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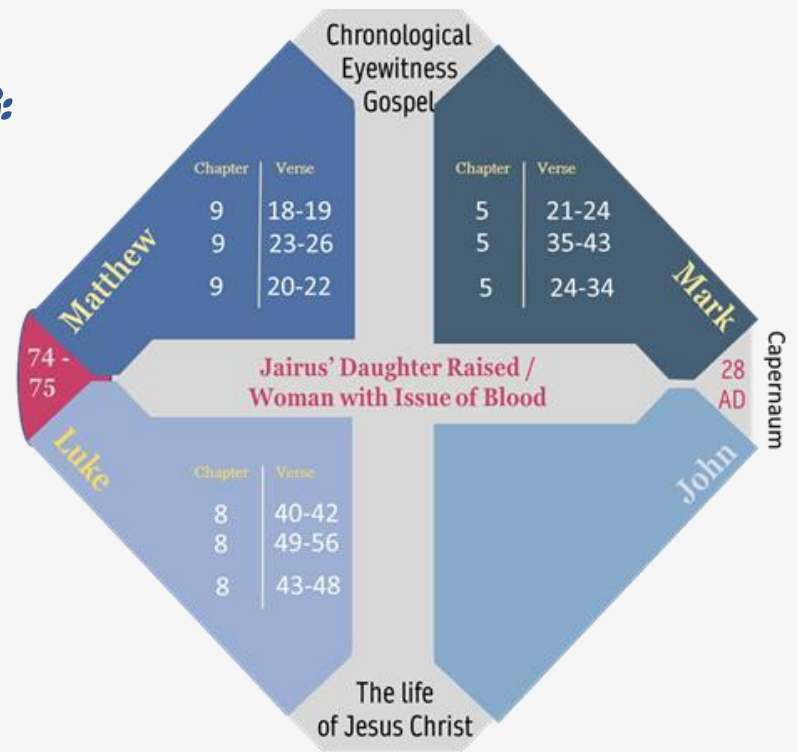
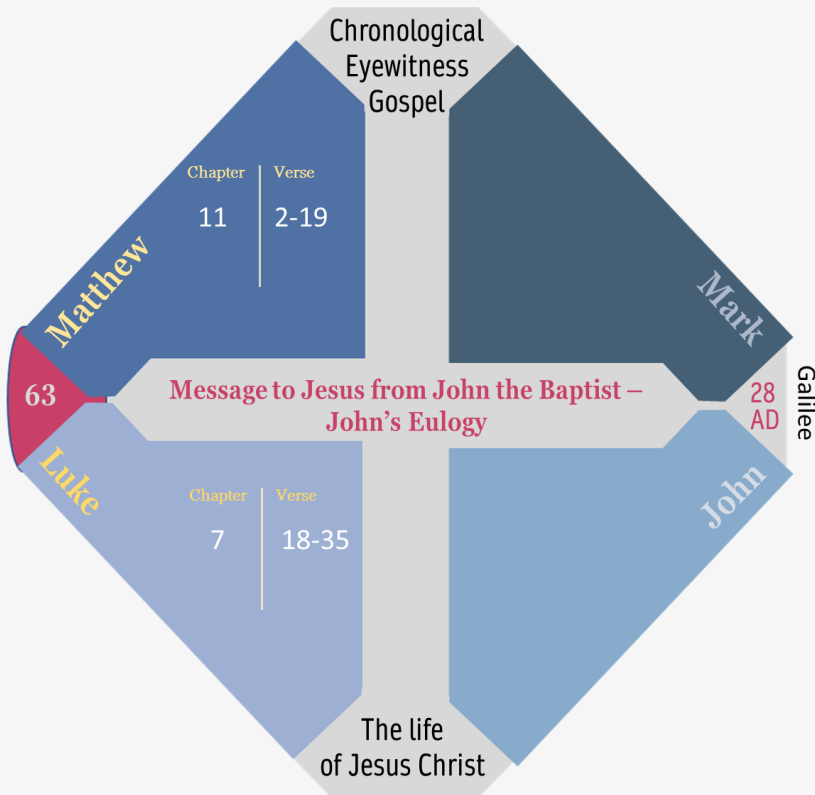
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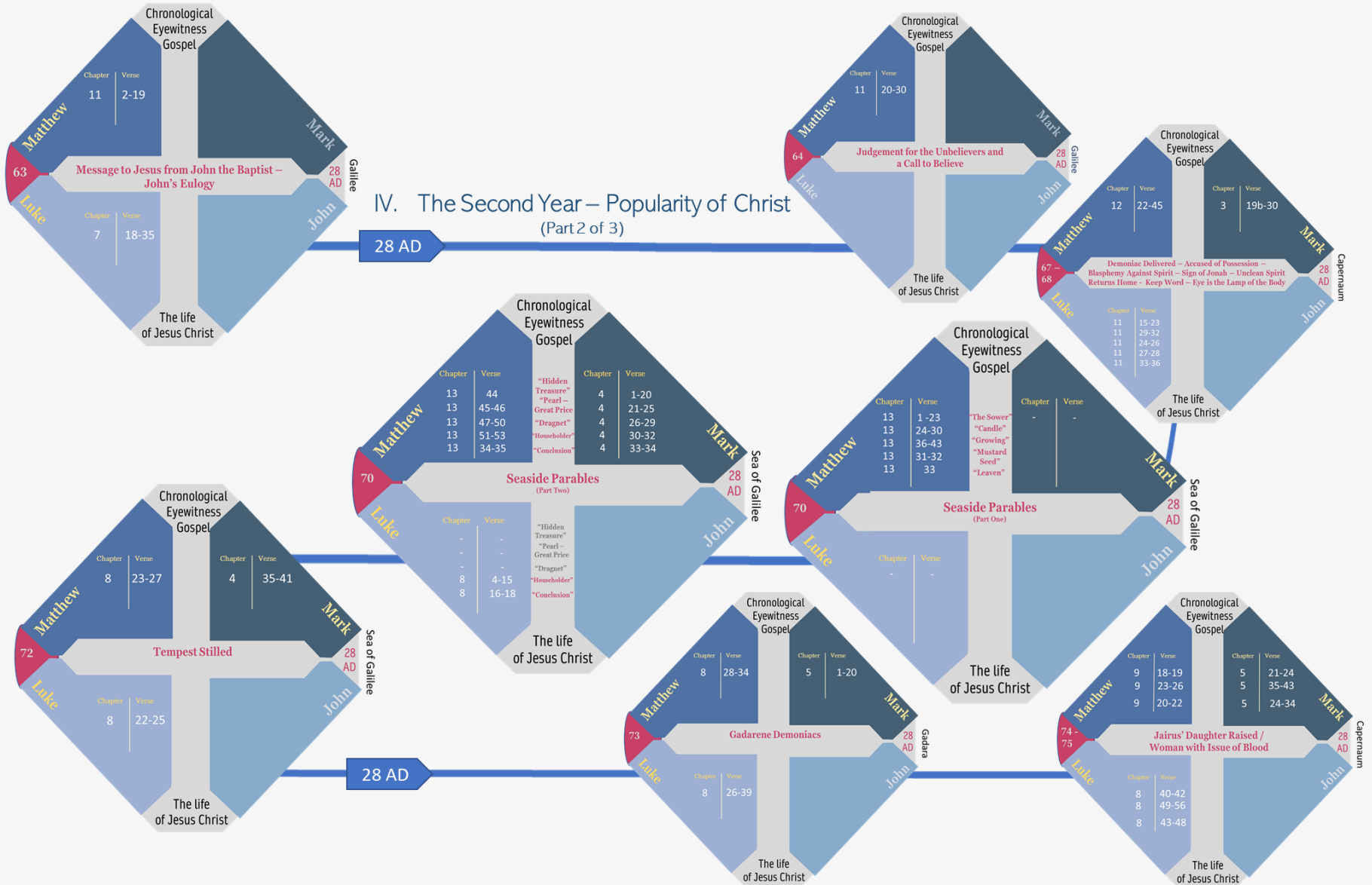
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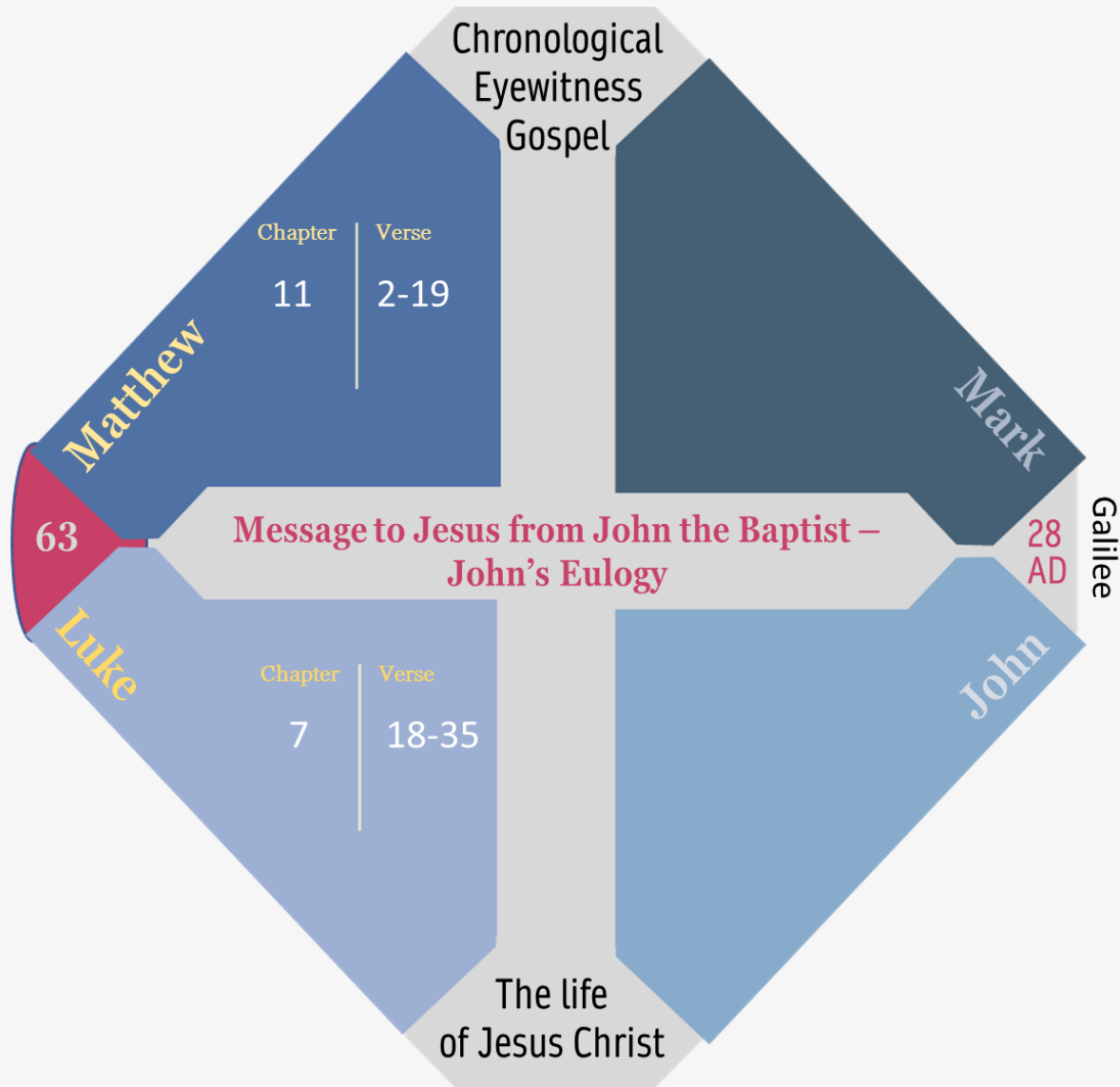
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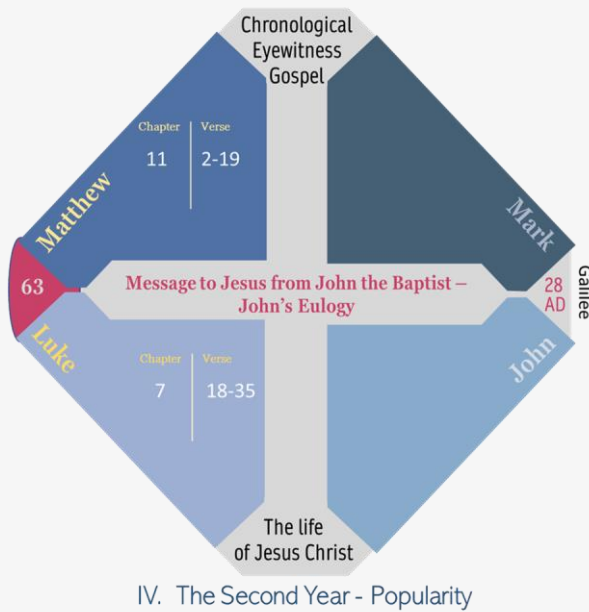


