

Synoptic Problem

- ↳ Sun-optic (synoptic)—with one eye
- ↳ Confidence church saw differences and didn't correct or try to harmonize them.
- ↳ What does that say about their belief in the sanctity of the text and also its historical reliability?
- ↳ Why not legend? time & corroborating eyewitnesses
- ↳ Wouldn't things be covered up like disciples dumbness, tax-collectors, Samaritans, unbelief of disciples, family....Peter's denials

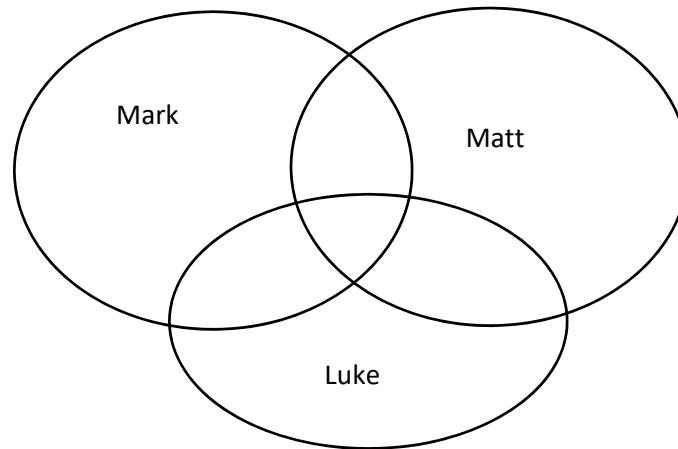
Similarities

- ↳ Same broad chronological order
- ↳ Same wording in many passages
 - ☞ Healing of the Paralytic: Mat 9:6; Mk 2:10; Lk 5:24
 - ☞ Mat 9:6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sin..." Then he said to the paralytic.
 - ☞ Mk 2:10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sin...." He said to the paralytic.
 - ☞ Lk 5:24: But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralyzed man.
- ↳ John Bapt. OT quote: Mat 3:3; Mk 1:3; Lk 3:4
- ↳ This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one calling in the desert, "Prepare the way for the LORD make straight paths for him." =LXX
- ↳ A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the LORD make straight.. = Massoretic Text Isa. 40:3

Similarities – Wescott's Percentages

| Gospel | Differences | Similarities |
|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Mark | | |
| Matthew | | |
| Luke | | |
| John | | |

Synoptic Overlap



Differences: QC TON

☞ **Order** -- Mat 4/Lk 4: Temptation sequence

☞ Mat 4

Luke 4

- ☞ Rocks to bread Rocks to bread
- ☞ Pinnacle –jump Kingdoms-worship
- ☞ Kingdoms-worship Pinnacle-Jump
- ☞ Next: Mat. kingdom Next: hill-thrown
off (v.28)

☞ **Quotation Variation:** Title on Cross, Peter

- ☞ Mat 27:37 This is Jesus, the king of the Jews
- ☞ Mk 15:26 the king of the Jews
- ☞ Lk 23:38 This is the king of the Jews
- ☞ Jn 19:19 Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews

☞ **Peter's quote:** Who do you say I am?

- ☞ Mt 16:16 "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God"
- ☞ Mk 8:29: "You are the Christ"
- ☞ Lk 9:20: "The Christ of God"

☞ **Number Variation:** Demonic(s) into pigs

☞ Mat 8:28 2 demoniacs

☞ Mk 5:2 1 demoniac

☞ **Timing Variation:**

☞ Temple cleansing: Jn 2 beginning, Mat 21 end

☞ Fig withered immediately Mt 21:19;
Mk 11:20 next day—lit. framing

☞ **Contradiction:** take a staff, do not take staff (Mat 10:10; Mk. 6:8f)

Cleansing of the Temple

☞ Found in all four Gospels: Mt. 21:10ff; Mk. 11:15ff; Lk. 19:45f; Jn 2:13ff

☞ Question: What is the function of the story of the cleansing of the temple?

☞ Priestly

☞ Sage

☞ Messianic King

☞ Prophetic

Mark 11: Prophetic Rejection

☞ Context

☞ 1) Framing A (Curses Fig Tree) 11:12f

☞ 2) Temple clearing incident (11:15ff)

☞ 3) Outcome: 11:18f; crowds amazed// kill him

☞ 4) Framing B (Witnessed Fig Tree) 11:20ff

☞ Changing money/Pilgrims

☞ Prophetic rejection/judgment announcement—Isa 56:7; Jer. 7:11

Matthew 21: Messianic restoration

☞ Context flow

☞ Hosanna to the Son of David 21:9-10

☞ Incident: temple cleansing 21:12ff

☞ Hosannas continue with healings: 21:14-17 –Son of David; lips of children you ordain praise

☞ Messianic restoration: city hosannas v. 9-10

- ↳ Lame healed, outsiders brought in v. 14f
- ↳ Insiders become opponents –minor role v. 16
- ↳ Next day Fig tree: --disconnected from cleansing; lesson on prayer

Luke 19:45f temple place of teaching

- ↳ Context: lament over Jerusalem, foreshadow to day of Lord, destruction of Jerusalem; God coming to you...
- ↳ Mutes incident: no reference to money-changers, doves, no details
- ↳ Taken as an example of sage Jesus' teaching function splits audience,
- ↳ (Luke only: Jesus as child teaching in temple area)—2:46

John 2: temple building to body

- ↳ Self-contained story: no triumphal entry, donkey, fig tree → destroy this temple 3 days
- ↳ Beginning or end of Jesus life? 2X?
- ↳ Actions more extreme; no quote about “den of thieves, house of prayer” from Jer. 7
- ↳ Destroy this temple → body
- ↳ Reconfiguring of temple from Jerusalem to Jesus as meeting place of God
- ↳ Four Gospels, same story, used 4 different ways

Cleansing of the Temple

- ↳ Religious defense of temple: Presence of God → his body (3 days destroy) (John)
- ↳ Coming Day of Lord, sage teaching (Luke)
- ↳ Messianic King: hosannas, redefining the temple in kingdom (Mat.)
- ↳ Prophetic: rejection and judgment (Mark)

Documentary Solutions: 1 Source, 2 Source, 4 Source Theories

What is Q source?

Form Critical Approach

- ↳ Oral Traditions

- ↳ Genre types

- ⊘ Pronouncement stories—controversy stories
 - ⊘ Miracle stories (Therapeutic/non-therapeutic)
 - ⊘ Stories about Jesus
 - ⊘ Sayings of Jesus
 - ⊘ Passion Narrative
 - ⊘ Parables—why hidden meaning?
 - ⊘ engagement/attractive mystery
 - ⊘ Oral → written needed, why? 3 reasons

General Rules for explaining differences

Q TTWPP (Q Tip)

- ↳ Quotes: = / ≈

- ↳ Twice occurring event

- ↳ Translation differences (Aramaic to Greek)

- ↳ Witnesses different

- ↳ Purpose (writer/audience)

- ↳ Part/Whole: 1 / 2