Introduction to the Gospels

Familiarize yourself with the Gospels by using your Bible to answer the following questions.

1. Name the four Gospels in the order in which they appear in the Bible.
   A. ______________________________  B. ______________________________
   C. ______________________________  D. ______________________________

2. Which Gospel has the greatest number of chapters? ______________________________

3. Which Gospel has the fewest number of chapters? ______________________________

4. Look at the beginning of each Gospel.
   A. Which two begin with stories about Jesus’ birth?

   B. What is the opening sentence of the Gospel of Mark?

   C. The beginning of the Gospel of John speaks of “the Word.” Who is the Word?

5. The Gospel of Matthew makes many connections with the Old Testament. Look at Matthew, chapter 5, the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. People reading this chapter who are familiar with the Old Testament would be reminded of which Old Testament character? (He also taught the Law that he received from God on a mountain; see Exodus, chapters 19–20.)

6. The Gospel of Mark is filled with action. How many stories of Jesus healing people are told in the first chapter alone?


8. The author of the Gospel according to John tells us why he wrote this Gospel in John 20:31. What does he say?
ANSWERS

1. A. Matthew    B. Mark
    C. Luke       D. John

2. Matthew

3. Mark

    B. “This is the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.”
    C. Jesus is the Word.

5. Moses received the Law on Mount Sinai.

6. Jesus heals a man with an evil spirit; Jesus heals Simon’s mother-in-law; Jesus heals many people; Jesus heals a man with a skin disease.

7. Answers will vary.

8. “But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life.”