

The Gospels: Geographic Structure

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#	Item	Matthew [87 pgs; 1,071 vv]	Mark [61 pgs; 678 vv; 90% in Matthew]	Luke [96 pgs; 1,151 vv; 22% in Matthew]	John [72 pgs; 869 vv]
1	Introduction	1:1-17	1:1	1:1-4	1:1-18
2	Birth narratives, John the Baptist, Baptism, and Temptation	1:18-4:11	1:2-13	1:5-4:13	1:9-34
3	Galilee Ministry to or about the time of Peter's Confession	4:12-ch 16 <i>Note:</i> Jesus' ministry begins with Isa 9 quote in 4:15 and ends with 28:19 with "Gentiles" {40%}	1:14-ch 8 <i>Note:</i> Jesus' ministry begins with "preaching the gospel of God" {50%}	4:14-9:50* *Confession is mentioned but not (the place) Caesarea Philippi <i>Note:</i> Jesus' ministry begins with the power of the Spirit/Isa 61 (4:1,14,18) {25%}	1:35-ch 11* *Volume 1 <i>Note:</i> Peter's confession in Vol. 1 is at Capernaum - 6:59-71 <i>Note:</i> Jesus' ministry begins with miraculous events {50%}
4	Journey to Jerusalem starting with Jesus' Transfiguration	Ch 17-20 {15%}	Ch 9-10 {10%}	9:51-19:27 {40%}	---
5	Jerusalem and the Passion Week	Ch 21-28:15 {25%}	Ch 11-16:7 {40%}	19:28-24:49 {25%}	Ch 12-20* *Volume 2 {45%}
6	Ending of the Gospel	28:16-20 Disciple the Nations	16:8 Fear	24:50-53 Worship, Joy, Praise	21 Peter's Restoration
7	Sequel(s)	---	Epilogue/Addition <u>16:9-20</u>	<u>Acts</u>	[1, 2, 3 John] <u>Revelation</u>

Matthew: The Man God used to Write the 1st Gospel

- He was a Jew who knew his Bible, but somewhere in life had lost his way ... until he met Christ.
 - 9:9-13 [*His city/background, crisis, with his decision probably predicated on the preaching of Jesus, i.e. chs 5-7*].
- He was an Apostle
 - 10:1-8 [*cf. II Corinthians 12:12 "signs of an apostle"*]
- As a Jew, he was interested in matching the OT Messiah prophecies with the person of Christ.
 - Example: at least 6 prophecies packed into Matthew 1-3
 - By many counts, Matthew has 62 direct OT quotes, and about 300 allusions to the OT throughout his book.
- As a Jew who had seen both sides of the Jewish leaders, he was able to pinpoint the "woes of Israel" upon the Jewish leadership
 - Matthew 3:7 "*Pharisees*" with Luke 3:7 "*crowds*"
 - Ch 23 – 8 woes
- As a regenerated Jew who experienced the grace of God, he was able to clearly portray Jesus as the Savior of all men.
 - 1:3-6 – in his genealogy
 - 1:21-23 – in his birth announcement
 - 4:15 with 28:19 – in Jesus ministry: the salvation of the Gentiles
 - Ch 8-9 – physical miracles upon 'the untouchables.'

Mathew's Unique Book Development – Around 5 SERMONS

*35% of Book (377 verses) = the 5 recorded sermons of Jesus

*Repeated formula after Jesus finished teaching: 7:28; 11:1; 13:53; 19:1; 26:1

No.	Matthew	Mark	Luke
1	ch 5-7 " Sermon on the Mount " *chs 8-9 = 9 miracles – all should be great! BUT . . . (next sermon)	3:13	6:20-49
2	ch 10 " Apostle's Mission " *ch 11-12 = ch 11 unrepentance and ch 12 – unpardonable sin	6:7-13	9:1-11
3	ch 13 " 7 Parables of the Kingdom " *ch 14-17 = Private ministry to his 12 [14:13 with issues of ch 17]	4:3-34	8:1-21
4	ch 18 " True Conversion " *ch 19-22 = preparing and entering Jerusalem for His passion	9:33-50	9:46-50
5a	ch 23 " 8 Woes to the Pharisees " * <i>The Leaders</i> of Jewish Worship *Does not conclude with Widow's Mite narrative as Mark & Luke	12:37b-44	20:45-21:4
5b	ch 24-25 " End Time Judgment " * <i>The Place</i> of Jewish worship *Ch 26-28 - Passion, Resurrection, and Great Commission	13:1-37	21:5-38