

I. The Synoptic Problem (www.utoronto.ca/religion/synopsis)

- a. Mark has 661 vv.; Matthew has 1,068; Luke has 1,149
- b. 80% of Mark's vv. are reproduced in Matthew and 65% in Luke
- c. 220-235 vv. that Mark and Luke share that are not in Mark (strong agreement in word order leads to conclusion that they shared a written source)
- d. When Matthew and Luke preserve the same sequence, almost always stories that they share with Mark (Mt and Lk never agree against Mark's order) = **Mark as source**
- e. When Matthew and Luke differ about sequence, often the passage they share is not found in Mark. Most of these agreements are sayings of Jesus = **Q**

II. **Matthew's Five Major Blocks:** Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5-7); Instruction to Apostles (Mt 10); Parables of Kingdom (Mt 13); Other teachings on kingdom and church (Mt 18); Apocalyptic Discourse (Mt 23-27)

III. M and L Sources

- a. **M:** Magi, flight to Egypt, Jesus on almsgiving and prayer, parables of the treasure hidden in the field, the pearl of great price, the unmerciful servant, the ten virgins
- b. **L:** birth of John the Baptist, annunciation, shepherds visiting baby Jesus, Jesus as a 12-year old, Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, good Samaritan, Lazarus and the rich man.

The Gospel According to...*Matthew*

I. Introduction

- a. 50% longer than Mark (Matthew has 19,300 words in Greek, Mark has 11,300 words)

II. Genealogy

- a. Significance of *Joseph*?

b. Matthew 1:8 vs. 2 Chr 3:10-12)

| 1 Chr 3:10-12 | Matthew 1:8 |
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| Solomon | |
| Rehoboam | |
| Abijah | |
| Asa | Asaph |
| Jehoshaphat | Jehoshaphat |
| Joram | Joram |
| Ahaziah | 3 missing generations skipped—to make theological point? |
| Joash | |
| Amaziah | |
| Azariah [known in Matthew as Uzziah] | Uzziah |
| Jotham | |

C. Women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, “wife of Uriah”, Mary

III. Virgin Birth (Matthew 1:22-23 vs. Isaiah) 7:14

a. Hebrew: ‘almah (“young woman”)

b. Greek in LXX as *parthenos* (“virgin”)

c. Latin in Vulgate as *Ecce virgo* (“Behold the virgin”)

IV. Donkey and Colt (Matthew 21:5-7; Zech 9:9)

V. Anti-Judaism (Matthew 27:25) -- “blood libel” and sibling religions