

Harmony of the Teachings of Christ in The Four Gospels

Teaching of Christ in Matthew (Parallel Mark and Luke in Parenthesis)

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| 4:1-10 (Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13) | In the Desert | Jesus teaches Satan. | Jesus stands up to Satan's temptation and teaches him to only worship God, not to live on bread alone, and not to tempt the Lord. |
| 4:17 (Mk 1:14-15; Lk 4:14-15) | In Galilee | Disciples and Crowd | Jesus teaches the Good News message of faith and repentance throughout Galilee (Summary Statement). |
| 5:1-7:29 (Lk 6) "The Sermon on the Mount" | The hillside of Galilee toward the beginning of Jesus' ministry. | The disciples and the extended crowd. | Follow His teaching as the King of God's Kingdom. God demands the internal righteousness that comes through Jesus' Teaching and life. Instructions on the fulfillment of the Law, prayer and fasting, faith and anxiety. Follow Jesus' teaching and you will have eternal life reject and you will have destruction. |
| 8:18-23 (Mk 4:35-41; 8:22-25) | By the Sea of Galilee | A Scribe | Leave all and follow. The scribe was not willing. |
| 9:4-8 (Mk 2:1-12; Lk 5:17-26) | At Capernaum | The crowd and the Pharisees. | Jesus teaches through healing a paralytic that He also has authority to forgive sins. |
| 9:10-11 (Mk 2:15-17; 5:29-32) | Near Matthew's house (?) | Pharisees and Disciples | Jesus came to teach and call the sinners and not the righteous who did not think they needed healing and forgiveness. |
| 9:14-17 (Mk 2:18-22; Lk 5:33-39) | | Disciples of John. The crowd listing. | Jesus disciples do not fast because it is not time to fast yet. |
| 9:35 | Towns and villages in Galilee. | The crowd. | "Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness." |
| 9:37-38 (Mk 6:6) | | Disciples | Pray that the Lord of the Harvest sends more people to labor in His harvest. |
| 10:1-42 (Mk 6:7-13; Lk 9:1-6) "The Good Commission." | Before sending out the 12 Apostles. | The 12 Apostles / Disciples | Following Jesus pathway of teaching will not be easy. Being His follower will bring opposition. As the Leader so the Follower. |
| 11:1-19 | On the death of John the Baptist. | Disciples of John the Baptist. The crowd listing. | John the Baptist was a prophet preparing the way for Jesus. Jesus is disappointed that more did not listen and repent and welcome Him as Messiah, especially the religious leaders. |
| 12:1-12 (Mk 2:23-28 Lk 6:1-5) | When opposed by Pharisees. | Pharisees and Disciples | Jesus is Lord of the Sabbath. He can do good on the Sabbath like providing for His needs and healing a lame man. Sabbath is for man, not man for Sabbath. |
| 12:22-32 (Mk 3:20-35; Lk 8:19-21) | When opposed by Pharisees | Pharisees and Disciples | Jesus' power is by the Holy Spirit, not an unclean spirit. Those who believe that Jesus is unclean will never be forgiven. |
| 12:33-37 | | Probably Pharisees | What you say comes from your heart and will determine the judgment you will receive. |
| 12:38-45 | When asked for a sign by the Pharisees. | Pharisees and Disciples | The sign that you will receive is that of Jonah (A prophetic reference to the resurrection). |
| 13:1-55 (Mk 4:1-34; Lk 8:4-18) | Along the Sea of Galilee | The crowds, disciples and the Pharisees. | Matthew records several of Jesus Parables. The primary theme is the kingdom of God. The King shares that His rule is one that is entered through hearing and receiving His Word like a Seed. Staying with Him is treasure, pearl. And yet, there will be many who say they are in His kingdom who are not true followers. |
| 14:31 (Mk 6:47-52) | After calming the storm | Disciples | Jesus encourages the disciples to believe in difficult times. |
| 15:1-20 (Mk 7:1-23) | Pharisees ask why the disciples do not follow ritual cleansing ritual. | Disciples and Pharisees | We are not clean or unclean based on outward rituals. The heart must be cleansed in order to be truly clean. |
| 16:1-12 (Mk 8:13-26) | Pharisees ask for a sign. | Disciples and Pharisees | An evil and adulteress generation seeks for signs and wonders. Seek the King. The Pharisees teaching spreads like leaven. |
| 16:13-28 (Mk 8:27-30; Lk 9:18-27) "The Call to A Cross" | Jesus takes Disciples into a Mountain North of Israel. | Disciples Only | Jesus begins to clearly teach His death and His purpose for coming. He asks them to take their cross and follow Him and they will never regret that for the life He gives in following is the best way to go. |
| 17:1-13 (Mk 9:2-8; 9:28-36) | Transfiguration | Peter James and John | Jesus instructs them not to tell anyone about the vision until after He died and rose again. |
| 17:19-21 (Mk 9:14-29; Lk 9:37-43) | After the disciples could | The disciples | Some things will not happen until you fast and pray that God will undertake for you. |