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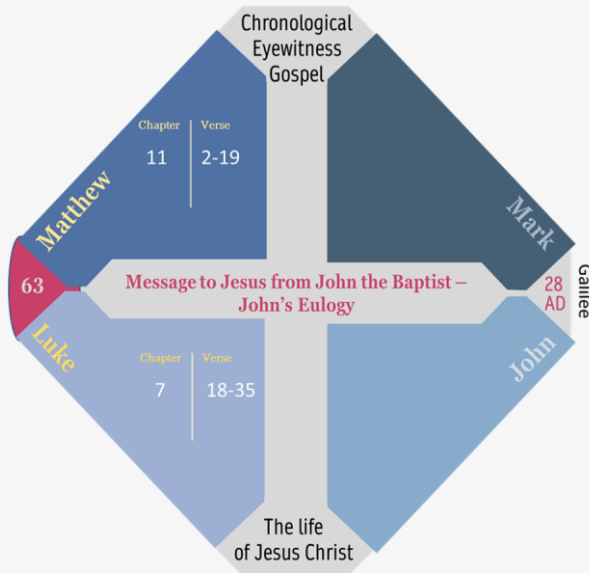
#### IV. The Second Year - Popularity



John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, “Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?”

John’s two disciples found Jesus and said to him, “John the Baptist sent us to ask, ‘Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?’” At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he restored sight to many who were blind.

Then he told John’s disciples, “Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.” And he added, “God blesses those who do not fall away because of me.”



As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began talking about him to the crowds.

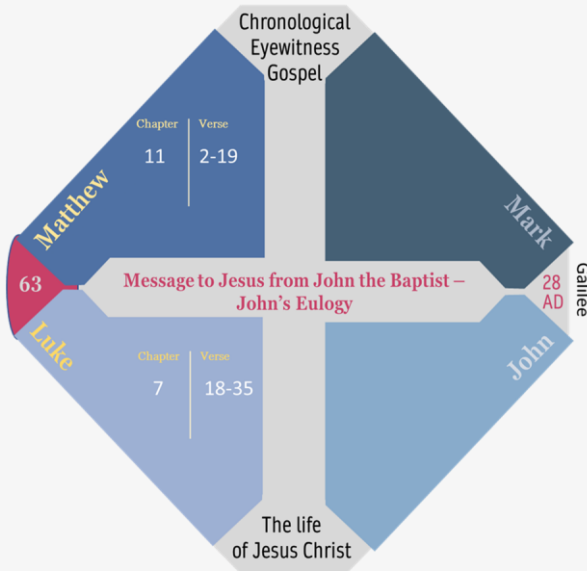
“What kind of man did you go into the wilderness to see?

“Was he a weak reed, swayed by every breath of wind? Or were you expecting to see a man dressed in expensive clothes? No, people with expensive clothes live in palaces.

“Were you looking for a prophet? Yes, and he is more than a prophet. John is the man to whom the Scriptures refer when they say,

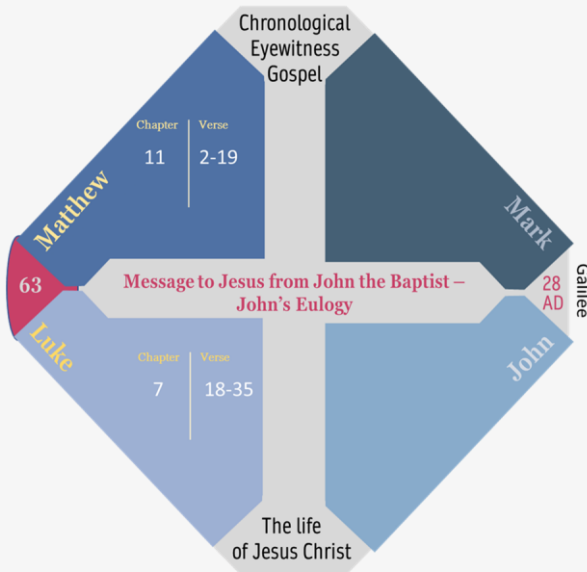
‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way before you.’





“I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!

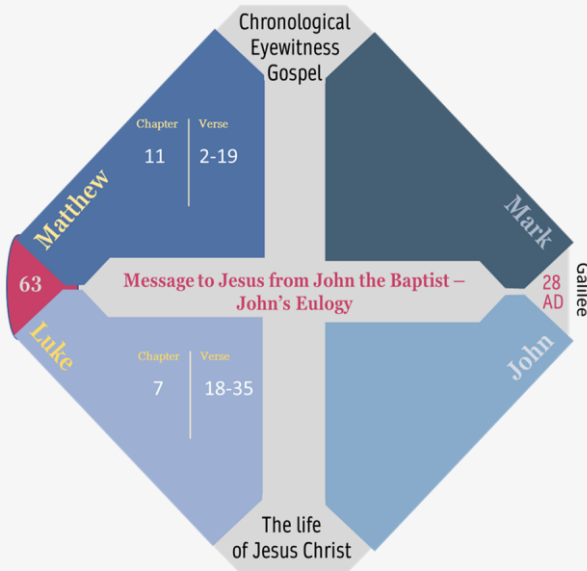
And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people are attacking it. For before John came, all the prophets and the law of Moses looked forward to this present time. And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!



When they heard this, all the people—even the tax collectors—agreed that God’s way was right, for they had been baptized by John. But the Pharisees and experts in religious law rejected God’s plan for them, for they had refused John’s baptism.

“To what can I compare the people of this generation?” Jesus asked. “How can I describe them? They are like children playing a game in the public square. They complain to their friends,

‘We played wedding songs, and you didn’t dance, so we played funeral songs, and you didn’t weep.’



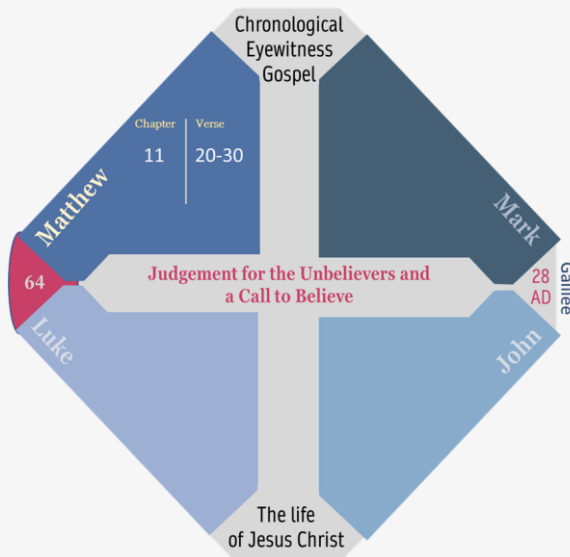
“For John the Baptist didn’t spend his time eating bread or drinking wine, and you say,

‘He’s possessed by a demon.’

The Son of Man, on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say,

‘He’s a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!’

But wisdom is shown to be right by the lives of those who follow it – by its results.”

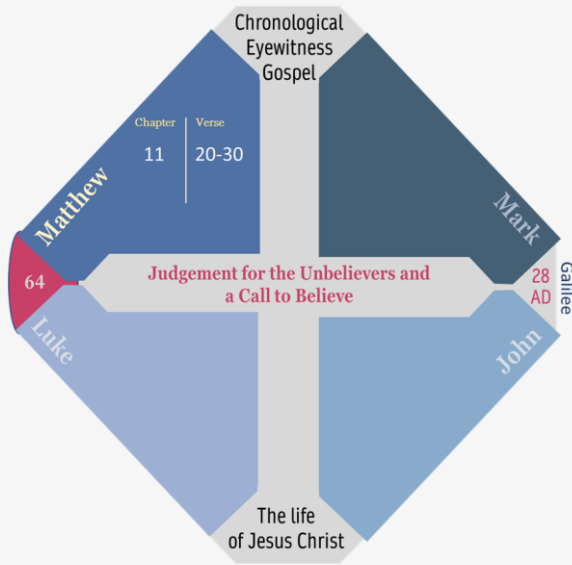


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Then Jesus began to denounce the towns where he had done so many of his miracles, because they hadn't repented of their sins and turned to God.

“What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you.

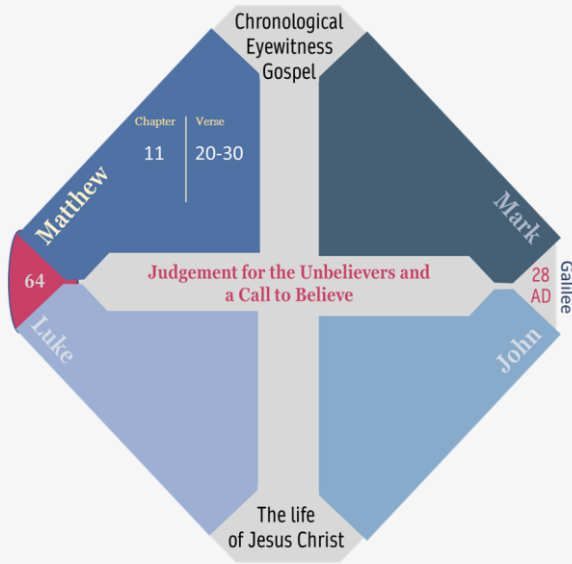
“And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead. For if the miracles I did for you had been done in wicked Sodom, it would still be here today. I tell you, even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you.”



At that time Jesus prayed this prayer:

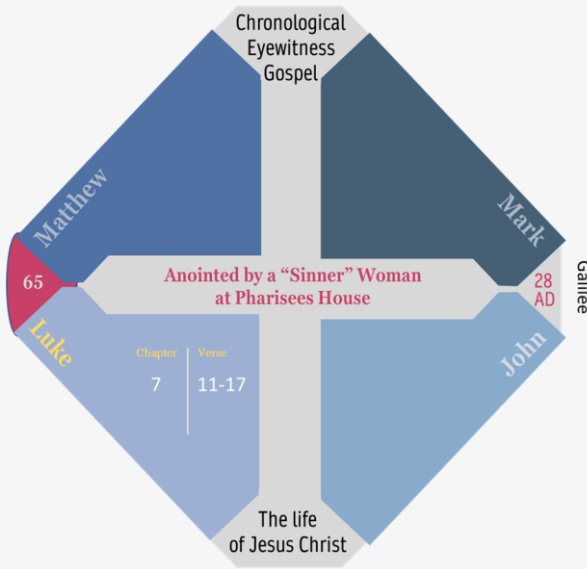
“O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way!

