

Theology of Mark

- What is a Gospel?
- Diagrams of the four gospels
- Discerning the theology of the Gospels
- Distinctives of Mark

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What is a Gospel?

- Gospels are like Greco-Roman biographies.
 - But...proclamation and invitation.
 - Kerygmatic narrative (Matera 5).
 - Genre invented by Mark?
 - Greek: *euangelion* = herald's proclamation.
 - English: gospel = good news.
- Gospel vs. gospel.
 - Canonical book = Gospel
 - Message of the good news = gospel.

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What is a Gospel?

- The gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - Good news about Jesus?
 - Good news Jesus proclaims?
- How did the proclaimer become the proclaimed?
 - A. Loisy: "Jesus preached the kingdom, but it was the church that came!"
 - Paul the founder of Christianity?
 - Jesus inaugurated the kingdom of God.

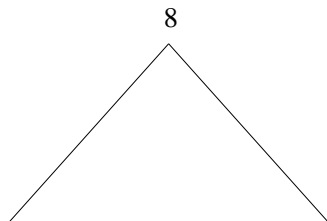
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What is a Gospel?

- The gospel of God
 - Good news about God?
 - Good news that God offers?
- Content of the gospel of God:
 - The arrival of God's kingdom and the response it demands (Mark 1:15).
 - What God has accomplished in his Son, Jesus Christ.

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The Four Gospels: Mark



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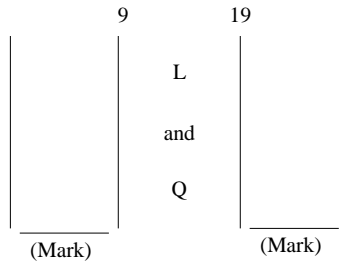
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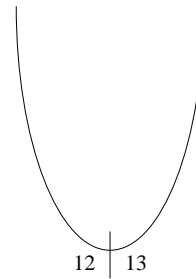
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The Four Gospels: John



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Theology of the Synoptics

- The evangelists are theologians, too.
- Redaction criticism - how the evangelists adapted (“edited”) the Jesus material to suit their theological purposes (process).
- Composition criticism - the structure, contents, and themes of the Gospel document as a whole (end product).
- These two are often grouped together as “redaction criticism.”

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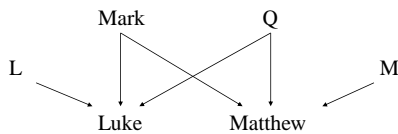
Theology of the Synoptics

- Doing redaction criticism requires a theory of the literary relationship between the Gospels (the “Synoptic Problem”).
- Most common = “two-source hypothesis” (Mark and Q).
- Also = “four-source hypothesis” (Mark, Q, M, L).

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Theology of the Synoptics

- “Two source hypothesis” and “four source hypothesis” solution to the Synoptic Problem:



Q = Quelle (source); L = material unique to Luke; M = material unique to Matthew.

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Distinctives of Mark

- Theological distinctives of Mark?

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