

Differing Aspects of Christ Presented in the Four Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Possible time of writing	About A.D. 60	About A.D. 58	About A.D. 60	About A.D. 98
Portrait of Jesus	Mighty King	Obedient Servant	Ideal son of Man	Divine Son of God
Key word or phrase	Fulfill what was spoken	Immediately	Son of Man	Believe, Son of God
Emphasis	Power of Christ	Service of Christ	Sympathy of Christ	Wisdom of Christ
Allegorical Comparison (Ez. 1:10)	Lion	Ox	Man	Eagle
Gospel ending	Resurrection	Ascension (in the "long" ending)	Coming of Holy Spirit	Return of Jesus to earth
Four aspects of "The Branch" according to Old Testament prophecies	Jer. 23:5-6; 33:15 "I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just & right in the land."	Zec. 3:8 "I am going to bring my servant, the Branch."	Is. 11:1-3; Zec. 6:12 "Here is the man whose name is the Branch."	Is. 4:2 "The Branch of the Lord."

Differences from the Gospel of John

Wikipedia Encyclopedia

Item	Matthew, Mark, Luke	John
First event mentioned	Jesus' birth (Matthew), Jesus' baptism (Mark), Foretelling of the birth of John the Baptist (Luke)	The assertion that the Word of God is God, and has always been God
Authors: according to Early Christian tradition	Apostle Matthew; Mark the Evangelist cousin of Barnabas, or Mark, Peter's scribe; and Luke the Evangelist, companion of Paul & brother of Barnabas	Apostle John (suggested by Irenaeus first)
Authors: according to contemporary scholarship	Depends on scholar and book, authorship of each book is currently in question	Authorship in question, possibly written in Ephesus
Virgin birth	Mentioned in Matthew & Luke	Not explicitly mentioned
Jesus as Son of God	From the time of his birth or baptism	From the time that the universe was created
Description of Jesus	Jesus' humanity emphasized	Jesus' deity emphasized
Jesus' baptism	Described	Not mentioned
Jesus storytelling approach	Typically parable	Allegorical and metaphor
Theme of his teaching	Kingdom of God/Heaven	Jesus Himself. Kingdom of God is a background theme

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Jesus' theology	Deviated little from 1 st century AD liberal Judaism. Similar to beliefs taught by Hillel the Elder (e.g.. "golden rule")	Largely independent of Judaism and in opposition to much of its teaching
Miracles performed by Jesus	Many "nature miracles", healings, and exorcisms	Seven signs; "nature miracles"; resurrection of Lazarus
Jesus references to himself	Rare	Focus of the gospel, including the many "I am" sayings
Duration of ministry	1 year (Events leading up to Passover)	3 years (Multiple Passovers)
Who carried the cross	Simon	Jesus
Who was present in the tomb?	One angel or two men	Two angels