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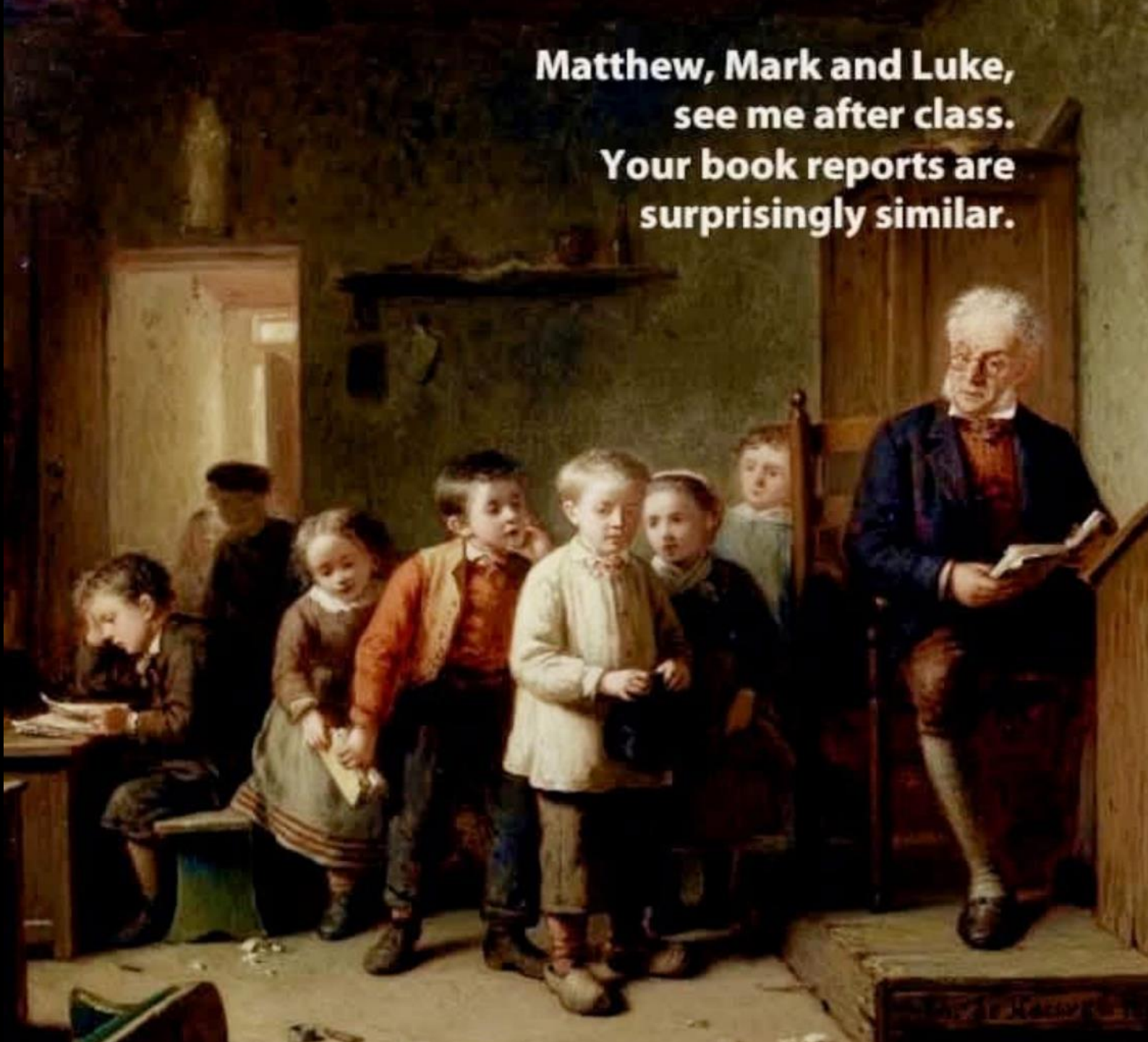
Eyewitnesses

SESSION 2:
MATTHEW & LUKE

Prework Discussion

- How would you define “the kingdom of God?” Share your definition in a group of 2 or 3.
- How is Gary Burge’s definition similar to—or different from—your own?

