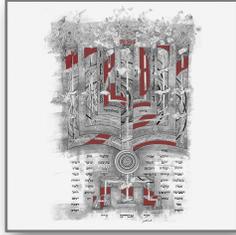
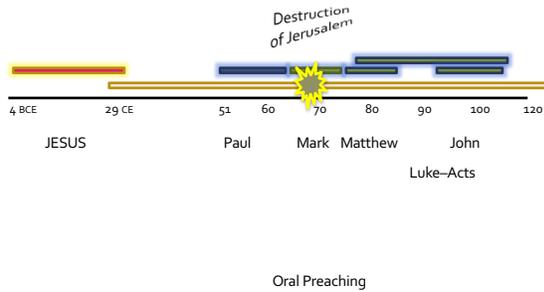


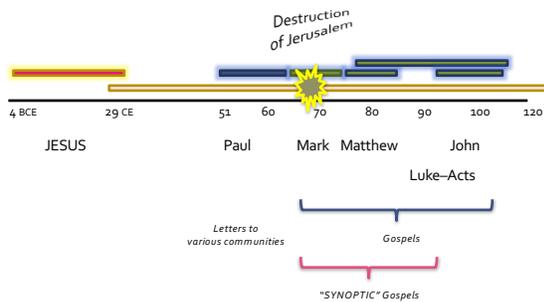
Class 7c
The Story of Jesus in Matthew



The New Testament
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The Gospel of Mark

Storyline & Features

- Your observations
- Vestiges of oral preaching
 - paratactic narrative (and...and...and...)
 - use of "historical present" (tense)
 - vivid images and evocative sounds
- Apocalyptic drama with open ending
 - gospel originally ended at 16:8
- A strange motif: the "messianic secret"

The Gospel of Mark

Connecting the Author's Context to the Themes

- Response to turmoil of mid-1st century
 - Nero's persecution of Christians (64 CE)
 - Jewish Revolt, destruction of Jerusalem (70 CE)
 - deaths of eyewitnesses
- Challenges of discipleship
 - pressure under persecution
 - internal tensions over leadership
- Spread of message not only to Jews but also Gentiles

THEMES

Jesus as suffering messiah
Real enemy = Satan
(religious leaders = proxies)

disciples' failures
messianic secret

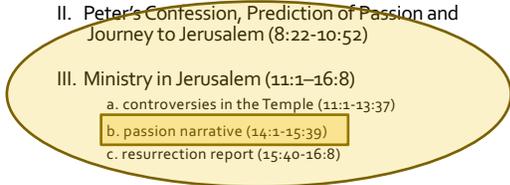
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The Gospel of Mark

Storyline & Features

- I. Galilean Ministry (1:1-8:21)
- II. Peter's Confession, Prediction of Passion and Journey to Jerusalem (8:22-10:52)
- III. Ministry in Jerusalem (11:1-16:8)
 - a. controversies in the Temple (11:1-13:37)
 - b. passion narrative (14:1-15:39)
 - c. resurrection report (15:40-16:8)

Martin Kähler:
Mark's gospel is a passion narrative with an extended introduction (1898)



Comparing the Gospels

The Baptism (Handout)

The Infancy Narratives

The Canonical Versions

- "Infancy narrative" = a story of Jesus' birth and youth
- Only 2 of the canonical gospels have one (Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-2)
- This "gap" was filled by later apocryphal gospels

Canon
the official list
of books in a
collection

Apocrypha
literally, "hidden,"
this refers to
other literature
not in the official list

The Infancy Narratives

Moses & David Christologies in Matthew 1-2

- Moses Christology: Jesus is presented as a prophet and lawgiver like Moses
- David Christology: Jesus is presented as a king like the first King, David

Where do we see allusions to Moses and David in the infancy story?

The Infancy Narratives

Moses & David Christologies in Matthew 1-2

- Genealogy 1:1-17

<i>Groupings</i>	<i>Numbers</i>	
Abraham to David	14	1 א
David to the Exile	14	2 ב
Exile to Messiah	14	3 ג
		4 ד
		5 ה
		6 ו
		ז ז
		ח ח
<i>Jesus is the promised heir of David 14 = 14 in Hebrew</i>		4 + 6 + 4