“My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”



Then Jesus said,

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”



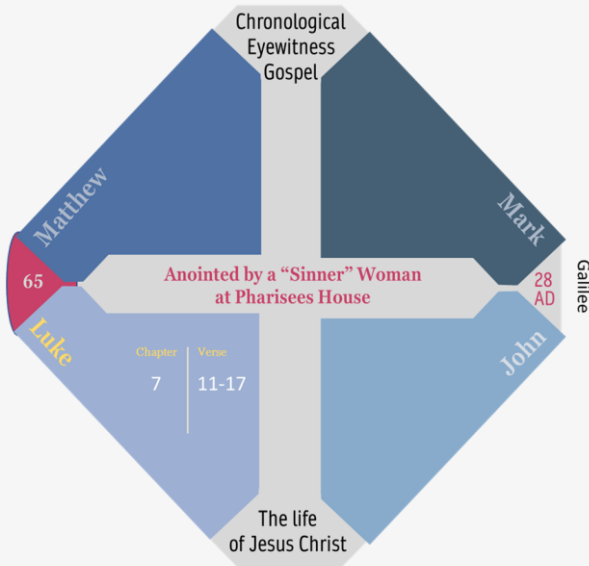
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One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so Jesus went to his home and sat down to eat. When a certain immoral woman from that city heard he was eating there, she brought a beautiful alabaster jar filled with expensive perfume. Then she knelt behind him at his feet, weeping. Her tears fell on his feet, and she wiped them off with her hair. Then she kept kissing his feet and putting perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know what kind of woman is touching him. She’s a sinner!”

Then Jesus answered his thoughts. “**Simon,**” he said to the Pharisee, “**I have something to say to you.**”

“Go ahead, Teacher,” Simon replied.



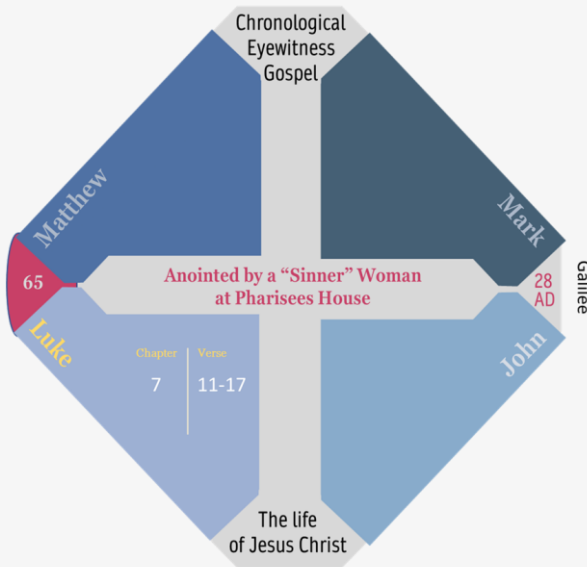
Then Jesus told him this story:

“A man loaned money to two people—500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?”

Simon answered, “I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.”

“That’s right,” Jesus said.





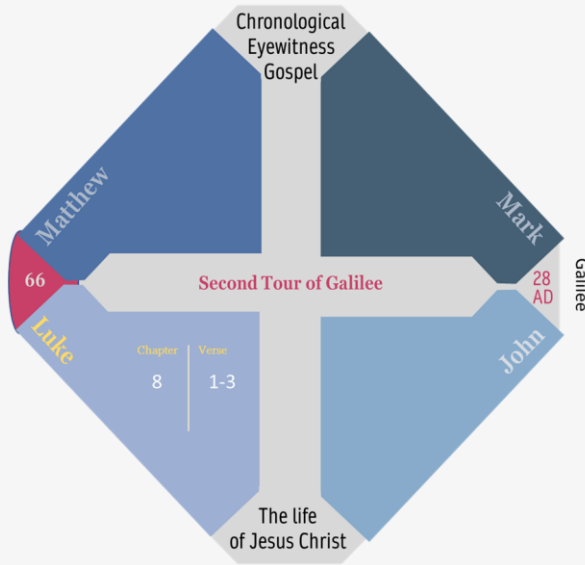
Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon,

“Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn’t offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You didn’t greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. “I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”

Then Jesus said to the woman, “Your sins are forgiven.”

The men at the table said among themselves, “Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?”

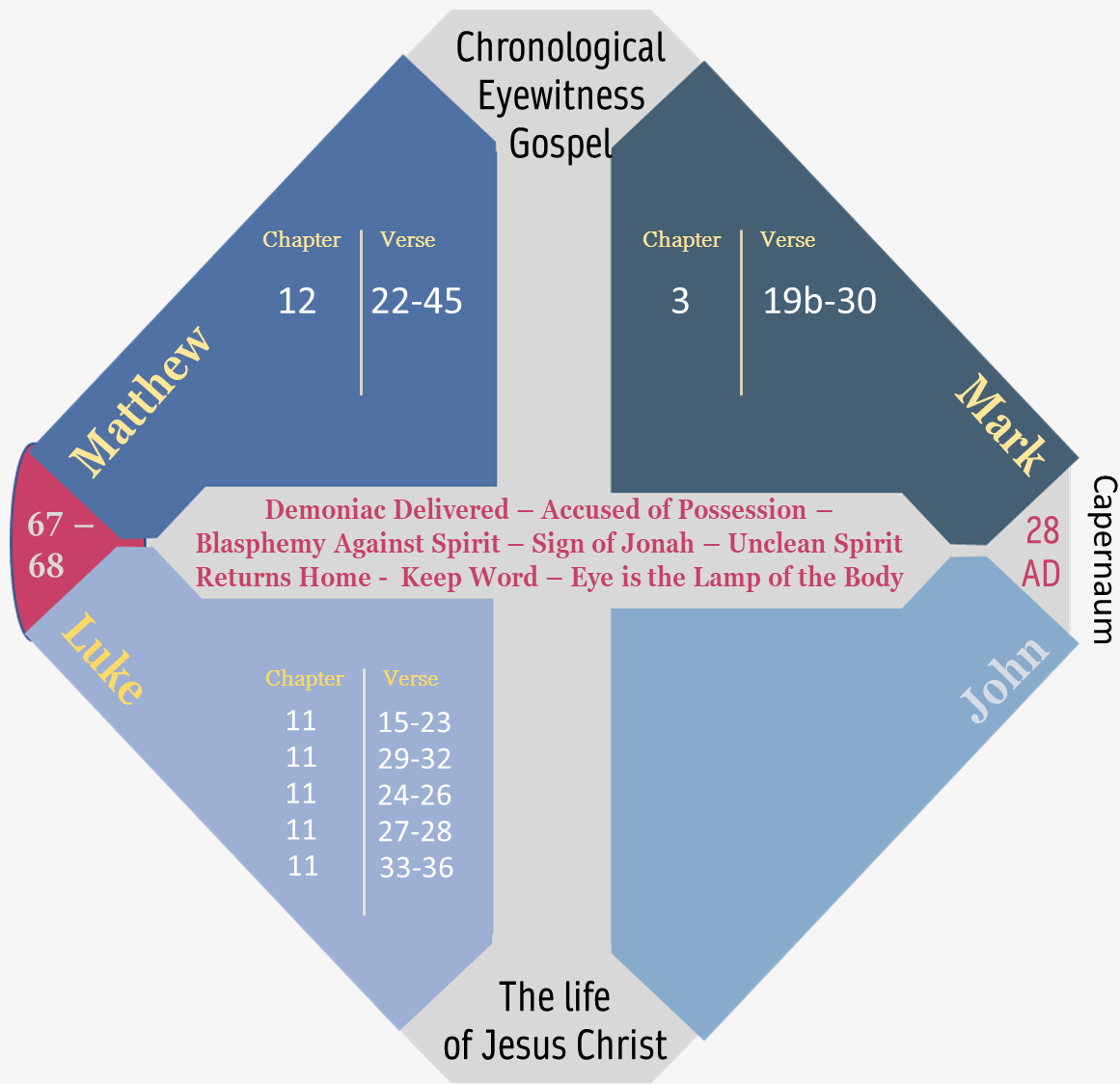
And Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”



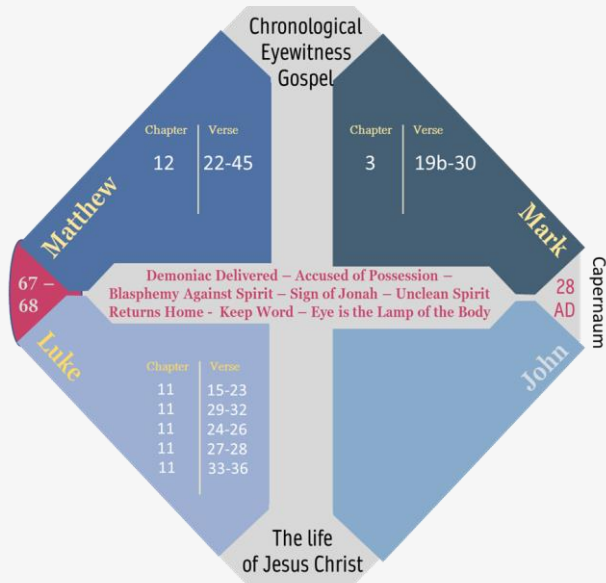
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Soon afterward Jesus began a tour of the nearby towns and villages, preaching and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom of God. He took his twelve disciples with him, along with some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases.

Among them were Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons; Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's business manager; Susanna; and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.



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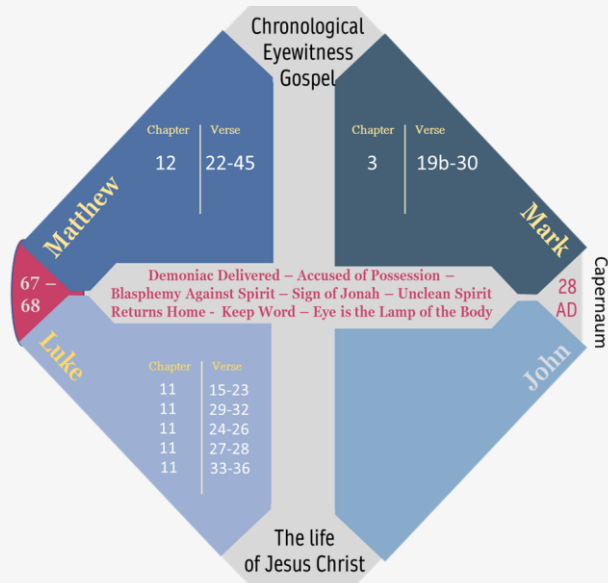
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One day Jesus entered a house, and the crowds began to gather again. Soon he and his disciples couldn't even find time to eat. When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "He's out of his mind," they said.

Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man by casting out a demon, and when the demon was gone the man could both speak and see.

The crowd was amazed and asked, "Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?"

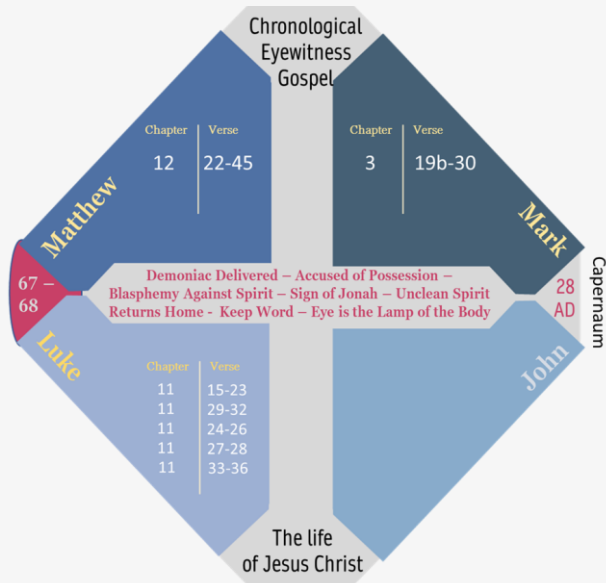
But when the Pharisees and the scribes, the teachers of religious law, who had arrived from Jerusalem heard about the miracle, they said, "No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons. That's where he gets the power to cast out demons."



Others, trying to test Jesus, demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority. He knew their thoughts, so he said, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed to collapse. Similarly, a family splintered by feuding will fall apart.

“You say I am empowered by Satan. But if Satan is divided and fighting against himself, how can his kingdom survive? And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said.

“But if I am casting out demons by the power of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. For when a strong man is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are presumed safe. For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who can overpower him, tie him up, strip him of his weapons, to plunder his house, and carry off his belongings.



