

# Comparison of the Gospels

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	<b>MARK</b>	<b>MATTHEW</b>	<b>LUKE</b>	<b>JOHN</b>
<b>Writer (Traditional)</b>	Companion of Peter, the John Mark from Acts	Former tax collector (Levi) and one of the twelve	A Greek physician and traveling companion of Paul	Former fisherman, one of the twelve, beloved disciple
<b>Date Written</b>	<b>AD 63-70</b>	<b>AD 75-80</b>	<b>AD 80-85</b>	<b>AD 90-100</b>
<b>Images of Christ</b>	<b>Man of Action</b> Proclaims the kingdom of God and forgiveness of sin, Son of Man and Liberator, calling followers	<b>Master Teacher</b> Visited at birth by magi, new Moses and King to restore Israel as promised Messiah, Deliverer and Son of God	<b>Merciful Savior</b> Visited at birth by shepherds. The compassionate Champion. Loves the poor, children, women, outcasts	<b>The God-Man</b> The Logos, Word of God, Creator and Light of the World, Son of God, Lamb of God, Redeemer in total control
<b>Written to:</b>	<b>Romans</b>	<b>Jews</b>	<b>Greeks</b>	<b>Everyone</b>
<b>The Author's Community</b>	Christian community in Rome undergoing persecution	Jewish Christian community in Antioch, Syria	Theophilus ( <i>Lover of God</i> ) possibly represents all Christians (Greece)	Community of Jews, Gentiles, and Samaritans of Ephesus In Turkey
<b>Theme: Jesus as</b>	<b>Suffering Servant</b>	<b>Messiah King</b>	<b>Redeemer</b>	<b>Son of God</b>
<b>General Theme</b>	Jesus 'takes over' from John the Baptist as the Promised One, healing, forgiving. ("immediately")	Jesus teaches what it means to be a member of the Kingdom of Heaven and a growing disciple.	Jesus finds the lost and heals divisions among people. He shows compassion for those in need of help and hope.	Jesus is God, full of grace and truth. Salvation available for those who believe and commit their lives (7 signs).
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Miracles</b>	<b>Sermons</b>	<b>Parables</b>	<b>I AM Statements</b>
<b>Historical Situation</b>	The Romans subdue armed Jewish rebellions, Christians are experiencing persecution.	Written after Rome destroyed Jerusalem whose destruction was prophesied by Jesus at the Temple.	Written when the persecution of Christians was intensifying throughout the Roman Empire.	Domitian mandated that all people worship him. Jewish leaders banned Christians from synagogues.
<b>Caesars</b>	Nero: AD 54-68)	Vespasian and Titus: AD 70-81)	Domitian: AD 81-96	Domitian: AD 81-96 Nerva: AD 96-98 Trajan: AD 98-117
<b>Key Verses</b>	<b>10:45</b>	<b>16:13-20</b>	<b>19:10</b>	<b>20:30-31</b>