

GOING DEEPER

Have you ever heard a sermon preached on the genealogy of Jesus before? If not, why do you think that might be? Was it helpful?

In your own words, what are the Gospels?

Do you have a favourite Gospel account?

How does the length of a scroll shape the Gospels?

We observed that the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) share common material, perhaps utilizing Mark as a primary source alongside a mythical Gospel called Q. Is this concept new to you and how do you feel about it?

How have you traditionally envisioned the Gospel writings to have taken place? Did what you learn today change your perspective in any way? How?

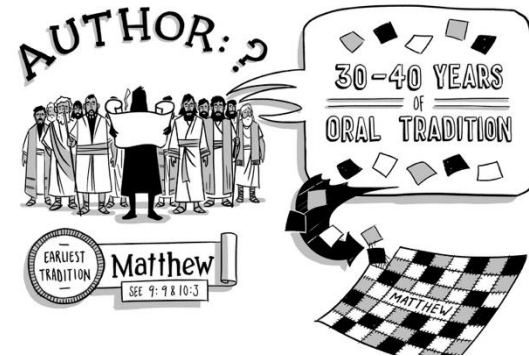
What is meant by saying that The Gospel is Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John together as whole?

Was it helpful to see how different sections of the genealogy were laid out in three sections of 14, and if so, what did you learn?

What is the significance of the 4 women who are mentioned (consider their background)?

Why only two groups of brothers? See Matthew 12:46-50

How does the birth of Jesus fulfill God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3?



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GENESIS 12:1-3 MAKES SOME HUGE PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

Κατὰ Ματθαῖον Εὐαγγέλιον
“THE GOOD NEWS ACCORDING TO MATTHEW”

GOSPELS ARE CAREFULLY DESIGNED THEOLOGICAL BIOGRAPHIES OF JESUS THAT FOCUS ON HIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE ARRIVAL OF GOD'S KINGDOM HERE ON EARTH.

MARK, THE SHORTEST GOSPEL, IS MOST LIKELY THE EARLIEST OF THE FOUR. BOTH LUKE AND MATTHEW TAKE MARK AND EXPAND UPON IT.

MATTHEW AND LUKE ALSO SHARE A LOT IN COMMON THAT ISN'T FOUND IN THE GOSPEL OF MARK. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN AN EARLY WRITING THAT IS NOW LOST TO HISTORY, WHICH WE CALL Q.

JOHN IS THE LAST TO BE WRITTEN AND PRESENTS A MATURE THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION FROM A COSMIC PERSPECTIVE

MATTHEW WAS ALMOST CERTAINLY WRITTEN ON PAPYRUS SCROLLS, A PAPER-LIKE MATERIAL MADE FROM REEDS OF THE PAPYRUS PLANT.

COLLECTIVELY ALL FOUR BOOKS WERE CALLED “THE GOSPEL” INDICATING EACH INDIVIDUAL BOOK IS BUT ONE PIECE OF THE WHOLE

MATTHEW EP 1: “23 AND ME” - MATTHEW 1:1-17
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MATTHEW'S THESIS: THAT JESUS IS THE CONTINUATION AND FULFILMENT OF THE WHOLE BIBLICAL STORY ABOUT GOD AND ISRAEL, HIGHLIGHTING THREE MAIN CHRISTOLOGICAL THEMES:



Matthew 1:1-17

The scroll of the birth-beginning (genesis) of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham:

²Abraham birthed Isaac,

Isaac birthed Jacob,

Jacob birthed Judah and his brothers,

³ Judah birthed Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar,

Perez birthed Hezron,

Hezron birthed Ram,

⁴ Ram birthed Amminadab,

Amminadab birthed Nahshon,

Nahshon birthed Salmon,

⁵ Salmon birthed Boaz, whose mother was Rahab,

Boaz birthed Obed, whose mother was Ruth,

Obed birthed Jesse,

⁶ and Jesse birthed David, the king,

and David birthed Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

⁷ Solomon birthed Rehoboam,

Rehoboam birthed Abijah,

Abijah birthed Asa,

⁸ Asa birthed Jehoshaphat,

Jehoshaphat birthed Jehoram,

Jehoram birthed Uzziah,

⁹ Uzziah birthed Jotham,

Jotham birthed Ahaz,

Ahaz birthed Hezekiah,

¹⁰ Hezekiah birthed Manasseh,

Manasseh birthed Amon,

Amon birthed Josiah,

¹¹ and Josiah birthed Jeconiah and his brothers, until the exile of Babylon.

¹² After the exile to Babylon:

Jeconiah birthed Shealtiel,

Shealtiel birthed Zerubbabel,

¹³ Zerubbabel birthed Abiud,

Abiud birthed Eliakim,

Eliakim birthed Azor,

¹⁴ Azor birthed Zadok,

Zadok birthed Akim,

Akim birthed Eliud,

¹⁵ Eliud birthed Eleazar,

Eleazar birthed Matthan,

Matthan birthed Jacob,

¹⁶ and Jacob birthed Joseph,

the husband of Mary, from whom was birthed Jesus, who is called "Messiah."

¹⁷ Thus there were fourteen generations in all from Abraham to David, fourteen generations from David to the exile to Babylon, and fourteen generations from the exile to the Christ.

OBSERVATIONS:

1. THREE GROUPS OF 14 (SORT OF)

2. WOMEN OF ILL REPUTE

3. THE UNNAMED BROTHERS (MATTHEW 12:46-50)

THE TOAL SHOULD BE 42 GENERATIONS IN ALL BUT JESUS IS THE 41ST NAME ON THE LIST (UNLESS YOU COUNT DAVID TWICE)

THE 42ND GENERATION IS THE OFFSPRING OF THE MESSIAH – WHOSE NUMERICAL VALUE IS ____.