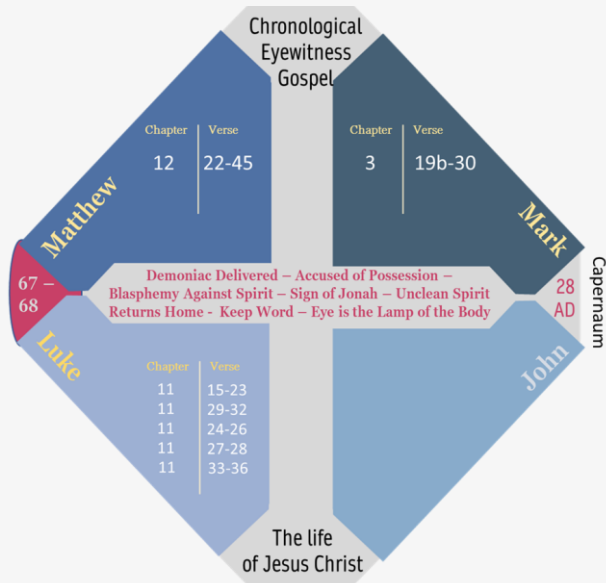
“Anyone who isn’t with me opposes me, and anyone who isn’t working with me is actually working against me.

“So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, which will never be forgiven.

“I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven. This is a sin with eternal consequences.”

“Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven, either in this world or in the world to come.

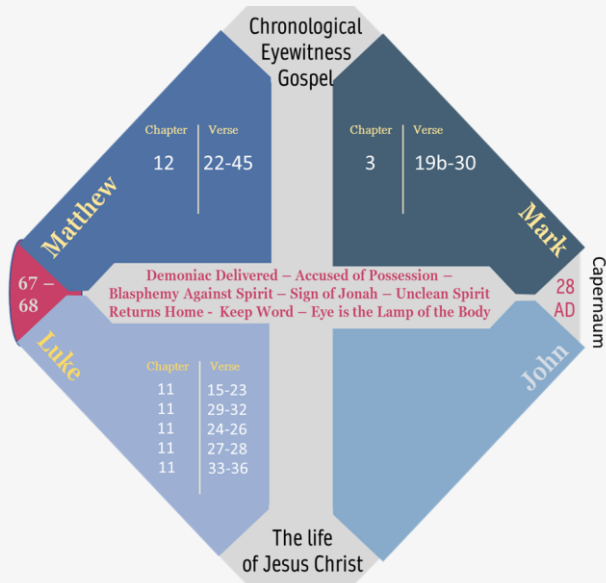
He told them this because they were saying, “He’s possessed by an evil spirit.”



“A tree is identified by its fruit. If a tree is good, its fruit will be good. If a tree is bad, its fruit will be bad.

“You brood of snakes! How could evil men like you speak what is good and right? For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”

As the crowd pressed in on Jesus, some teachers of religious law and Pharisees came to Jesus and said, “Teacher, we want you to show us a miraculous sign to prove your authority.”



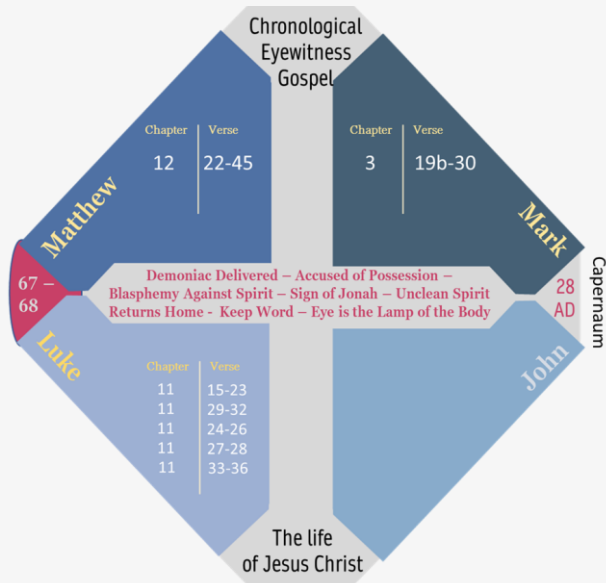
But Jesus replied, “This evil generation keeps asking me to show them a miraculous sign.

“Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign; but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah. What happened to him was a sign to the people of Nineveh that God had sent him.

“What happens to the Son of Man will be a sign to these people that he was sent by God. For as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights.

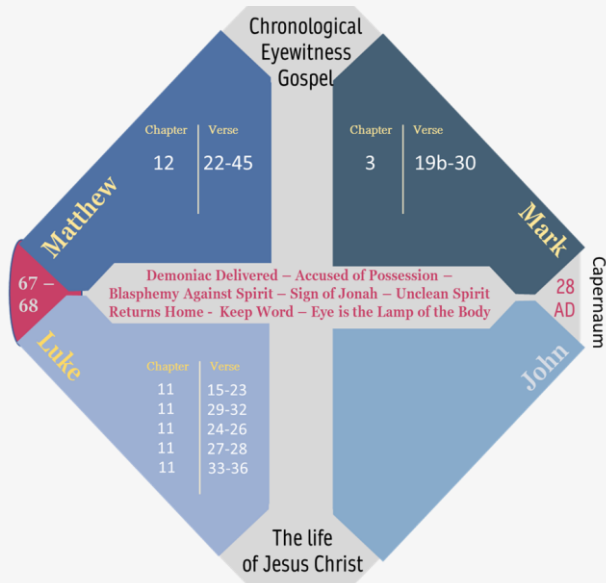
The people of Nineveh will stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for they repented of their sins at the preaching of Jonah. Now someone greater than Jonah is here—but you refuse to repent.





“The queen of Sheba will also stand up against this generation on judgment day and condemn it, for she came from a distant land to hear the wisdom of Solomon. Now someone greater than Solomon is here—but you refuse to listen.

“When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest. But when it finds none, it says, ‘I will return to the person I came from.’ So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation.”

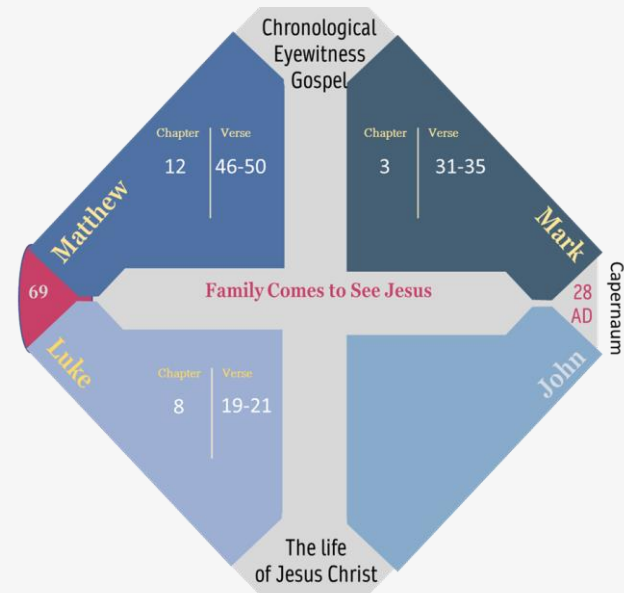


As he was speaking, a woman in the crowd called out, “God bless your mother—the womb from which you came, and the breasts that nursed you!”

Jesus replied, “But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice.”

“No one lights a lamp and then hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house.

“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light. But when it is unhealthy, your body is filled with darkness. Make sure that the light you think you have is not actually darkness. If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light.”

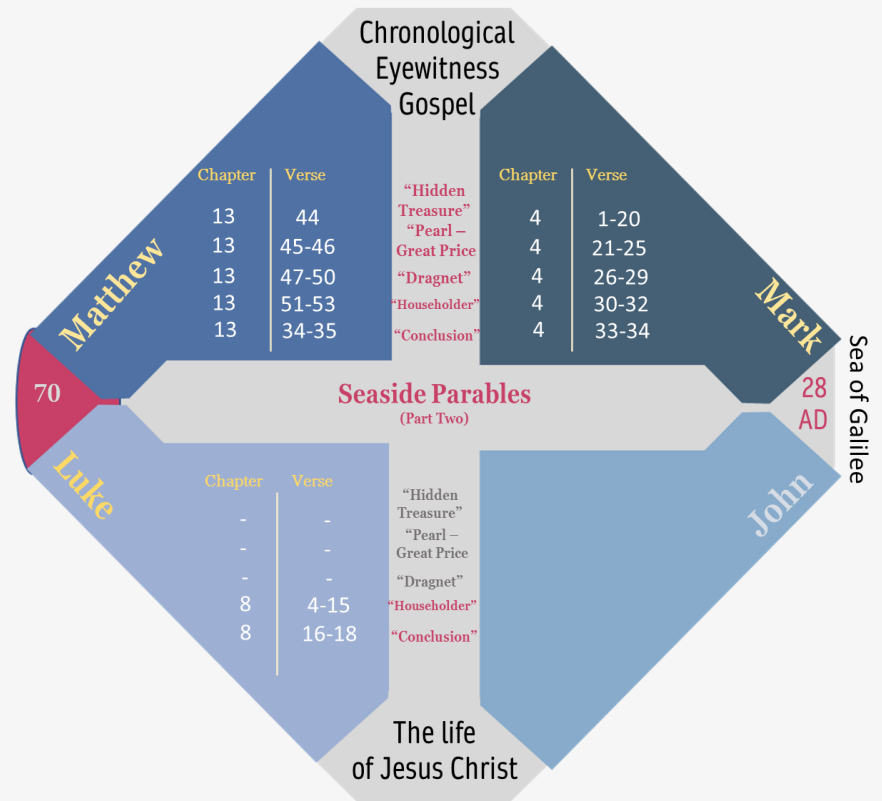
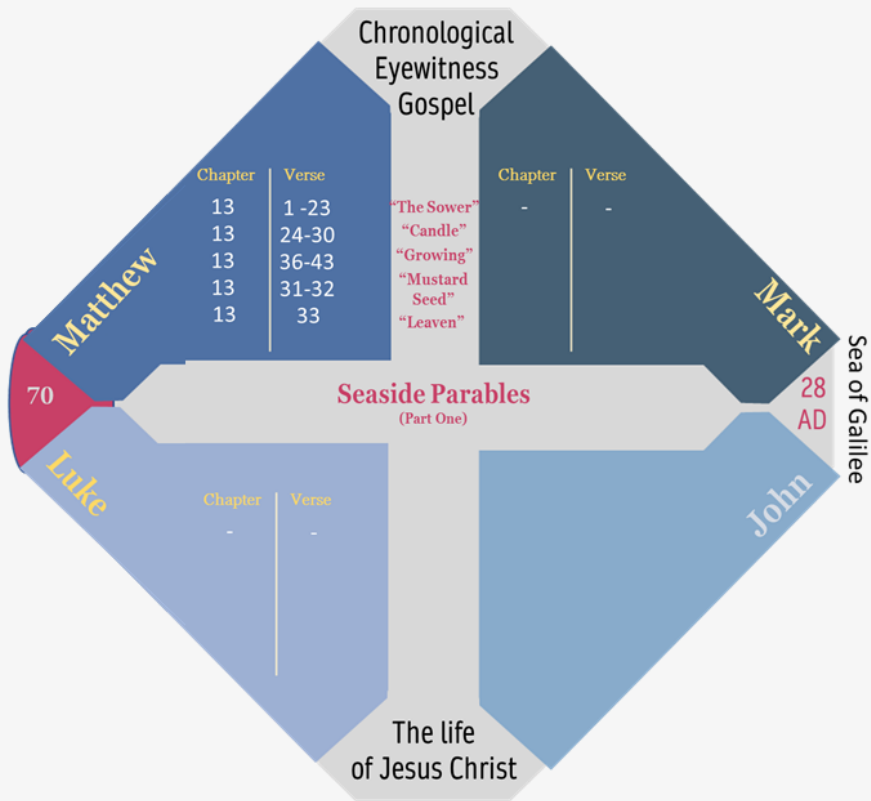


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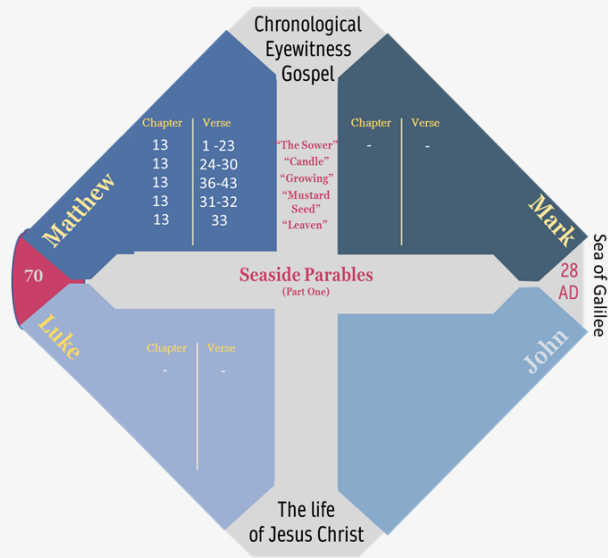
As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak to you.”

