

# Mark Harmonized with Matthew and Luke

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Operation Teaching Tools

Mark, most likely, was the first to write down the messages and miracles of Jesus. He wrote his Gospel using the help of Peter and he wrote quickly in order to distribute the story as much as possible during a time of persecution and death for the original eyewitnesses. The other Gospels do not write to replace, correct, or contradict Mark. They write from different places for different audiences with more time (perhaps less urgency) to supplement Mark and tell more of the Gospel message and the life of Jesus. Matthew and Luke most likely used Mark's Gospel as an aide when they wrote.

What follows is a reference guide for finding the stories and messages told by Mark in the other Gospels. Matthew, Luke, and John tell stories and message that Mark did not include. However, this guide will give you a resource to find how the stories included in Mark are also recorded in the other Gospels. It is helpful to note that the only parts of Mark's Gospel not included in any other Gospel are Mark 1:1; 3:20-21; 4:26-29; 7:31-37; 8:22-26; 14:51-52.

Description	Mark	Matthew	Luke	Note:
Prophecy regarding John the Baptist	Mark 1:2-3	Matthew 3:3	Luke 3:4-6	Each one cites Isaiah 40:3 but Mark also includes Malachi 3:1.
Description of John the Baptist	1:4-8	3:1-2, 4-6, 11	3:1-3, 16	Luke sought to date John the Baptist's ministry by including information regarding the leadership that existed during that time both politically and religiously. Matthew and Luke both give us larger samples of John's sermons than Mark.
The Baptism of Jesus	1:9-11	3:13-17	3:21-22	Only Matthew records the reluctance of John to baptize Jesus.
The Temptation of Jesus	1:12-13	4:1-11	4:1-13	Only Mark mentions the "wild animals." Matthew and Luke list the three individual temptations, although they do not order them in the same sequence. Matthew is probably more chronological while Luke intentionally ends with the temptation at the Temple for thematic purposes. Joel B. Green notes that Luke ends with the Temple temptation "in symbolic anticipation of the definitive test to face Jesus in his passion" (NICNT).
Jesus Begins Ministry in Galilee	1:14-15	4:12-17	4:14	
Jesus Calls the first Disciples	1:16-20	4:18-22	5:1-11	Luke gives more of the story of the calling of Peter and identifies James and John as his fishing partners.

Jesus teaches and drives out a demon in Capernaum	1:21-28	4:13 (see also 7:28-29)	Luke 4:31-37	Matthew does not include the story of the exorcism in Capernaum
Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law	1:29-31	8:14-15	4:38-39	Matthew records Jesus giving the Sermon on the Mount before this event
Jesus heals many people and casts out many demons near Capernaum	1:32-34	8:16-17	4:40-41	
Jesus departs Capernaum	1:35-38		4:42-23	
Jesus travels through Galilee	1:39	4:23	4:44	
Jesus Heals a Leper	1:40-45	8:1-4	5:12-16	
Jesus Heals a Paralytic Man	2:1-12	9:1-8	5:17-26	Mark mentions that the paralytic was carried by four men
The Calling of Levi (Matthew)	2:13-17	9:9-13	5:27-32	Mark and Luke identify this tax collector as Levi but Matthew refers to him as Matthew. This is most likely the same person. Many men in the New Testament have multiple names (Peter/Simon/Cephas, Saul/Paul, Joseph/Barnabas, etc.) so this name variation would not be unusual or
Jesus Questioned about Fasting	2:18-22	9:14-17	5:33-39	Matthew identifies the questioners as the disciples of John the Baptist
Jesus Questioned about the Sabbath	2:23-28	12:1-8	6:1-5	
Jesus Healed a Man on the Sabbath	3:1-6	12:9-14	6:6-11	
Crowds Come to See Jesus	3:7-12	Matthew mentions similar accounts in 4:24-25 and 12:15-16	6:17-19	
Jesus Designates the Twelve Apostles	3:13-19	10:1-4	6:12-16	It is unclear if Mark used the term "apostles" here but Matthew and Luke do. Other than some reordering among the Gospels, the primary difference is that Luke identified Thaddaeus by his other name, Judas, Son of James. Matthew and Mark may prefer Thaddaeus due to the negativity associated with the name Judas.
The Family of Jesus Came For Him	3:20-21			Although the other Gospels mentions how the family of Jesus didn't understand his ministry, Mark is the only Gospel that records this particular incident.