**Matthew, Mark and Luke,
see me after class.
Your book reports are
surprisingly similar.**



Opening Discussion

- Matthew, Mark and Luke are all very similar. Why do you think we have them all? Why not just one of them?
- Matthew, Mark and Luke all emphasize particular themes. Which one do you think most accurately reflects Jesus's actual teaching?

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Experiencing Synopsis

What happened when the soldiers arrested Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane?

- Mark 14:43-51
- Matthew 26:47-56
- Luke 22:47-53
- [John 18:1-14]

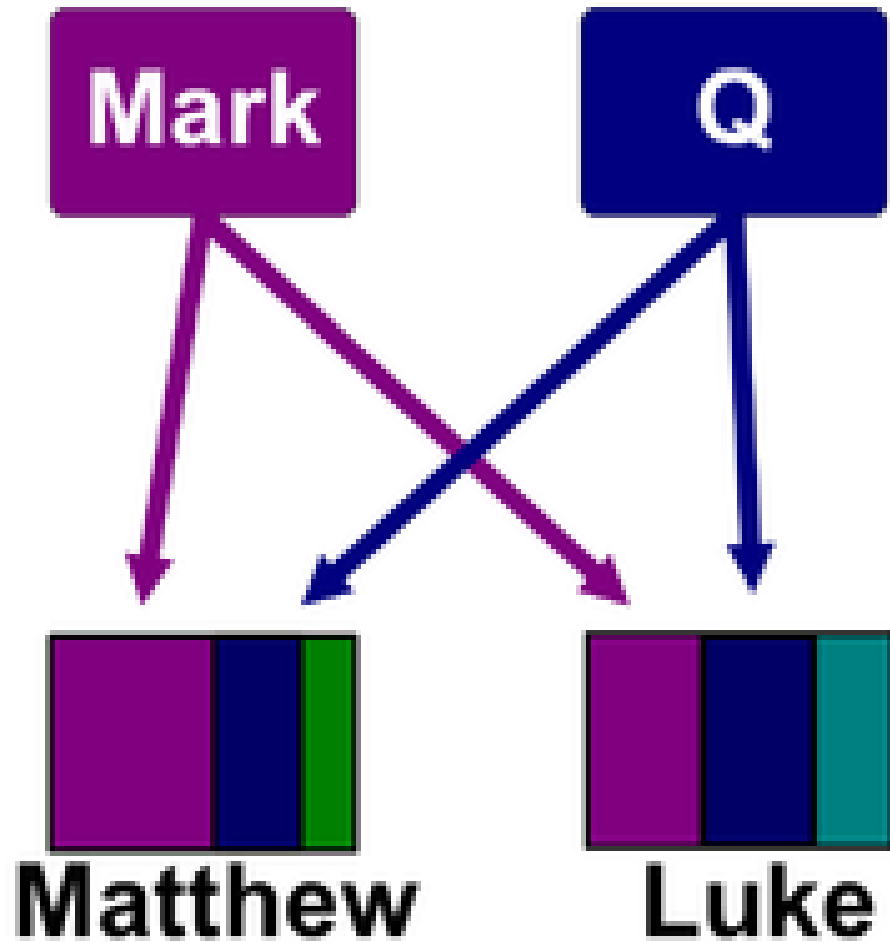
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- These are not differing eyewitness accounts “No, *actually...*” but complementary eyewitness accounts “Yes, *also...*”

Gospel Sources

Luke 1:1-4

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. ³ With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.



Synoptic Similarities

- Only 3% of Mark is *not* repeated in either Matthew or Luke
- When Matthew and Luke alter Mark in some way, they do so in different ways.
- Matthew and Luke share 250 verses that are not found in Mark. This is referred to as Q.

The Gospel of Matthew

and the theme of fulfillment



Basic Info:

- Author: The Apostle Matthew/Levi (Tax Collector)
- Date: 60's
- Jewish audience
- Why was Matthew placed first in the New Testament?

