

**Matthew:** Purpose: To clearly show the Jews that Jesus is the Promised Messiah.  
Describes Jesus as King of Israel.  
Emphasizes the disciples as students of their Lord.

**Mark:** Purpose: To exhort the Roman Christians to follow Christ at all costs.  
Describes Jesus as Servant of God.  
Emphasizes the disciples as followers of their Lord.

**Luke:** Purpose: To write an orderly account of the historical facts about Jesus.  
Describes Jesus as the Son of man.  
Emphasizes the cost of discipleship.

**John:** Purpose: To persuade his readers to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Describes Jesus as the Son of God.  
Emphasizes the disciples as confidantes of their Lord.

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Matthew's Gospel revolves around the **discourses** of Jesus.

There are six sections starting with narrative and ending with His teaching and instructions.

Ch. 1-7 "When Jesus had ended these sayings..." (7:28)  
Ch. 8-10 "When Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples..." (11:1)  
Ch. 11-13:52 "When Jesus had finished these parables..." (13:53)  
Ch. 13:53-18 "When Jesus had finished these sayings..." (19:1)  
Ch. 19-25 "When Jesus had finished all these sayings..." (26:1)  
Ch. 26-28 Now go and tell others! (28:19-20)

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**"From that time..."** dividing the Gospel in three sections.

Ch. 1:1 -4:16 The Coming of Jesus  
4:17 - "From that time Jesus began to preach.."  
Ch. 4:17 -16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus  
16:21 - "From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to  
Jerusalem, and suffer ... be killed ... be raised..."  
Ch. 16:21 -28:20 The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

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Matthew has **seven mountains** relative to Jesus' ministry

--Mount of temptation (4:8)  
--Mount of Beatitudes (5:1)  
--Mount of prayer (14:23)  
--Mount of compassion (15:29)  
--Mount of transfiguration (17:1)  
--Mount of Olives (24:3)  
--Mount of the Great Commission (28:16)