Jesus Accused of Being Demonic AND Jesus Teaches on Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit	3:22-30	Matthew mentions similar accounts in 9:32-34 and 12:22-37	Luke mentions similar accounts in 11:14-28; 12:10; 6:43-45	Beelzebul or Beelzebub literally means "lord of the flies" or "lord of the dung heap" and is another term for Satan. The teaching on blasphemy against the Holy Spirit arises because some are calling the work of God the work of Satan.
Jesus' Mother and Brothers	3:31-35	12:46-50	8:13-21	
The Parable of the Sower	4:1-20	13:1-23	8:4-15	
The Parable of the Lamp	4:21-25	Matthew includes similar language in 5:15; 10:26; 7:2; 13:12	8:16-18	
The Parable of the Growing	4:26-29			Only mentioned by Mark
The Parable of the Mustard	4:30-32	13:32-32	13:18-19	
Jesus' Use of Parables	4:33-34	13:34-35		Matthew explains that this is also to fulfill Psalm 78:2. Luke does not record this.
Jesus Calms the Storm	4:35-41	8:23-27	8:22-25	
Jesus in the Gerasene Region	5:1-20	8:28-34	8:26-39	This is also called the region of the Gadarenes. While Mark and Luke focus on one of the demon possessed men there, Matthew reports that there was also a second.
Jesus Heals a Sick Woman and the Daughter of Jairus	5:21-43	9:18-26	8:40-56	
Jesus Rejected in Nazareth	6:1-6	13:53-58	4:16-30	Luke records that it was also during this incident that Jesus proclaimed in the synagogue to be the fulfillment of Isaiah 61.
Jesus Sends Out the Twelve	6:7-13	10:1-42	Luke 9:1-6	
Herod Antipas Considers Jesus	6:14-16	14:1-2	9:7-9	Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great. After his father's death, Rome appointed him to govern a portion of his father's kingdom including Galilee.
The Imprisonment of John the Baptist	6:17-18	14:3-4	3:19-20	
The death of John the Baptist	6:19-29	14:5-12		John the Baptist's death is not recorded in Luke
Jesus Feeds the 5,000	6:30-44	14:13-21	9:10-17	John also records this miracle in John 6:1-15. This is one of the few events outside of the death and resurrection that is found in all four Gospels.
Jesus Walks on Water	6:45-52	14:22-33		
Jesus Visits Gennesaret	6:53-56	14:34-36		

Jesus Teaches on the Clean and the Unclean	7:1-23	15:1-20	11:37-41	
Jesus Responds to the Syrophoenician Woman	7:24-30	15:21-28		Matthew calls her a Canaanite, she was a Gentile lady.
Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man	7:31-37	15:29-31		Even through Matthew references this journey of Jesus, no other Gospel writer but Mark includes the story of the man healed when Jesus put his fingers in the man's ears.
Jesus Feeds the 4,000	8:1-10	15:32-39		
Warning Against the Pharisees and Herod	8:14-21	16:5-12	12:1	
Jesus Heals a Blind Man in Bethsaida	8:22-26			Only recorded by Mark
Peter's Identifies Jesus as the Christ	8:27-30	16:13-20	9:18-21	
Jesus Predicts his Death	8:31-33	16:21-23	9:22	
Jesus' Call to Take up the Cross	8:34-38, 9:1	16:24-28	9:23-27	John mentions a similar teaching in John 12:25
The Transfiguration	9:2-13	17:1-13	9:25-36	
Healing of a Demon Possessed Boy	9:14-29	14:14-21	9:37-43	
Jesus Predicts his Death Again	9:30-32	17:22-23	9:44-45	
Jesus Teaching of Greatness	9:33-37	18:1-5	9:46-48	
The Unknown Exorcist	9:38-41	10:42	9:49-50	
Dealing with Temptation and Sin	9:42-50	18:6-9	Luke mentions similar teaching in 17:1-2 and 14:34-35	
Jesus Travels to Judea	10:1	19:1-2	9:51	
Jesus' Teaching on Divorce	10:2-12	19:3-12	16:8	
Jesus Blesses the Children	10:13-16	19:13-15	18:15-17	
The Rich Young Man	10:17-22	19:16-22	18:18-23	Luke identifies him as a ruler.
The Sacrifices and Rewards of Discipleship	10:23-31	19:23-30	18:24-30	
Jesus Predicts his Death a Third Time	10:32-34	20:17-19	18:31-34	
The Requests of James and John	10:35-45	20:20-28	22:24-27	Matthew mentions that the mother of James and John also bring this request to Jesus on behalf of her sons. Luke mentions that this issues arose again at the Last
The Healing of Bartimaeus	10:46-52	20:29-34	18:35-43	Matthew also reports a similar incident is Matthew 9:27-31
The Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem	11:1-11	21:1-11	19:28-40	John also reports this event in John 12:12-19. Luke reports that as Jesus wept over Jerusalem as he neared the city.

