

Synoptic gospel relationships

MARK: likely written during the Jewish-Roman War, 66-70 CE

90% of Mark's Gospel is in Matt or Luke

MATTHEW: likely written c. 80-85, after the Jerusalem temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70 CE, to a Jewish audience, wondering about the relationship between Jesus and the Hebrew Scriptures

LUKE: likely written about the same time as Matthew to a "Gentile" audience of young adult Greco-Romans, to convince them to see Jesus' message as what will lead to a good life rather than the messages of the Roman Empire

What's in Matt AND Luke but NOT in Mark is known by scholars as "Q", from the German word for "source," *Quelle*.

Thus: Matt = Mark + Q + Matt unique material
Luke = Mark + Q + Luke unique material

EXAMPLES OF UNIQUELY LUCAN STORIES

Mary -centered annunciation/birth stories (Luke 1-2)

Fulfillment of Isaiah 61 (jubilee) as Jesus' purpose (Luke 4)

Sermon on the Level Place (Luke 6)

The women who support Jesus' ministry (Luke 8)

The journey to Jerusalem as the center of the gospel (Luke 9-19)

The Good Samaritan (Luke 10)

Mary and Martha (Luke 10)

The parable of the rich fool (Luke 12)

The bent-over woman (Luke 13)

Prodigal son (Luke 15)

The dishonest manager (Luke 16)

The rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16)

Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

The conversation on the cross (Luke 23)

The road to Emmaus (Luke 24)