

Unit 4 Preassessment: New Testament Myths and Facts

*In the blank space next to each statement, write the word *myth* or *fact* to indicate which one you believe that statement to be.*

1. _____ There are four Gospels because the four Evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, could not agree on one account of Jesus' life, Death, and Resurrection.
2. _____ The four Gospels are firsthand eye-witness accounts of Jesus' life, Death, and Resurrection.
3. _____ The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called the synoptic Gospels because they are similar in style and share much of the same content.
4. _____ The Gospel of John has nothing in common with the synoptic Gospels.
5. _____ Only the Gospels of Matthew and Luke include an account of Jesus' birth.
6. _____ The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles form a two-volume work on the life and mission of Jesus and the life and growth of the early Church.
7. _____ The Gospel of Matthew is first in the New Testament because it is the oldest Christian document, even older than the other Gospels and the letters of Paul.
8. _____ The Gospel of John stresses Jesus' divinity.
9. _____ The Gospel of Mark stresses Jesus' humanity and the *messianic secret*.
10. _____ The Gospel of Matthew begins with Jesus' genealogy, showing Jesus' connection to Abraham and David, thus proving that Jesus fulfills God's covenant with the people of Israel.
11. _____ Saint Paul became a follower of Jesus Christ after Jesus' Death and Resurrection.
12. _____ The Letters of Saint Paul often focus on the teaching that the early Christian communities are the Body of Christ.