Jesus asked, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers? My mother and my brothers are all those who hear God’s word and obey it.”

Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother!”

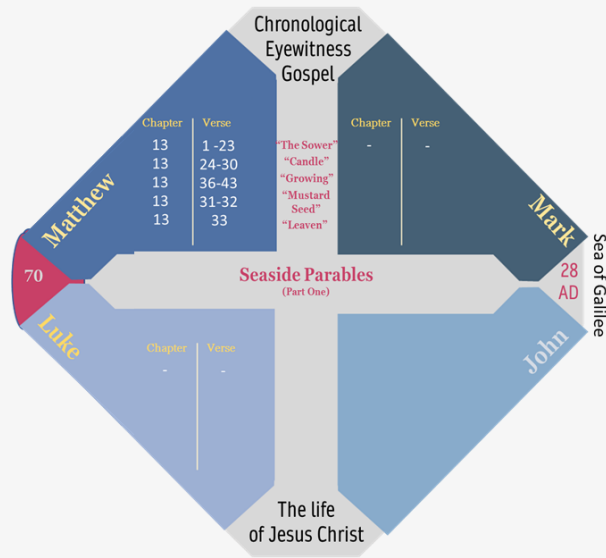


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Later that same day Jesus left the house and sat beside the lake. Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd of people from many towns came to hear him and quickly swelled around him, so he got into a boat to teach while all the people remained on the shore.

**He taught them by telling many stories** in the form of parables, such as this one:



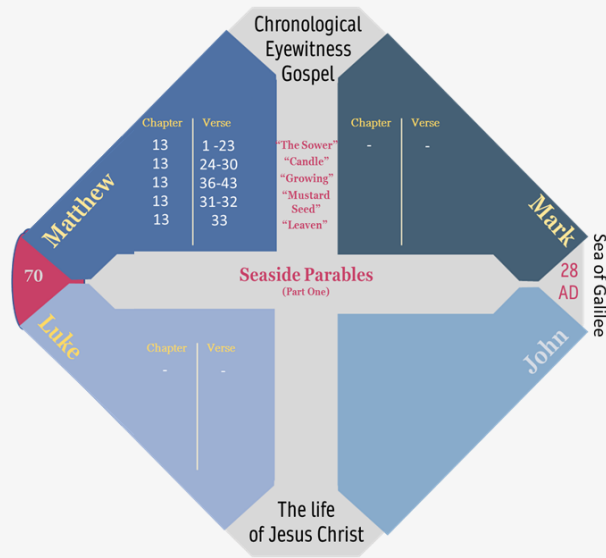
## *The Sower*

“Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds came and ate it.

“Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn’t have deep roots, it died.

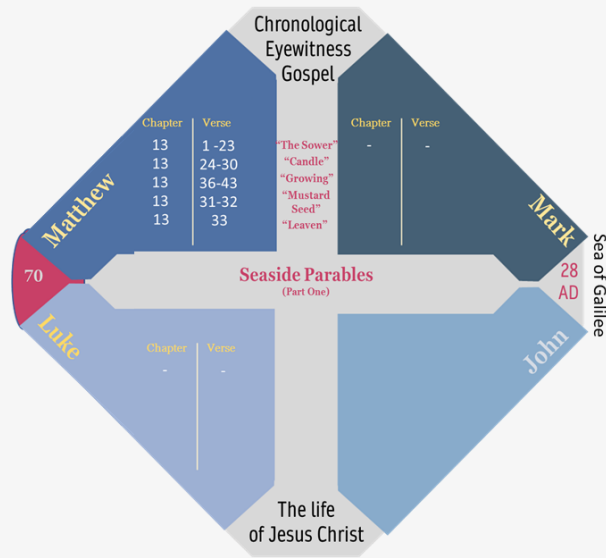
“Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants, so they produced no grain. Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”

When he had said this, he called out, “Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”



His disciples came and asked him, “Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?”

He replied, “You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. That is why I use these parables,

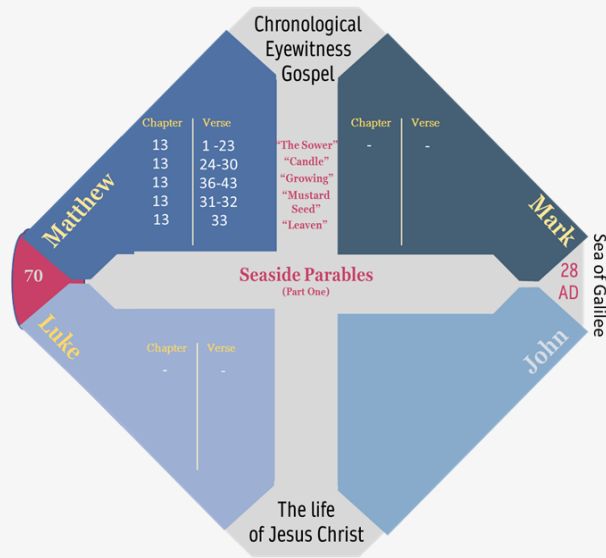


“This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says,

‘When you hear what I say,  
 you will not understand.  
 When you see what I do,  
 you will not comprehend.  
 For the hearts of these people are hardened,  
 and their ears cannot hear,  
 and they have closed their eyes—  
 so their eyes cannot see,  
 and their ears cannot hear,  
 and their hearts cannot understand,  
 and they cannot turn to me  
 and let me heal them.’

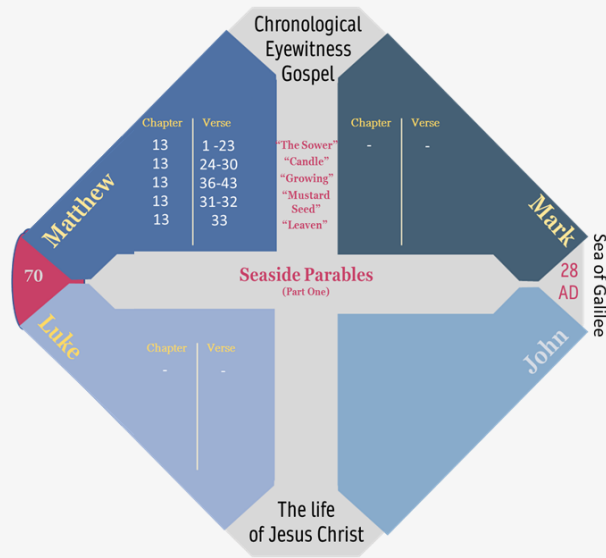
“But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.”





His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He replied, “If you can’t understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? Now listen to the explanation of the parable about the farmer planting seeds.

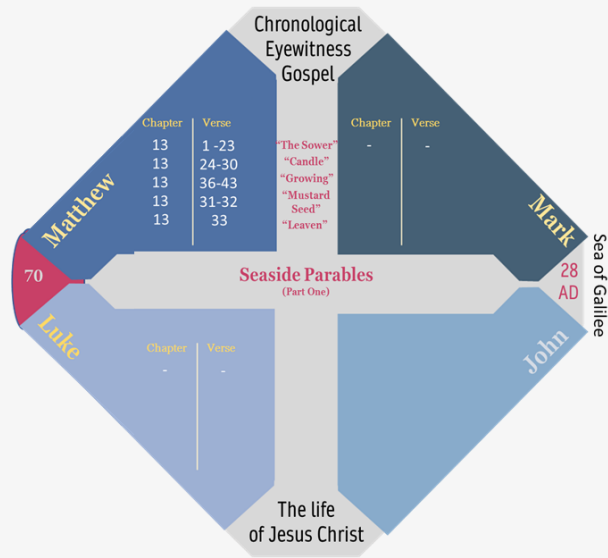
“The farmer plants seed by taking God’s word to others. The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don’t understand it, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. The evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.



“The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don’t have deep roots, they don’t last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God’s word. They believe for a while, then they fall away when they face temptation.

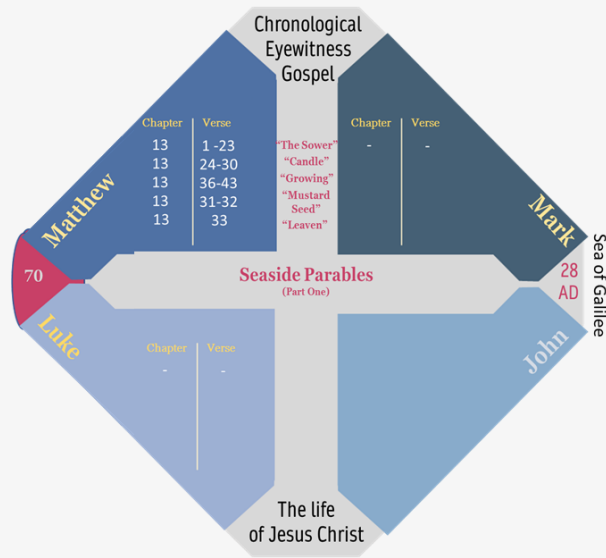
“The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God’s word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and the desire for other things; so they never grow into maturity and no fruit is produced.

“And the seed that fell on good soil, which is honest, good-hearted people who hear God’s word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. Those who hear and accept God’s word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!”



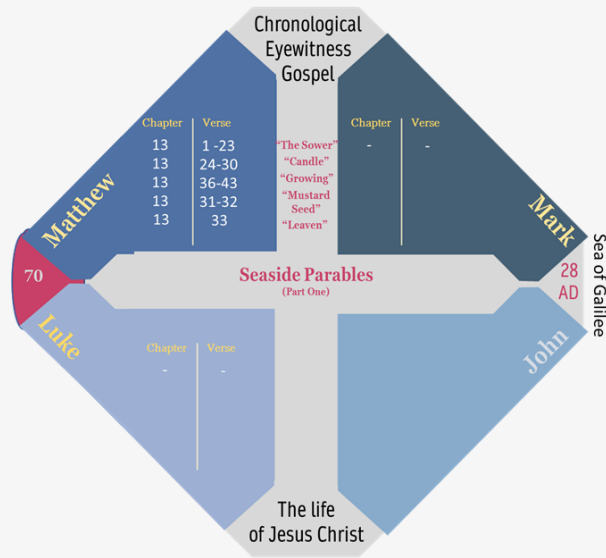
## *The Candle*

Then Jesus asked them, “Would anyone light a candle and then put it under a basket or under a bed? Of course not! No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or hides it under a bed. A candlestick is placed on a stand, where its light will shine so it can be seen by all who enter the house. For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed, every secret, will be brought to light and made known to all. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.”



## *Parable of the Growing Seed*

Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”



## *Parable of the Wheat and Weeds*

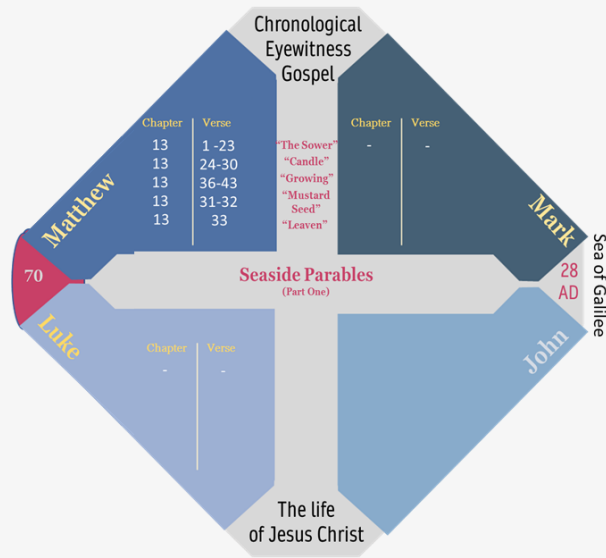
Here is another story Jesus told: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

“The farmer’s workers went to him and said, ‘Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?’