Literary Structure

- Five sections of narrative then teaching (discourse)
 - “When Jesus had finished these sayings...”
- Echoes the five books of the Torah
- Emphasizes fulfillment of Prophecy and Law

Jesus as Fulfillment of the Old Testament



In the line of Abraham & David



Childhood like Moses



Passes wilderness testing



Gives the true interpretation of Torah from the mountain



New family of God with 12 Apostles



Beats the Serpent and can rule as the King (David's heir) forever.

*First
Coming
of Jesus*

*Second
Coming
of Jesus*

The Age to Come

(kingdom of light)

Fall—Promise

Last Days—Already/Not Yet

Eternity—Paradise

This Age

(kingdom of darkness)

Overlapping Ages

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It seemed good to the Greeks of Asia, in the opinion of the high priest Apollonius of Menophilus Azanitus: 'Since Providence, which has ordered all things and is deeply interested in our life, has set in most perfect order by giving us Augustus, whom she filled with virtue that he might benefit humankind, sending him as a **savior**, both for us and for our descendants, that he might end war and arrange all things, and since he, Caesar, by his appearance.... surpassing all previous benefactors, and not even leaving to posterity any hope of surpassing what he has done, and since the birthday of the god Augustus was the beginning of the **good tiding** for the world that came by reason of him...

“God’s kingdom, to the Jew-in-the-village in the first half of the first century, meant the coming vindication of Israel, victory over the pagans, the eventual gift of peace, justice and prosperity. It is scarcely surprising that, when a prophet appeared announcing that this kingdom was dawning, and that Israel’s God was at last becoming king, he found an eager audience”

(N.T. Wright, *Jesus and the Victory of God*, 204).

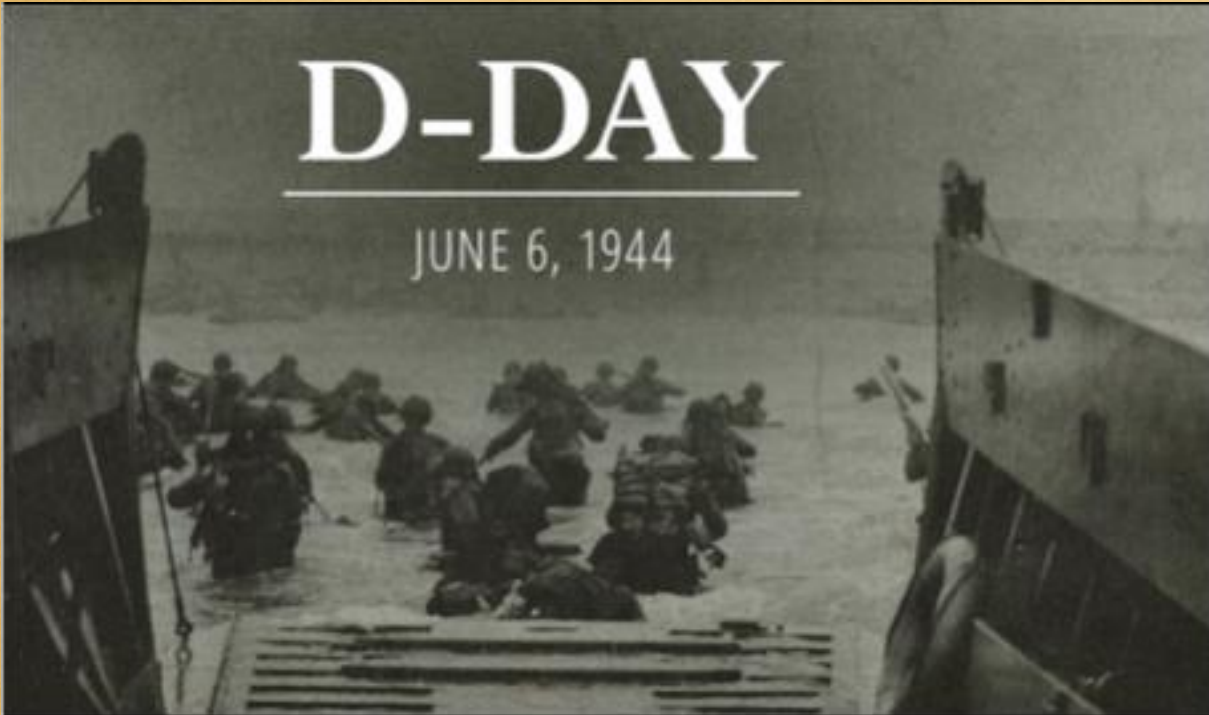
Kingdom of God:

Kingdom of God in Context

- King
- Land
- Citizens

D-DAY

JUNE 6, 1944



V-DAY

May 8, 1945



“The Good News is not first and foremost a message that gives one hope for the afterlife; the Good News is not first and foremost a message that one may have inner peace and tranquility; the Good News is not first and foremost that one may experience an “authentic” life; the Good News is, first and foremost, a proclamation that the long-anticipated rule and reign of God has now come in the midst of human history. The Good News proclaims that we may participate in God’s new creation if we will repent and accept the new reality.” Lee C. Camp

- The Great Tragedy: Looks like the failure of all the Old Testament hopes:
 - The Serpent wins
 - The nations are not blessed through Abraham's family—and in fact take part in destroying Abraham's seed.
 - The teacher/prophet like Moses is deemed false and killed
 - David's heir—who was to rule God's kingdom forever—is dead.

Crucifixion: Matthew 27

- The Great Reversal:
 - The Serpent is tricked “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me...”
 - The blessing of Abraham to the nations is fulfilled: “Go and make disciples of all nations...”
 - The New Moses’ teaching will spread to all people: “...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you...”
 - David’s heir can rule forever: “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Resurrection & Commission: Matthew 28

The Gospel of Matthew



**JESUS IS THE NEW MOSES AND THE NEW DAVID,
WHOSE WORK THE NEW KINGDOM INAUGURATED.**

Fulfillment

Septuagint

The Greek version of the Old Testament, often the exact wording when the New Testament quotes the Old is from the Septuagint

Birth Fulfillment

- **Matthew 1:22-23** ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”^[a] (which means “God with us”).
- **Isaiah 7:14** “¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you^[a] a sign: The virgin^[b] will conceive and give birth to a son, and^[c] will call him Immanuel.^[d]”

Healing Fulfillment

Matthew 8:14-17 ¹⁴ When Jesus came into Peter's house, he saw Peter's mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever. ¹⁵ He touched her hand and the fever left her, and she got up and began to wait on him.

¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

“He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

Isaiah 53:4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

Fulfillment in Entrance

Matthew 21:1-5

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.”

⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:
⁵ “Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

Fulfillment in Betrayal

Matthew 27:9-10

⁹ Then what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: “They took the thirty pieces of silver, the price set on him by the people of Israel, ¹⁰ and they used them to buy the potter’s field, as the Lord commanded me.”

Fulfillment in Betrayal

Zechariah 11:8b-14

The flock detested me, and I grew weary of them ⁹ and said, “I will not be your shepherd. Let the dying die, and the perishing perish. Let those who are left eat one another’s flesh.” ¹⁰ Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with all the nations. ¹¹ It was revoked on that day, and so the oppressed of the flock who were watching me knew it was the word of the LORD.

¹² I told them, “If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it.” So they paid me thirty pieces of silver.

¹³ And the LORD said to me, “Throw it to the potter”—the handsome price at which they valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of the LORD.

¹⁴ Then I broke my second staff called Union, breaking the family bond between Judah and Israel.

Fulfillment in Betrayal

Jeremiah 18:1-12 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷ If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹ “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’ ¹² But they will reply, ‘It’s no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts.’”

Q. & A.

Break

The Gospel of Luke

And the theme of universal salvation

Acts 1:1-2

“In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.”

