

LUKE & JOHN

A Comparison of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Portraits of Jesus	The Prophesied King	The Obedient Servant	The Perfect Man	The Divine Son
Prominent Words	"fulfilled"	"straightaway"	"Son of man"	"believe"
Cultures of the Original Readers	Jews	Romans	Greeks	Church
Outlook & Style of the Writers	Teacher	Preacher	Litterateur	Theologian
Outstanding Sections	Sermons	Miracles	Parables	Doctrines
Prominent Ideas	Law	Power	Grace	Glory
Broad Division	Stresses the humanity of Christ, from the outward, earthly side			Stresses the Deity of Christ

LUKE



Was Luke the Author of Luke?



Internal Evidence

- The author was often a traveling companion of Paul as he uses the first person in Acts 16:10; 17; 20:6; 27:1
- Timothy & Mark are referred to in the 3rd person (Acts 20:5)
So neither of them could be the author.
Thus, Luke is the only remaining possibility
- His theological emphasis is similar to Paul's
- Luke fits the known character of the author by his use of medical terms, his Greek interest, and his literary ability.
- Both Luke & Acts are addressed to the same person...
Theophilus



Was Luke the Author of Luke?



External Evidence

- It bears Luke's name in the earliest manuscripts
- It was accepted as Luke's by the early church fathers...
 - Irenaeus
 - Tertullian
 - Clement
 - Origin
 - Gregory of Nasianzus
 - Jerome
 - Eusebius



Why was Luke written?



It was aimed to confirm the christian faith to a Greek convert Theophilus as well as to the Greek world as a whole



What is Luke about?



Christ is the Savior for the Gentiles - **Luke 19:10**

→ Gentile emphasis is shown by...

- Tracing Jesus genealogy to Adam
- Explaining Jewish customs & locations
- References to the Roman Officials
- The use of the word “teacher” instead of “rabbi”
- Almost exclusive use of the Septuagint



Unique Features of Luke?



Luke has more emphasis on woman



Only Luke records...

- The birth of John the Baptist
- Jesus birth & childhood
- Mary's Magnificat
- Jesus preaching at Nazareth
- The story of the Good Samaritan
- The story of the Prodigal Son
- The story of Zacchaeus
- Herod's mocking of Jesus
- The experience of the two Emmaus disciples

JOHN

Comparison between the Synoptics & John

Matthew, Mark & Luke	John
Chiefly concerned with Jesus' ministry in the north around Galilee	Gives more coverage to Jesus' ministry in the south around Judea
Emphasis on "Kingdom Inheritance"	Emphasis on the person of Jesus and "Eternal Life Inheritance"
Jesus as the Son of David	Jesus as the Son of God
The earthly story	The heavenly meaning
Jesus sayings are generally short	More of the long discourses of Jesus
Comparatively little commentary by the writer	Much commentary by John



Was John the Author of John?



Traditionally, it is assigned to the Apostle John,
“the beloved disciple” John 21:20-24



Internal Evidence

- The author was a Jew...
 - Words, Symbols, Customs, OT Knowledge
- The author lived in Israel...
 - Knows Geography & Topography of land well
- He was an eyewitness of...
 - Persons, Times, Numbers, Places. Manners
- The one the the 12 Disciples & part of the inner circle
- He is one of the disciples referred to but unnamed in
John 21:2.



Was John the Author of John?



External Evidence

- The early testimony of Irenaeus, who knew John's disciple Polycarp, confirmed that it was written by John
- It was accepted by the early church fathers...
 - Clement of Alexandria
 - Tertullian
 - Eusebius



Why was John written?



John 20:30-31 “That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”



What is John about?



Eternal life comes through belief in Christ

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COMPARISONS OF JOHN 1:1 & 1:14

Proving that Jesus is indeed the Messiah, the Son of God

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word → And the Word was made flesh

and the Word was with God → and dwelt among us

and the Word was God → full of grace and truth

John 1:14



What is John about?



The 7 “I Ams”

1. “I am the bread of life” John 6:35
2. “I am the light of the world” John 8:12
3. “I am the door for the sheep” John 10:7,9
4. “I am the good shepherd” John 10:11,14
5. “I am the resurrection and the life” John 11:25
6. “I am the way, the truth, and the life” John 14:6
7. “Before Abraham was, I am” John 8:58 + Exodus 3:14



What is John about?

The Seven Signs...

1. The Wedding @ Cana (2:1-12)
2. Healing of the Official's son (4:43-54)
3. The Pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
4. Feeding of the five thousand (6:1-15)
5. Walking on water (6:22-59)
6. The blind man sees (9:1-41)
7. Raising Lazarus (11:1-44)

Miracles...

- To reveal the person and mission of Jesus Christ
- To bring people to believe in Jesus as Savior



What is John about?

Four Main Sections of John's Gospel

John 1:1	John 5:1	John 12:36b	John 18:1-21:25
IDENTIFICATIONS	CONFLICTS	INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP	REDEMPTIVE WORK
TRUE CLAIMS	FALSE CHARGES	INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP	REDEMPTIVE WORK
Introductions to the people	Opposition by the Jewish Rulers	Instructions for the Disciples	Experiences in triumph