“‘An enemy has done this!’ the farmer exclaimed.

“‘Should we pull out the weeds?’ they asked.

“‘No,’ he replied, ‘you’ll uproot the wheat if you do. Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.’”

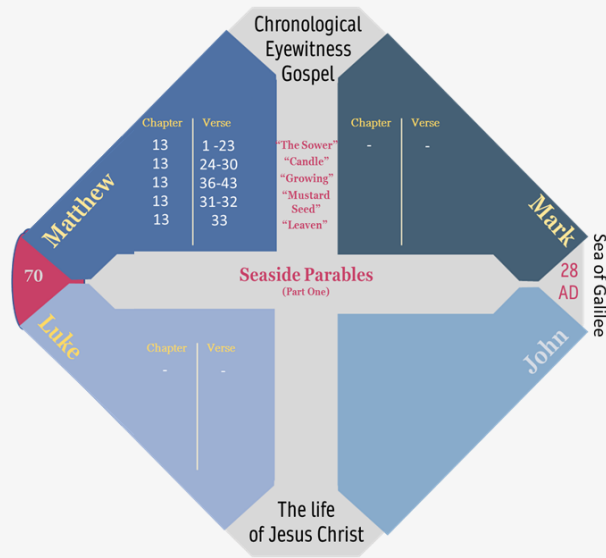


## *Parable of the Wheat and Weeds Explained*

Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, “Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field.”

Jesus replied, “The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

“Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

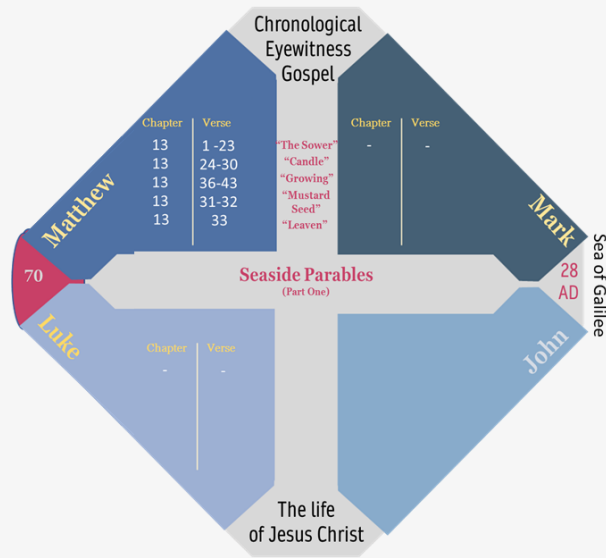


## *Parable of the Mustard Seed*

Here is another illustration Jesus used: “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds come and make nests in its shade.”

## *Parable of the Yeast - Leaven*

Jesus also used this illustration: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough.”

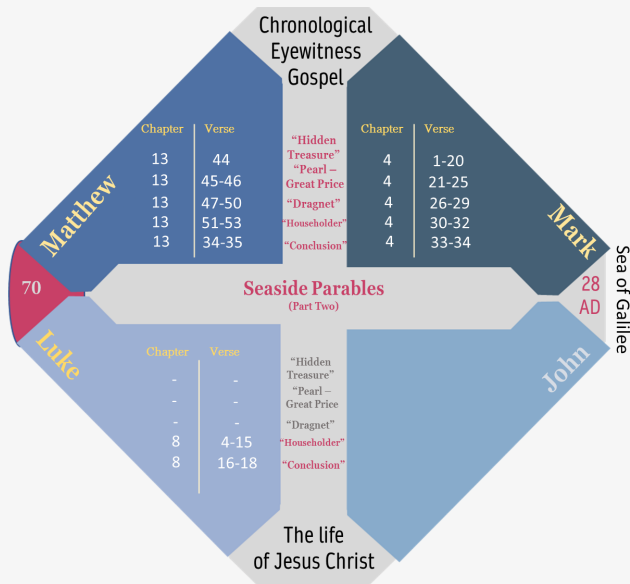


Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet:

“I will speak to you in parables.

I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world.”



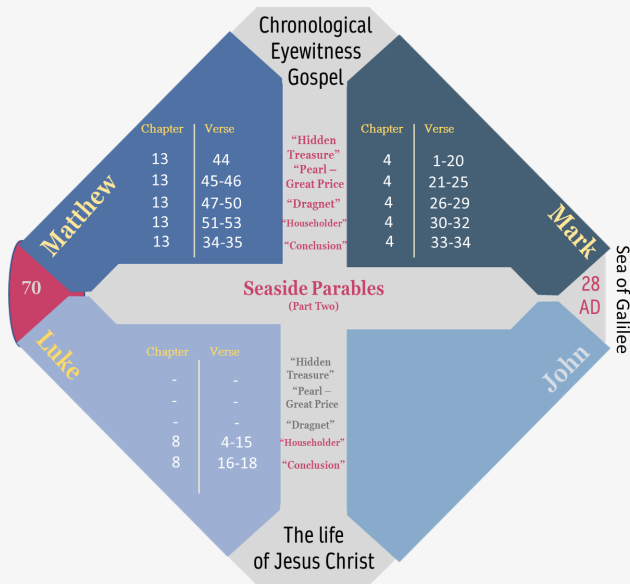


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### *Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl*

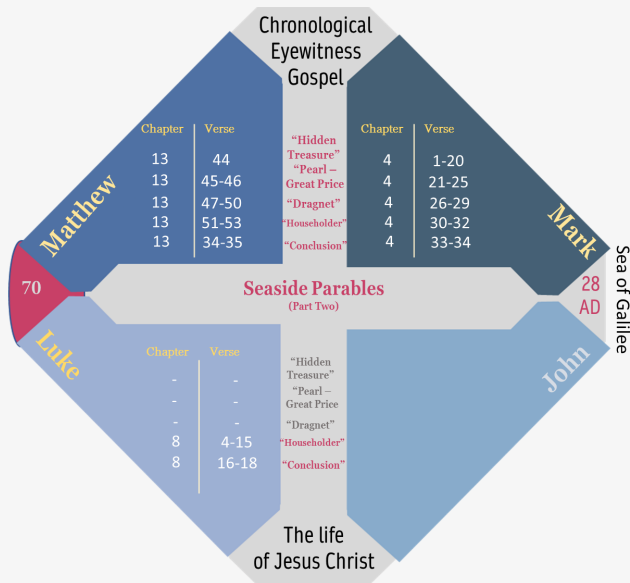
“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!



## *Parable of the Fishing Net*

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



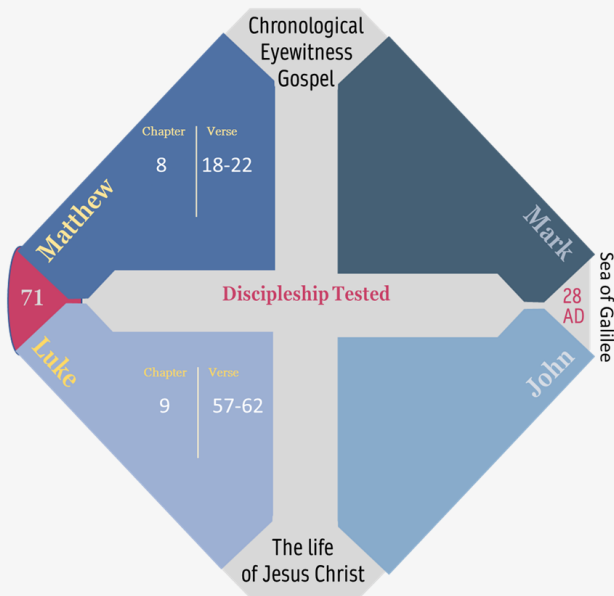
## *Parable of the householder*

“Do you understand all these things?”

“Yes,” they said, “we do.”

Then he added, “Every teacher of religious law who becomes a disciple in the Kingdom of Heaven is like a homeowner who brings from his storeroom new gems of truth as well as old.”

When Jesus had finished telling these stories and illustrations, he left that part of the country. Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

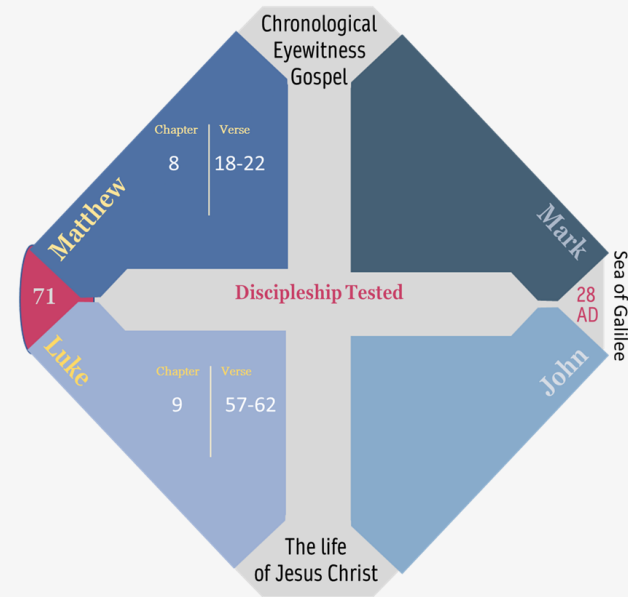


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When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake.

As they were walking along, one of the teachers of religious law said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.”

But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place even to lay his head.”



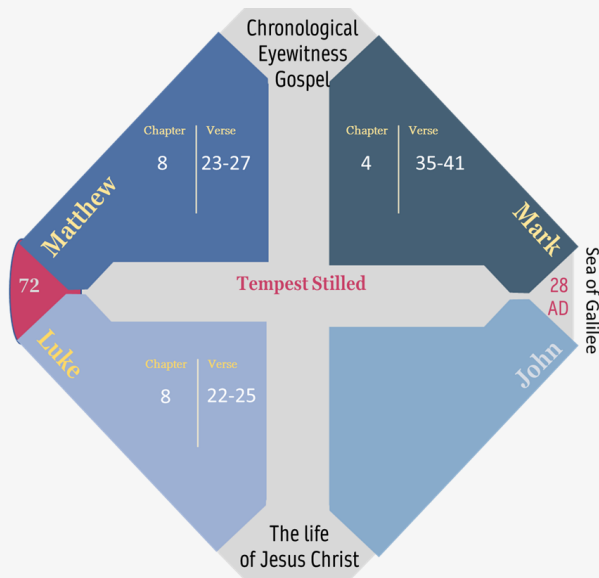
He said to another person, “Come, follow me.”

Another of his disciples said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.”

But Jesus told him, “Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead! Your duty is to go and preach about the Kingdom of God.”

Another said, “Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family.”

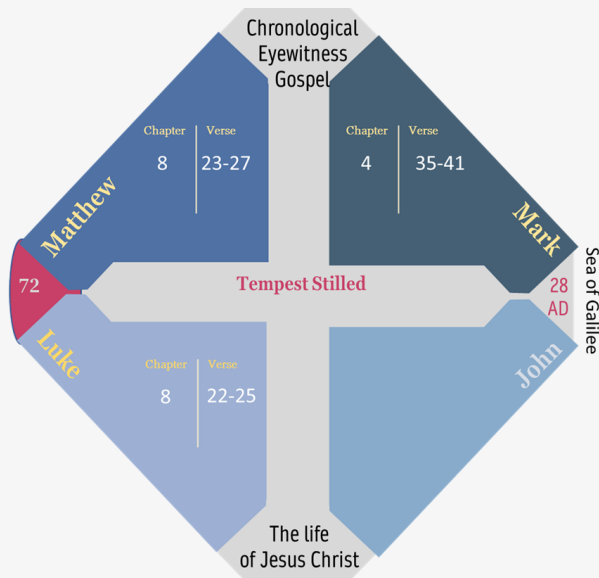
But Jesus told him, “Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God.”