Acts 16:6-13

⁶ And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. ⁷ And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:6-13

¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

Colossians

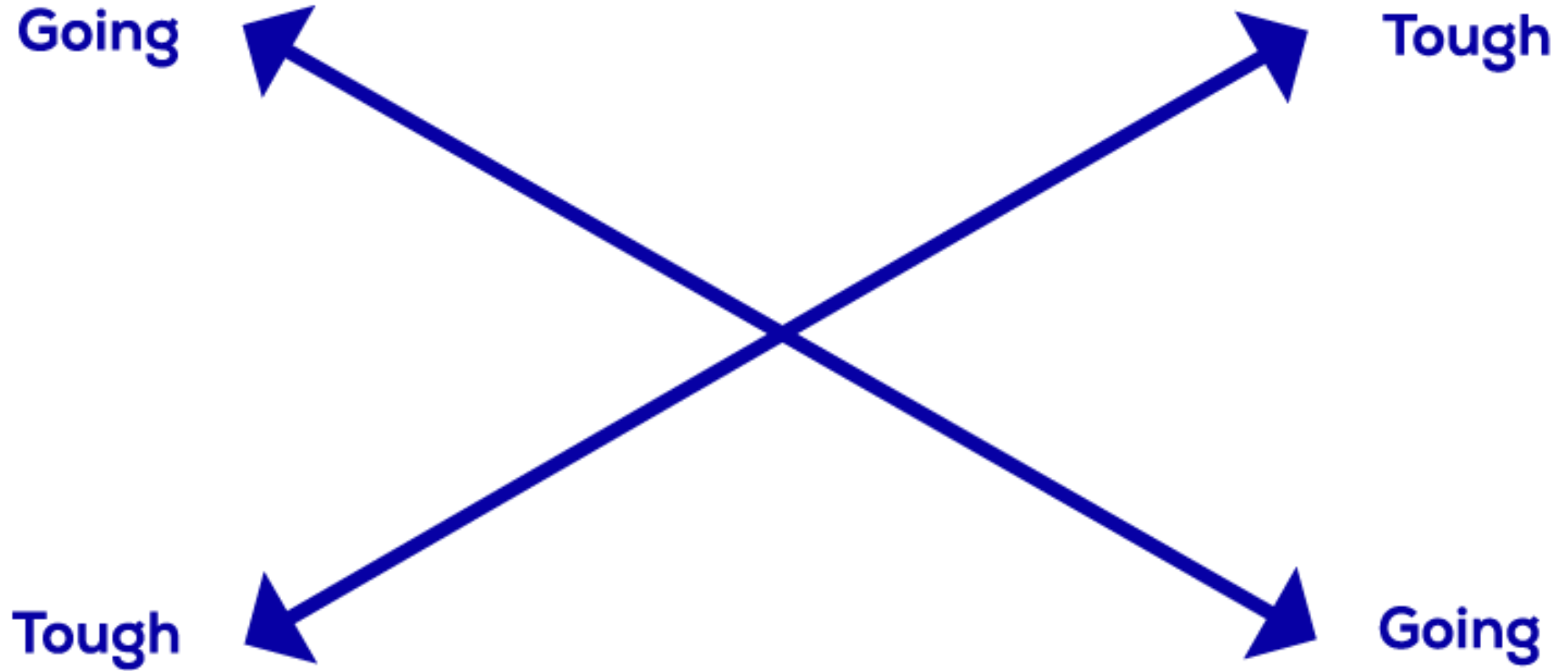
4:10-12, 14-15

“¹⁰ Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), ¹¹ and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me. ¹² Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you... ¹⁴ Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas. ¹⁵ Give my greetings to the brothers at Laodicea...”

