

The Gospel according to John

Introduction 1:1-5

The Gospels:

Mark. First. ~50-55 AD or as late as 70 AD

Mathew. Second. Maybe ~55 AD but prior to 70 AD Written to Jewish audience to demonstrate Christ is the Messiah.

Luke. Third. <70 AD. Written to a Gentile audience first, then Jewish.

John. Fourth. 90~100 AD (a minority say it written before 70 AD)

Background:

Written by John

1:1-5 Logos

Jewish thought

Greek thought

Five foundational statements:

Jesus was around before things existed.

Jesus was with God. Separate/distinct "personality."

Jesus is God

Jesus created all things (emphasizes) Important to note He was not created.

Jesus is life. The source of life, both physical and spiritual. Jesus is light (concept of good vs evil) Light overcomes the darkness.