

## THE GOSPELS COMPARED

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BOOK	CHARACTERISTICS	KEY WORD	JESUS	AUTHOR CLUES	DATE	PURPOSE
MATT	Prophecy Jewish Interests Liturgical -- 5 major discourses	FULFILLED	PROMISED KING	Matt 9:9 (cf. Mark 2:14; Luke 5:27f)	c. 50 AD	Demonstrate fulfilled prophecy
MARK	Action Gentile/Roman Interests Candid	IMMEDIATELY	POWERFUL SERVANT	Mark 14:51-52	c. 47 AD	Give a clear concise presentation of redemption in Christ (Mark 10:45)
LUKE	Interest in the downtrodden Intellectual vocabulary Lengthy, 2 Vol. Historical	COMPASSION	COMPASSIONATE CHRIST	Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16	c. 60 AD	Give a precise picture of Jesus and the church. Also perhaps to give a legal defense of Christianity.
JOHN	Philosophical View of Christ: With God; Messiah; Logos.  Great Themes: Love, Life, Light, Holy Spirit	LOVE	PERSONAL GOD	John 21:24; 19:35	c. 95 AD	John 20:31 -- Belief in Jesus (1) Add information to the Synoptics (2) Polemic against unbelieving Jews (3) Fight incipient Gnosticism