

Module T11: The Synoptic Gospels / Matthew

This module provides an introduction to the Synoptic Gospels in general, and to the Gospel according to Matthew in particular.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called "the Synoptic Gospels." The Greek word synopsis means something which is seen together. The three gospels can be placed side by side so that their parallels are seen together at one glance. The parallels are at times so close that they are verbatim identical!

John's Gospel is not among the Synoptics, because it is quite different from them. It, too, contains parallels found in the Synoptics, but these are often radically reshaped, and the wording is quite different. John's Gospel also contains a lot of material not found in the Synoptics, and vice versa.