

A COMPARATIVE CHART OF THE FOUR GOSPELS

| THE GOSPELS | MARK | MATTHEW | LUKE | JOHN |
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| Probable date of writing | 50's | 60's | 60's | 80's or 90's |
| Probable place of writing | Rome | Antioch in Syria | Rome | Ephesus |
| First intended reading audience | Gentiles in Rome | Jews in Syria (and Palestine?) | Interested Gentile enquirers | General population of Asia Minor |
| Thematic emphasis | Jesus' redemptive activity | Jesus the Jewish Messiah and His disciples, the new people of God | The historical certainty of the Gospel | Believing in Jesus for eternal life |