6:30PM

Wednesday Night Supper

Be sure to pick up a copy of the August menu and return it to the church office as soon as possible. We no longer have a permanent supper list, so you will need to fill out a monthly form or call in each week on Monday to make your reservations.

If you do not have supper reservations, you will be asked to please wait until 5:30pm to eat.

Serving time is 5:00 until 6:00pm.

Children 5 & under - free, ages 6 to Adult are \$4.00 each with a family max of \$16.00.



August 24, 2011

Chicken Salad on Croissant

Chips, Garden Salad & Chocolate Cake

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6:20pm

D210

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Sun, Aug 28 - 4pm - D220

Speaking Auditions

Sun, Sept 18 - 4pm - D220