

Introduction to New Testament

- **What is a gospel?**
Gospel of.....
God

- **Oral stage**
Words of Jesus
Apostolic tradition

- **Written Gospels**
Literary genre
Necessity

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- **What is a gospel?**
- **Written Gospels-type**
Synoptic Gospels
Fourth Gospel (John)

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- **Synoptic Gospels**
- Comparison between
the Synoptics-
"Synoptic Problem?"

**Common material
Differences/Distinctives**

"Q"

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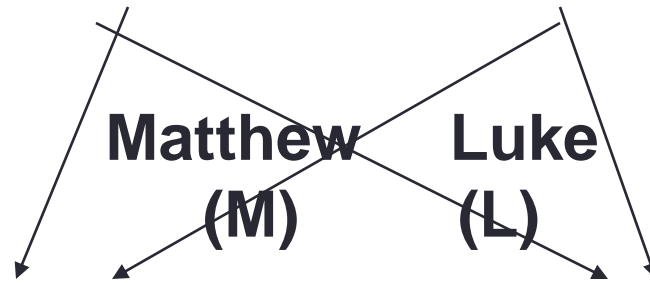
- **Synoptic Gospels**
- Theories of Dependence/Origin
 - Priority of Mark**
 - Use of “Q” source**
 - Additional distinct materials**

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- **Synoptic Gospels**

Mark

Q



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- **Synoptic Gospels**
- **Matthew only-sample**
 - Healing of 2 blind men(9)**
 - Pearl of great price (13)**
 - Parable of Fish Net (13)**
 - Laborers in vineyard (20)**
 - Wise/Foolish virgins (25)**
 - Great Judgment (25)**

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- **Synoptic Gospels**
- **Luke only-sample**

Miracle of fishes (5)

Resurrection of widow's son (7)

Good Samaritan (10)

Barren fig tree (13)

Lost coin/son(prodigal) (15)

Unrighteous judge (18)

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- **Synoptic Gospels**

- **Unity/Diversity**

Same “message”

Same purpose

Different points of view

Different audiences

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- **Fourth Gospel-John**
- Tradition independent of the Synoptic Gospels
 - Different style**
 - Different audience**
 - Connection with “beloved” disciple**

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- **The Fourfold Gospel**

- “The Gospel”-before 4th cent.
Early acceptance-2nd century

Irenaeus-

**4 quarters of the world, 4 winds, Church rest upon 4
pillars...pillars are the 4 gospels**