Jesus Curses the Fig Tree	11:12-14	21:18-19	Luke reports a Parable of Jesus which is similar to this event in Luke 13:6-9	
Jesus Clears the Temple	11:15-19	21:12-13	19:45-48	John records an earlier incident where Jesus did the same clearing out of the Temple in John 2:13-17
The Fig Tree Withered	11:20-26	21:20-22		Even though Matthew records the fig tree event as a single event, Mark indicates that it actually happened over two days.
The Authority of Jesus is Questioned	11:27-33	21:23-27	20:1-8	
The Parable of the Tenants	12:1-12	21:33-46	20:9-19	
Paying Taxes to Caesar	12:13-17	22:15-22	20:20-26	
Marriage at the Resurrection	12:18-27	22:23-33	20:27-40	
The Greatest Commandment	12:28-34	22:34-40	10:25-28	Luke indicates that after this teaching on the greatest commandment Jesus gave the parable of the good Samaritan.
The Sonship of Jesus	12:35-37	22:41-43	20:41-44	
Jesus Warns about the Pharisees and Scribes	12:38-40	23:1-36	20:45-47	Matthew gives an expanded version of Jesus' comments regarding the religious leaders.
The Widow's Offering	12:41-44		21:1-4	
Jesus' Teaching on the Last Days	the whole of chapter 13	the whole of chapter 24	21:5-36	Matthew indicates that Jesus further teaches on the last days with three parables regarding the last days: the parable of the ten virgins, the parable of the talents, and the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25).
The Plot Against Jesus	14:1-2	26:1-5	22:1-2	John also mentions this plot in John 11:47-53.
Jesus Anointed at Bethany	14:3-9	26:6-13	7:36-50	John mentions a similar event in John 12:1-8. These stories are probably referring to the same event but with John giving additional details. However, Jesus may have been anointed multiple times by multiple people in various places.
The Plot of Judas Against Jesus	14:10-11	26:14-16	22:3-6	John gives further details about the actions of Judas in John 13:2, 26-27
The Last Supper	14:12-26	26:17-30	22:7-23	John gives further details about the last supper including more of Jesus' teaching and a description of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-20).

Peter's Denial Predicted	14:27-31	26:31-35	22:31-34	John also describes this in John 13:36-38
Jesus Prays at Gethsemane	14:32-42	26:36-46	22:39-46	
Jesus Arrested	14:43-52	26:47-56	22:47-53	John also mentions this in John 18:1-12 and is the only writer who indicates that Peter is the one who cut off the ear of the servant.
Jesus Stands Trial Before the Sanhedrin	14:53-65	26:57-68	22:54-71	John also mentions this in John 18:13-24
Peter Denies Knowing Jesus	14:66-72	26:69-75	22:56-62	see also John 18:25-27
Jesus Stands Trial Before Pilate	15:1-15	27:1-26	23:1-25	John also mentions this in John 18. Luke indicates that Jesus was sent to two Herod Antipas in the midst of his Trial before Pilate but then sent back to Pilate by Herod.
Jesus Abused by Soldiers	15:16-20	27:27-31a		see also John 19:2-3
Jesus Taken for Crucifixion	15:21-22	27:31b-32	23:26-32	see also John 19:17
Jesus Crucified	15:23-32	27:33-44	23:33-43	see also John 19:18-27
Jesus Died	15:33-41	27:45-56	23:44-49	see also John 19:28-37
Jesus Placed in the Tomb	15:42-47	27:57-66	23:50-56	see also John 19:32-42
The Resurrection of Jesus	16:1-8	28:1-10	24:1-12	see also John 20:1-13

The ending of Mark is in dispute. Some manuscripts include Mark 16:9-20 while others have Mark ending at 16:8. There is nothing in Mark 16:9-20 that disagrees with Scripture so the content is not the issue. The only question is regarding if the additional verses were in the original or added after Mark wrote.

Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene	16:9-11			Matthew and Luke include this story with the description of the Resurrection (see above). John also reports this in John 20:14-18
Jesus Appears to His Disciples	16:12-14		24:13-43	John gives more details of these appearances of the resurrected Jesus in John 20:19 - 21:25
The Great Commission	16:15-18	28:16-20		
Jesus Ascends into Heaven	16:19-20		24:44-53	see also Acts 1:1-11