

# SPECIAL FEATURES OF EACH GOSPEL RECORD

## I. Matthew

- A. About 129 citations or allusions to the Old Testament.
- B. Words of Christ are about  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the whole book.
- C. 20 of 35 miracles are recorded in this book.
- D. Matthew gives more of the Sermon on the Mount than any other record.
- E. There are at least 115 words peculiar to this book in the New Testament.

## II. Mark

- A. About 63 citations or allusions to the Old Testament.
- B. It is the shortest of the four.
- C. With the exception of 50-55 verses, the whole of it can be found in Matthew and Luke.
- D. Of the 678 verses, 285 in whole or in part are words of Christ.
- E. 18 of 35 miracles are found in this book.
- F. There are at least 8 parables in this book.
- G. Christ is called “Teacher” or “Master” 12 times.
- H. He emphasizes the looks, emotions, and gestures of Jesus.
- I. Mark devotes  $\frac{3}{8}$  of the book to the events of the last week of Christ’s life.
- J. “And” is used frequently – this is the Gospel of action, a fast-moving drama.

## III. Luke

- A. About 96 citations or allusions to the Old Testament.
- B. Words of Christ are about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the book.
- C. 20 of 35 miracles are found in this book.
- D. Over 300 words are used by Luke only.
- E. This book gives more information on the life and ministry of John the Baptist.
- F. This book uses the word “sinners” more than any other.
- G. Luke emphasizes prayer more than any other record.
- H. Luke gives a prominence of the Holy Spirit and to women.
- I. There are many medical terms used in this book.

## IV. John

- A. About 43 citations and allusions to the Old Testament.
- B. Words of Christ are a little less than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the book.
- C. 8 of 35 miracles are found in this book.
- D. This is the most chronological of all the Gospels.
- E. This book uses fewer words and simpler sentence structure than any of the other three.
- F. John excludes certain things: the birth of Christ, Christ’s baptism, the temptation, the transfiguration, genealogies, the institution of the Lord’s Supper, the agony in the garden, and the ascension.
- G. There are no parables, however, there is a good bit of imagery and symbolism.
- H. 34 individuals are mentioned – 23 named, 11 unnamed.
- I. Almost  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the book is devoted to the last week of the life of Christ.