

## The Four Gospels Compared

Gospel	Primary Audience <sup>8</sup>	Portrait <sup>9</sup>	Key Verses <sup>10</sup>	Genealogy	Face of Cherubim <sup>11</sup>	Camp of Israel <sup>[4.7.2]</sup>	The Branch <sup>12</sup>
<b>Matthew</b>	Jews	King Messiah	Mtt. 1:1; 16:16; 20:28	From Abraham  (Mtt. 1:1)	Lion  (Gen. 49:9; Rev. 5:5)	Judah  (East)	King  (Jer. 23:5-6)
<b>Mark</b>	Romans	Lowly Servant	Mark 1:8; 8:27; 10:45; 15:34	None <sup>13</sup>	Ox	Ephraim  (West)	Servant  (Zec. 3:8)
<b>Luke</b>	Hellenists	Son of Man	Luke 19:10	From Adam  (Luke 3:23)	Man  (Dan. 7:13)	Reuben  (South)	Man  (Zec. 6:12)
<b>John</b>	Greek World	Son of God  (Ps. 2:7; Pr. 30:4)	John 20:31	From Eternity  (John 1:1)	Eagle  (Gen. 49:16)	Dan  (North)	Lord  (Isa. 4:2) <sup>14</sup>

### Notes

<sup>8</sup> W. A. Criswell and Paige Patterson, eds., *The Holy Bible: Baptist Study Edition* (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991), 1328.

<sup>9</sup> [Ibid.] [Graham W. Scroggie, *A Guide to the Gospels* (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1995, 1948), 95].

<sup>10</sup> Criswell, *The Holy Bible: Baptist Study Edition*, 1328.

<sup>11</sup> Eze. 1:10; 10:14; Rev. 4:7; 21:13.

<sup>12</sup> “The identification of the ‘Branch’ (Hebrew, *zemach*) with the Messiah is as least as old as the Targum Jonathan (50 B.C.), which at both Zec. 3:8 and 6:12 translated *zemach* ‘Branch’ as *mashiach* ‘Messiah.’”—Randall Price, *The Coming Last Days Temple* (Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 1999), 230. “The epithet ‘Branch’ ( *צֶמַח* [*šemah*] derives from the verb used here ( *צָמַח*: [*yīšm’ḥ*] , ‘will sprout up’) to describe the rise of the Messiah. . . . In the immediate context this refers to Zerubbabel, but the ultimate referent is Jesus.”—*New Electronic Translation : NET Bible*, electronic edition (Dallas, TX: Biblical Studies Press, 1998), Zec. 6:12.

<sup>13</sup> The genealogy of a servant is unimportant.

<sup>14</sup> *LORD* here is *יהוה* [*yhwh*] , God.