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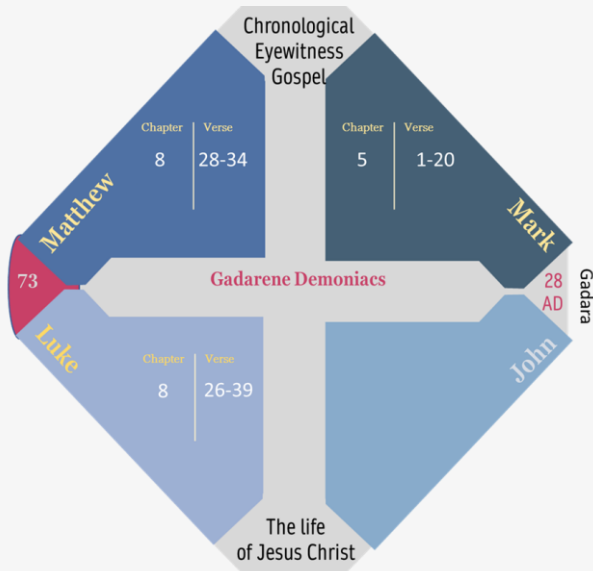
As evening came, Jesus said, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake,” got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples. So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed).

As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. Suddenly, a fierce storm struck the lake, with waves breaking into the boat and it began to fill with water; but Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, “Lord, save us! We’re going to drown!” “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?” They were in real danger.



Jesus responded, “Why are you afraid? You have so little faith!” Then he got up and rebuked the wind and said to the raging waves, “Silence! Be still!” and suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

The disciples were absolutely terrified and amazed, “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!”

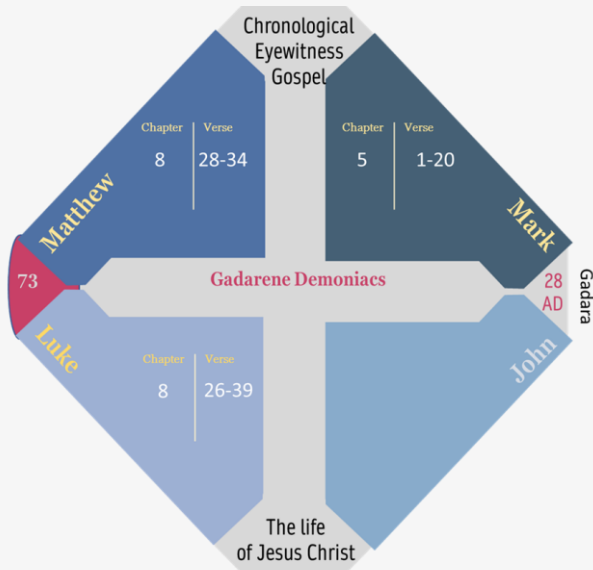


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So when they arrived at the other side of the lake, across the lake from Galilee in the region of the Gerasenes, when Jesus climbed out of the boat, two men who were possessed by demons met him.

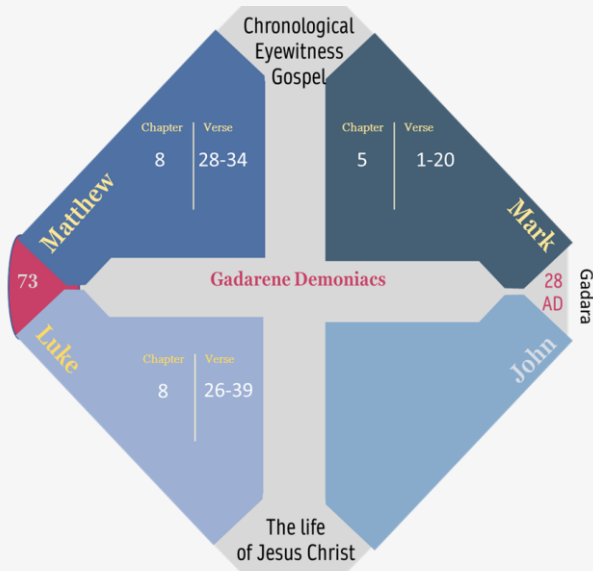
They came out of the tombs and were so violent that no one could go through that area. They began screaming at him, “Why are you interfering with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torture us before God’s appointed time?”





A man possessed by an evil spirit; a man who was possessed by demons came out from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.

For a long time he had been homeless and naked, living in the tombs outside the town. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. This spirit had often taken control of the man. Even when he was placed under guard and put in chains and shackles, he simply broke them and rushed out into the wilderness, completely under the demon’s power. Day and night, he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones.

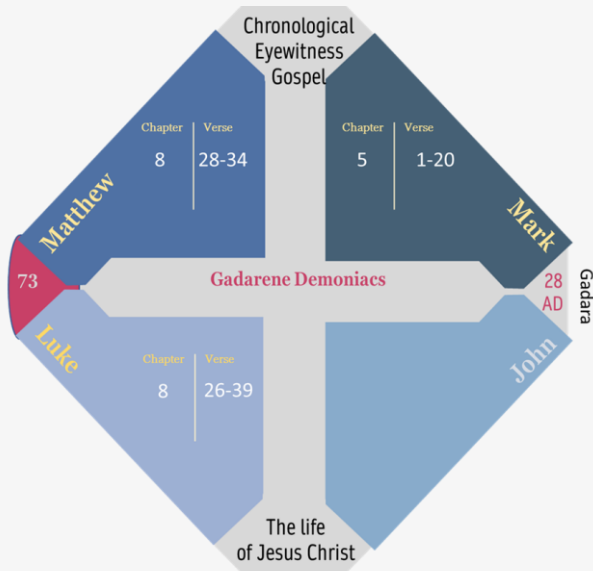


When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had already commanded the evil spirit to come out of him, saying, **“Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”**

Then Jesus demanded, **“What is your name?”**

And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. The demons kept begging Jesus not to send them into the bottomless pit.

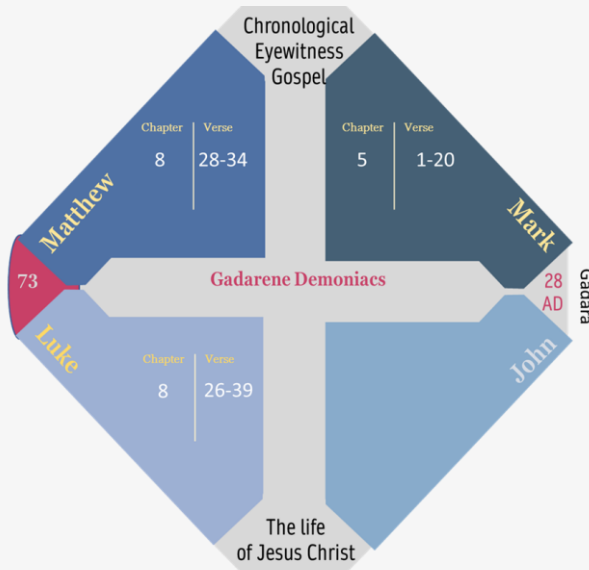
[Footnote: or the abyss, or the underworld.]



There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding in the distance on the hillside nearby. “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.”

So Jesus gave them permission. He said, “Go,” and the evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.

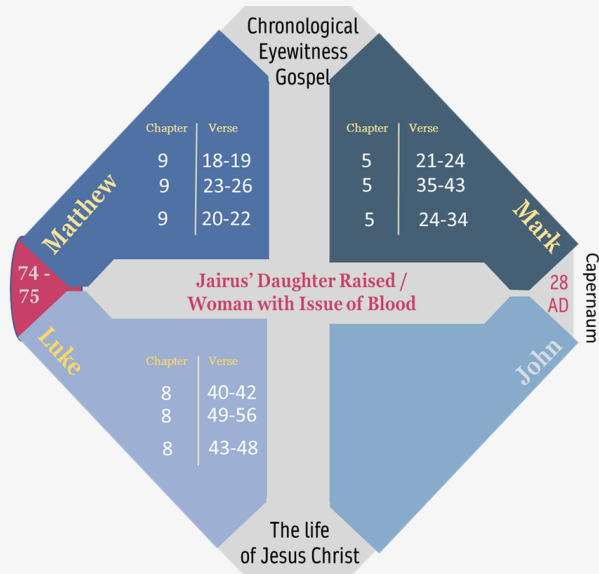
When the herdsmen saw it, they fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran telling everyone what happened to the demon-possessed men.



People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by and freed from the legion of demons. He was sitting at Jesus' feet, fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid.

Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. And the entire town began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. All the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them.

As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, **“No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”** So the man went all through the town and the Ten Towns of that region proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.



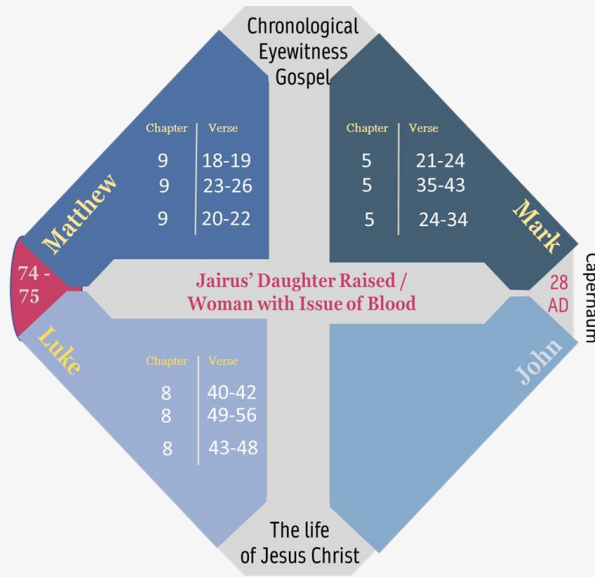
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Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd was waiting for him and gathered around him on the shore.

Then a man named Jairus, a leader of the local synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading fervently with him to come home with him. "My little daughter is dying," he said. "Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live."

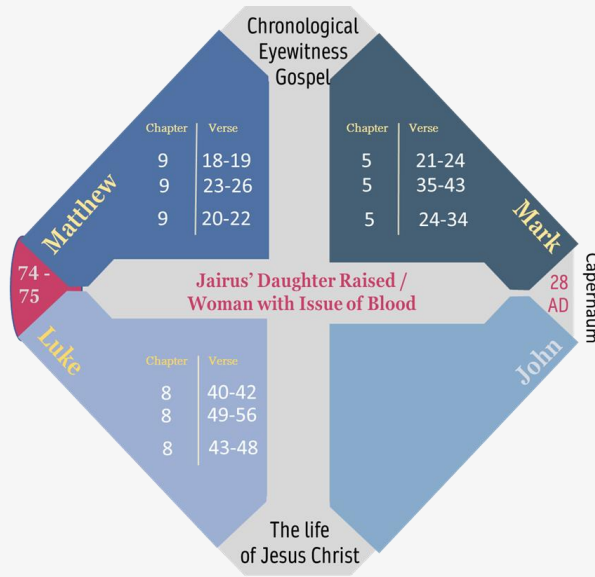
His only daughter, who was about twelve years old, was dying.

As Jesus went with him and all the people followed, crowding around him, he was surrounded by the crowds.



A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding, and she could find no cure. She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.

She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe. For she thought to herself, **“If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.”**



Coming up behind Jesus, she touched the fringe of his robe. Immediately, the bleeding stopped, and she could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.

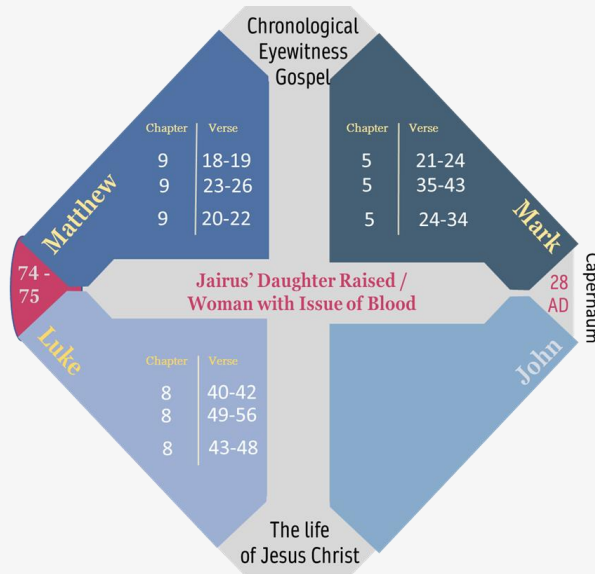
“Who touched me?” Jesus asked.

Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, “Who touched my robe?”

His disciples said to him, “Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, ‘Who touched me?’”

But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. Everyone denied it, and Peter said, “Master, this whole crowd is pressing up against you.”

But Jesus said, “Someone deliberately touched me, for I felt healing power go out from me.”



Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her and realizing that she could not stay hidden, she began to tremble and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done.

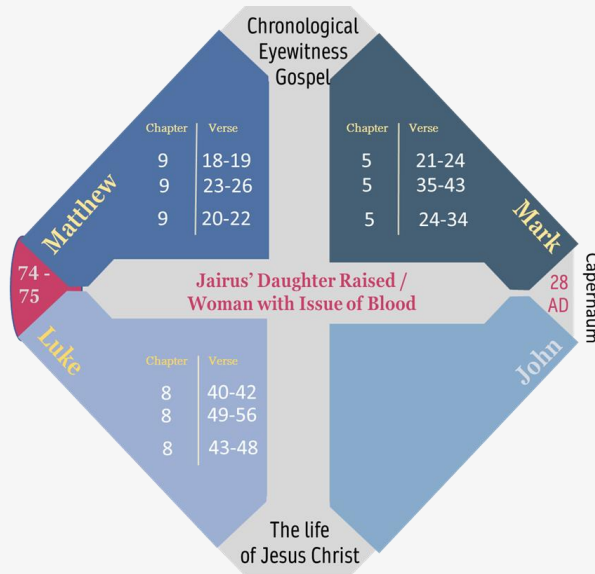
The whole crowd heard her explain why she had touched him and that she had been immediately healed.

“**Daughter,**” he said to her, “**be encouraged, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over.**”

While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. He told him, “Your daughter is dead. There’s no use troubling the Teacher now.”

But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, “**Don’t be afraid. Just have faith, and she will be healed.**”





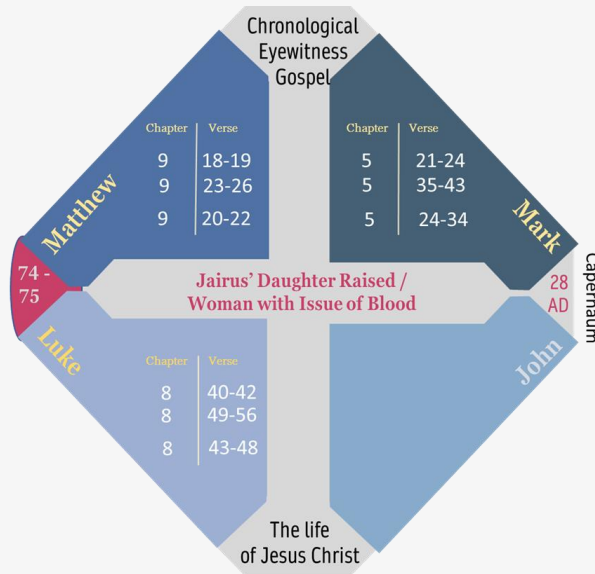
Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James).

When they arrived at the home of the synagogue leader, at the official's home, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. He saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music.

He went inside and asked, **“Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep.”**

The house was filled with people weeping and wailing, but he said, **“Stop the weeping! She isn't dead; she's only asleep.”**

Jesus wouldn't let anyone go in with him except Peter, John, James, and the little girl's father and mother.



But the crowd scoffed at him because they all knew she had died. But he made them all leave. **“Get out!”** he told them. **“The girl isn’t dead; she’s only asleep.”**

After the crowd was put outside, however, he took the girl’s father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. Then Jesus took her by the hand and said in a loud voice, **“My child, get up!”**

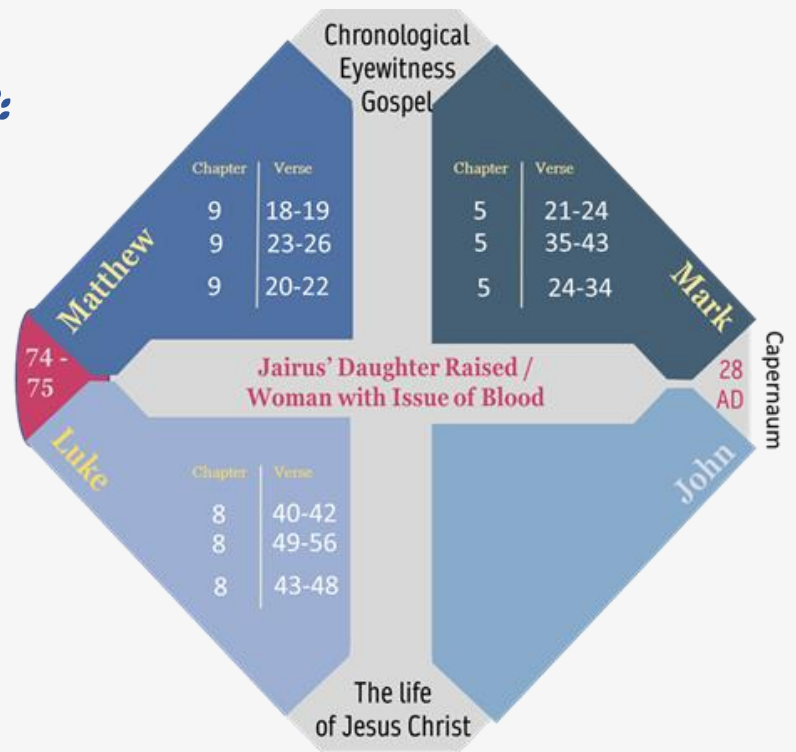
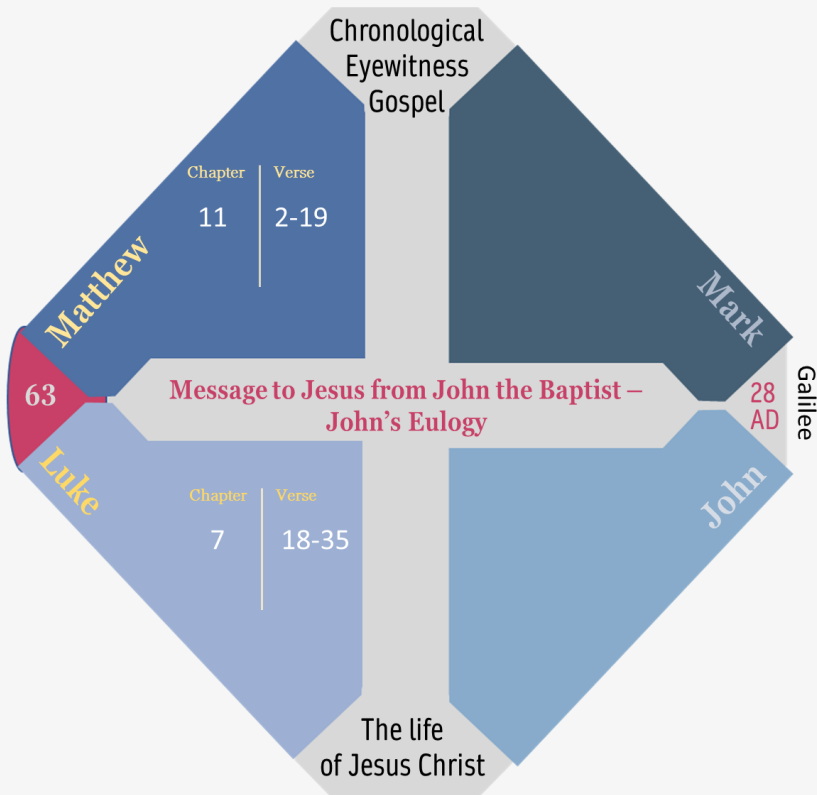
Holding her hand, he said to her, **“Talitha koum,”** which means **“Little girl, get up!”**

And at that moment her life returned, and the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! Her parents were overwhelmed and totally amazed, but Jesus insisted that they not tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat.

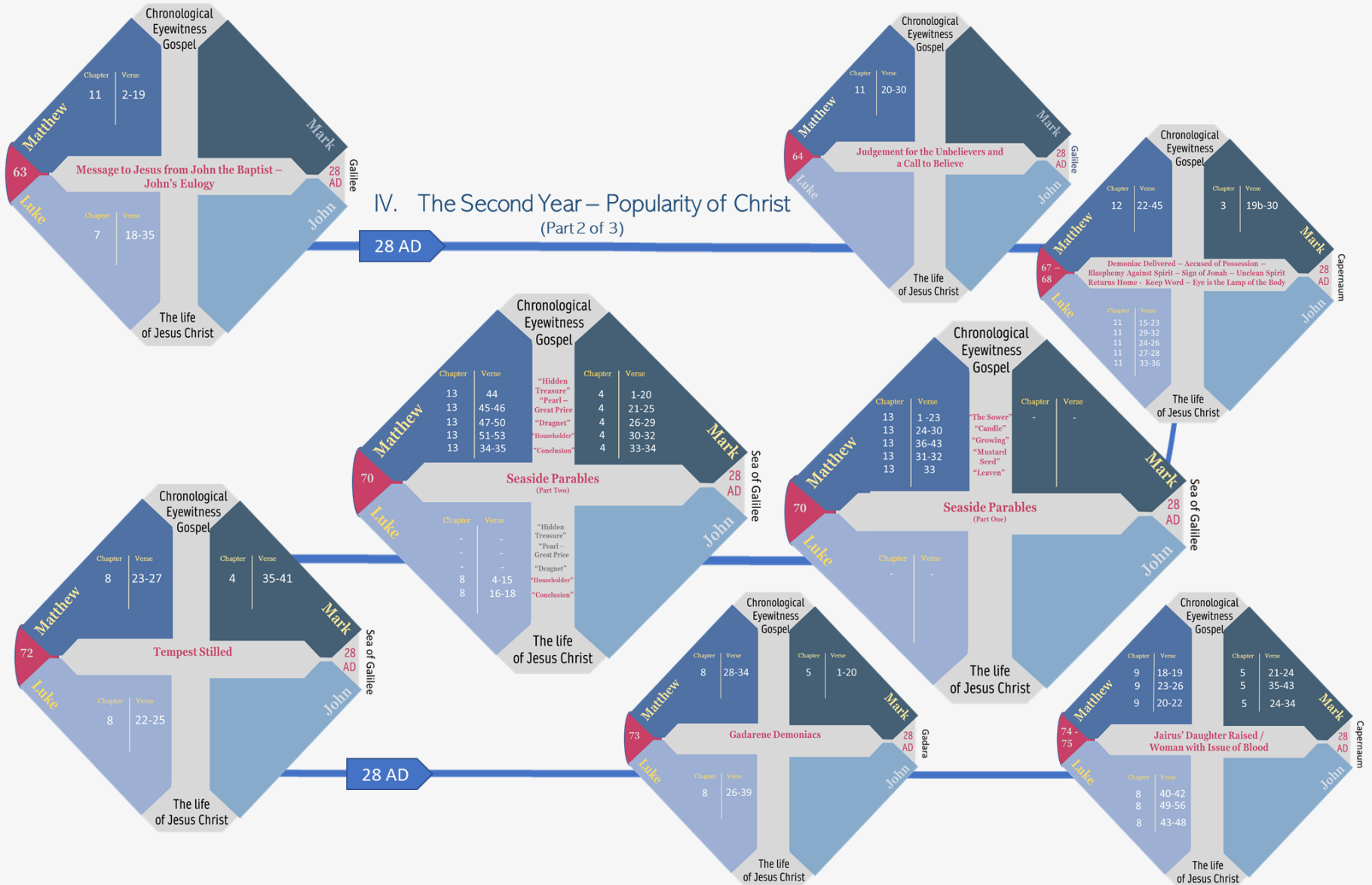
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