Basic Info:

- Author: Luke the Physician
(Gentile; God-Fearer?)
- Date: 60's
- Greek audience
(intentionally broad)

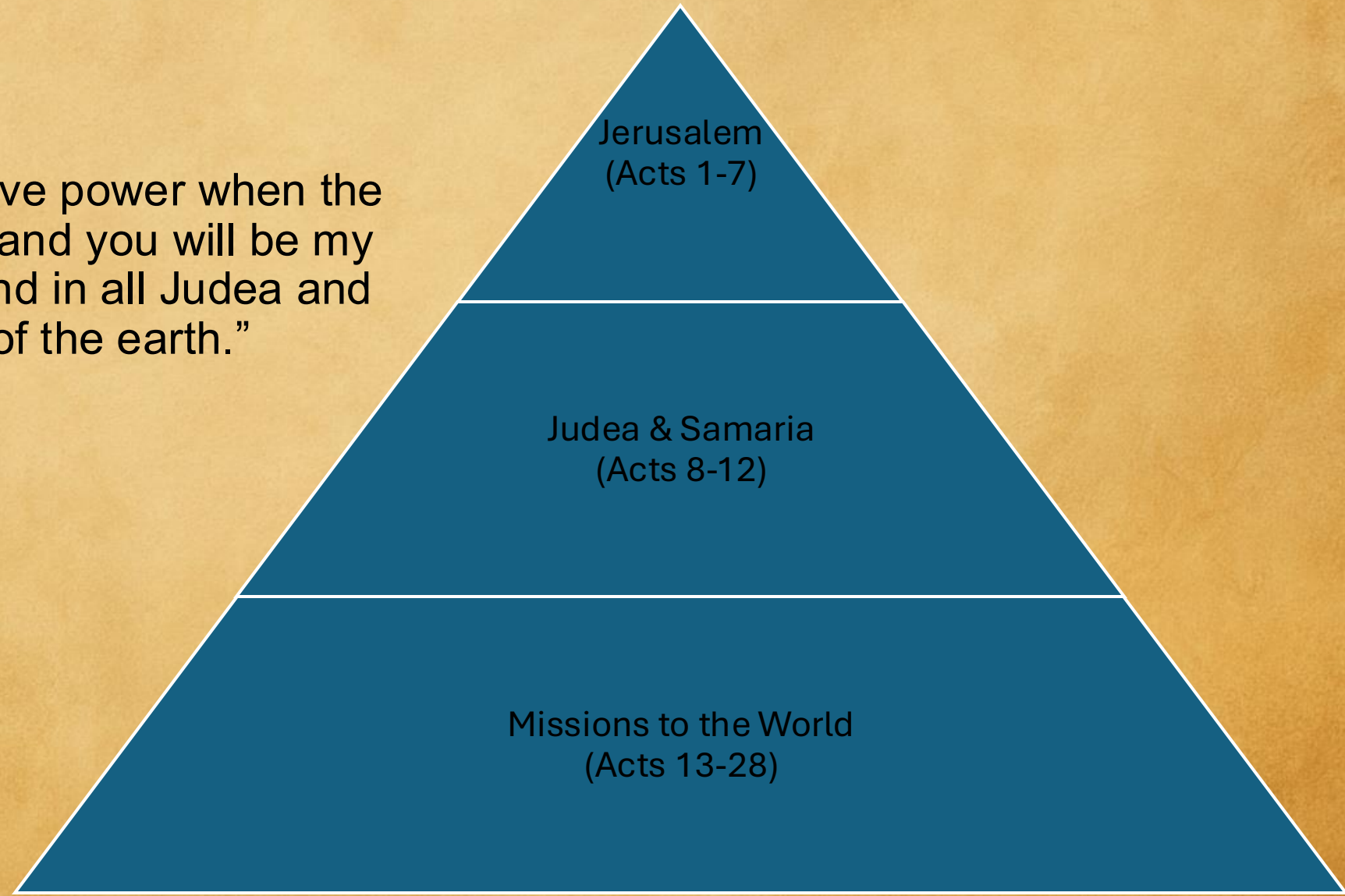




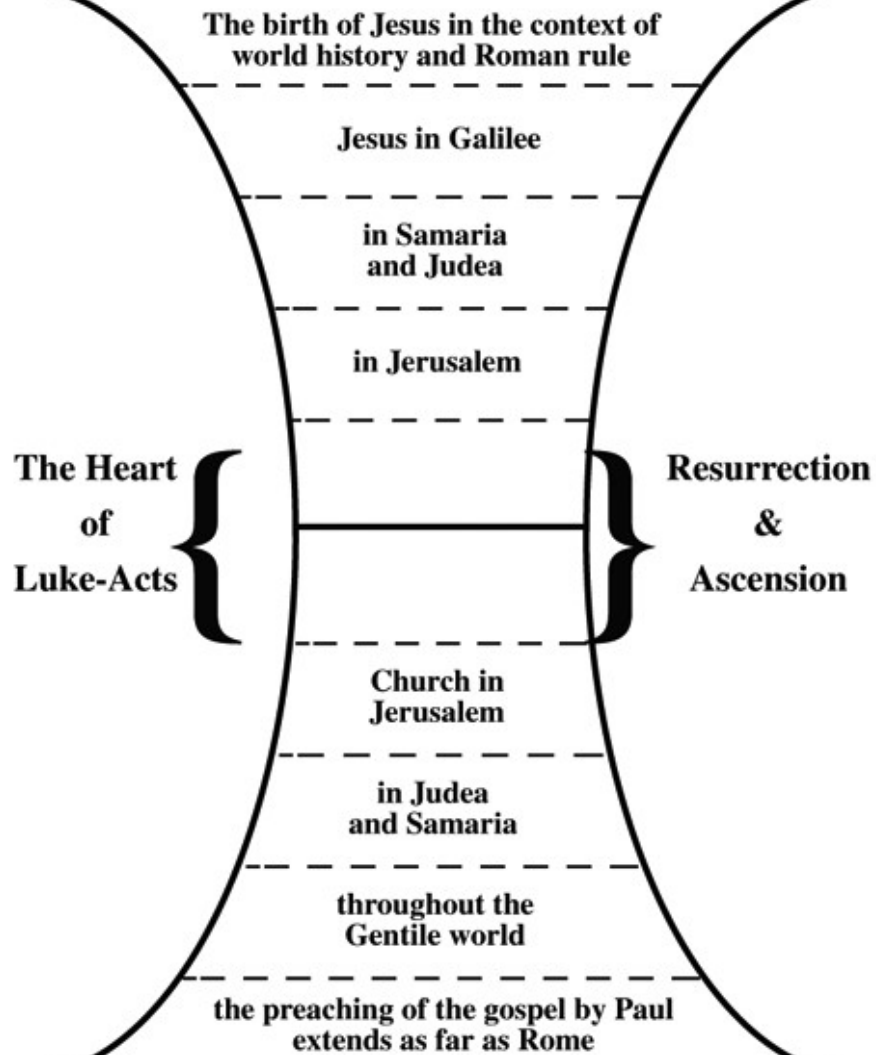
Chiasm (Ancient Literary Device)

Literary Structure of Acts

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



The Outline of Luke-Acts



Literary Structure

A Chiasm with Central Climax

Key Concept: Salvation

“The Greek words for Savior and salvation occur eight times in Luke, nine times in Acts, and nowhere else in the Synoptic Gospels.” (Blomberg, *Jesus & the Gospels*, 165)

“Yet the realities of forgiveness, liberation, and healing are not separate and distinct but are aspects of the total salvation that Jesus Christ brings.” (*New Testament in Antiquity*)

Declaring Jesus to the Gentiles

Luke 2:28-32 ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

²⁹ “Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss your servant in peace.

³⁰ For my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹ which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:

³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

To the Poor and Outcast

Luke 4:14-21 ¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Preached to All Nations

Luke 24:45-49 ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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The Gospel of Luke

**JESUS BRINGS WHOLISTIC SALVATION
TO EVERY TRIBE AND EVERY NATION.**

The Rich Man & Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31 ¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰ ““No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Mary and Martha

Luke 10:38–42 ³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one.^[a] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Why are the Four Gospels Different?

- They were written by different authors:
 - Matthew was a disciple/publican
 - Mark was a missionary and studied under Peter
 - Luke was a physician who accompanied Paul

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 - Mark was written to Romans
 - Luke was written to Greeks

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- They each emphasized a different aspect of Jesus' identity:
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 - Mark emphasizes Jesus as suffering servant
 - Luke emphasizes Jesus as the Savior