

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY
Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Comparison of material in both the Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke) and the Gospel According to John and how they differ:

SYNOPTICS	JOHN
Messianic secrecy	High Christology
Jesus's ministry lasts one year	Jesus's ministry spans three Passovers (possibly four years)
John the Baptist is "Elijah" (preaches repentance)	John the Baptist is not Elijah but a "witness" to Jesus
Jesus's ministry begins after JtB's arrest	Jesus's ministry overlaps with John's
First four disciples are two pairs of brothers: Simon & Andrew, James & John	First five disciples: Andrew, Anonymous, Simon Peter, Philip, Nathanael
Many miracles and proverbial sayings, but few long speeches	Few miracles, but long discourses and dialogues
Jesus's opponents: Sadducees, Herodians, etc	Jesus's opponents: the Jewish people and the world
Opponents plot to kill Jesus for various reasons	Opponents try to stone Jesus for blasphemy
Only one journey to Jerusalem	Multiple visits to Jerusalem
Temple cleansing is a week before Jesus's death	Temple cleansing is the start of Jesus's ministry
Anointing at Bethany by anonymous woman and objection by anonymous people	Anointing at Bethany by Lazarus's sister Mary and objection by Judas Iscariot
Last Supper is the Passover Meal	Last Supper is before Passover
Jesus is crucified on the Day of Passover	Jesus dies on the Preparation Day before Passover
"Love your neighbors" and "love your enemies"	"Love one another" (focus on community)
Peter is first and most prominent of the apostles	Mary Magdalene, Martha of Bethany, and the Beloved Disciple are most prominent
Future eschatology: the Kingdom of God is coming	Realized eschatology: eternal life now
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss	Jesus identifies himself to the soldiers
Women prepare spices to anoint Jesus's body after his burial	Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus anoint Jesus's body before his burial

Material only in John, not in the Synoptics:

1. Prologue (1:1-18)
2. "Signs," starting with Wedding at Cana (2:1-12)
3. Dialogue with Nicodemus (2:23-3:21)
4. Samaritan Woman at the Well (4:1-42)
5. Sick Man at the Pool of Bethesda (5:1-18)
6. Bread of Life Discourse (6:22-65)
7. [Woman caught in Adultery (7:53-8:11)]
8. Man Born Blind (9:1-41)
9. Lazarus Raised from the Dead (11:1-44)
10. Washing the Disciples' Feet (13:1-20)
11. Last Supper Discourses (13:31-16:33)
12. Great Prayer of Jesus (17:1-26)
13. Resurrection Appearance to Mary Magdalene (20:11-18; cf. Matt 28:9)
14. Resurrection Appearance to Thomas (20:24-29)
15. Resurrection Appearance at Sea of Tiberias (21:1-25; cf. Luke 5:1-11)

Material only in the Synoptics, not in John:

16. No Infancy Narrative
17. No Childhood Episodes
18. No Baptism of Jesus
19. No Temptation in the Desert
20. No Calls to Repentance
21. No Sermon on the Mount
22. No Beatitudes
23. No Lord's Prayer
24. No List of "Twelve Apostles"
25. No Mission of the Disciples during Jesus's Lifetime
26. No Parables
27. No "Kingdom of God"
28. No Ethical Teachings
29. No Exorcisms
30. No Transfiguration
31. No Passion Predictions
32. No Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper
33. No Predictions of Jesus's Return
34. No Ascension Narrative