

Why Four Gospels?

Abundance of Data

See Jn 21:25; cf. 20:30-31.

Difference of Scope

Synoptics (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) vs. John

Difference of Perspective

Each gospel identifies Jesus in a specific, distinct way:

Gospel	Perspective
<i>Matthew</i>	King
<i>Mark</i>	Servant
<i>Luke</i>	Son of Man
<i>John</i>	Son of God

Difference of Emphasis

Each gospel has a unique emphasis:

Gospel	Emphasis
<i>Matthew</i>	Messianic qualifications
<i>Mark</i>	Constant activity
<i>Luke</i>	History/biography
<i>John</i>	Faith

The Effect of Repetition

The most important aspects of Jesus's ministry are reinforced through repetition.

The Relationship between the Testaments

“The New is in the Old contained; the Old is in the New explained.”

“The New is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed.”

Stages in the Life & Ministry of Jesus

Stage	Major Events/Teachings
<i>Introduction</i>	Preexistence, genealogies, birth, childhood
<i>Early ministry</i>	Baptism, temptation, wedding at Cana, ministry to Samaritan woman
<i>Ministry in Galilee</i>	Ministry in Nazareth and Capernaum, Sermon on the Mount, parables
<i>Training of the twelve</i>	Feeding of 5,000, walking on water, Peter's confession, transfiguration
<i>Ministry in Judea</i>	Woman taken in adultery, parables of good shepherd and good Samaritan
<i>Ministry in Perea</i>	Teaching in Perea, raising of Lazarus, teaching concerning divorce
<i>Ministry in Jerusalem</i>	Olivet Discourse, betrayal, crucifixion, burial, resurrection, ascension

Overview of the Book of Acts

Chapters	Place	Lead Character
1-7	Jerusalem	Peter
8-9	Judea and Samaria	Philip
10-28	The uttermost part of the earth	Paul

What's New about the New Testament?

- ❖ *The New Covenant*
- ❖ *The Two Comings of Christ*
- ❖ *The Holy Spirit's Indwelling*
- ❖ *The Church*