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| | not cast out a demon. | | |
| 17:24-27 | Capernaum paying taxes. | Peter | Jesus teaches that they should not have to pay the Jewish tax because they were Jewish, but to catch a fish and pay with the money in the fish's mouth. They don't want to cause offense. |
| 18:1-35 (Mk 9:30-50; Lk 9:43-50) ★ "Kingdom Chronicles" | The disciples ask who is greatest in the Kingdom. | Disciples | Jesus gives several responses to the question about the kingdom: 1. Entrance in the kingdom is for those who come as a child, full of faith. 2. Don't cause anyone to stumble away from the kingdom. 3. The Father desires to seek and save those who are lost. He will leave the 99 to find the 1. 4. We who have been forgiven must be ready to forgive. |
| 19:1-12 (Mk 10:1-12) | Question about divorce | Pharisees in front of the disciples and crowd. | Jesus teaches that God hates divorce and was only permitted for hardness of heart. It should be prohibited except for cases of immorality. Divorce is adultery. |
| 19:13-15 (Mk 10:13-16; 18:15-17) | Children come to Jesus | Disciples and children. | Jesus rebukes the disciples for not allowing the children to come to Him. |
| 19:16-30 (Mk 10:17-31; Lk 18:18-30) | Rich young ruler comes and asks what to do to have life. | Rich young ruler, disciples, perhaps crowd. | Rich young ruler wants to have eternal life and says he has not done anything wrong. Jesus encourages Him to leave all and follow Him. The man was too wealthy to leave all and follow. Jesus states that salvation is supernatural and only possible with God. Those who leave all receive all. |
| 20:1-16 | | Disciples and crowd | All are called to leave all and serve Him. Some serve more than others. To serve more is a privilege and all receive the same wage. |
| 20:17-19 (Mk 10:32-34; Lk 18:31-34) | On the way to Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus teaches again that they are going up to Jerusalem for Him to die and rise again. |
| 20:20-28 (Mk 10:35-45) | On the way to Jerusalem | James and John's Mother | Leadership is not lordship, it is servanthood. God gives leadership in His kingdom sovereignly. |
| 21:13 (Mk 11:15-18; 19:45-48) | In Jerusalem (Cleansing Temple) | Pharisees and Crowd | Don't turn the temple into a place of business and extortion. |
| 21:18-22 | On the way to Jerusalem | Great! | God answers prayer of faith. |
| 21:18-22:14 (Mk 11:19-12:12; Lk 20:1-19) ★ "Final Public Appeal" | In Jerusalem during final week. | To Pharisees and religious leaders in front of the disciples and crowds. | Cursing the fig tree, Parables that teach that the Son will be thrown out by those who will be judged, pointing to the rejection of the Pharisees as prophesied in Isaiah. |
| 22:15-46 (Mk 12:13-34; Lk 20:9-40) | In Jerusalem during final week. | To Pharisees and religious leaders in front of the disciples and crowds. | Jesus answers the questions that religious leaders prepared to bring against Him. Questions about taxation, marriage and the resurrection, and the foremost commandment of the Law. Jesus ends by asking them a question and they cannot answer. |
| 23:1-39 (Mk 12:38-40; Lk 20:45-47) | In Jerusalem during final days. | The crowd and the disciples. | A scathing denunciation of the Pharisees publicly denouncing their hypocrisy, arrogance, and way future destination in Hell. |
| 24:1-25:46 (Mk 13 Lk 21-22) ★ "Olivet Discourse" | Walking from Jerusalem Temple to the Mount of Olives | Disciples | Jesus states that He will return and shares the signs of His return. There will be perilous times so be prepared. Jesus shares several parables to encourage His followers to always be ready and rightly related to the Father. Also, use your talents faithfully for His kingdom until He returns. When He returns He will judge the world. |
| 26:6-13 | Bethany during final week. | Disciples and woman. | Jesus rebukes the disciples for rebuking the lady who spent extravagantly on preparing Him for burial. |
| 26:26-35 (Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:17-20) | Upper Room | Disciples | Institution of the Lord's Table. Jesus shares that His blood is poured out for the forgiveness of those who follow Him. |

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| 26:36-46 (Mk 14:32-42; Lk 22:40-46) | Garden of Gethsemane | Disciples | Keep watching and praying, your flesh is weak. |
| 26:47-56 (Mk 43-52; 22:47-53; Jn 18:2-12) | Garden of Gethsemane | Disciples, Judas, and Soldiers | Jesus claims power over all and acknowledges His plan to be taken by soldiers without a fight. |
| 26:63-64 (Mk 14:53-65; Lk 22:55-65) | Before the High Priest | High Priest | Jesus claims to be the Most High, the Son of Man who receives all authority in Daniel. |
| 28:16-20 (Lk 24:44-49) | On a mountain in Galilee | Disciples and followers. | After His resurrection, Jesus has all authority and encourages His disciples to make the rest of the world His followers. |
| Teaching of Christ in Mark (Teaching not included in Matthew above.) | | | |
| 12:41-44 (Lk 21:1-4) | Temple | Disciples and those at Treasury | God knows the heart of those who are giving. He sees us as we give so we should give to Him and not to be seen by others. |
| Teaching of Christ in Luke (Teaching not included in Matthew and Mark above.) | | | |
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| 4:16-27 | Nazareth | Disciples and people in Synagogue. | Jesus teaches that He is the fulfillment of the prophecies of coming Messiah (King), and that the Good News is for Gentiles as well as Jewish people. Nazareth tried to kill Him for this teaching. |
| 4:43-44 | Judea | Synagogues | Jesus preaches in Galilee and Judean Synagogues the message of the Kingdom. |
| 7:36-50 | | | Jesus forgives a lady who anoints His feet with her hair. He teaches that those who are forgiven most love most. |
| 10:30-37 | | A Student of the Law | Jesus teaches who is our neighbor – Everyone in need. Parable of the good Samaritan. This would be difficult to hear because a Samaritan is the hero. |
| 10:38-42 | Bethany | Mary and Martha | Mary chooses to sit at Jesus feet and learn of Him. Martha serves. Jesus states that what Mary has chosen is the one thing necessary. |
| 12:22-59 | | Disciples and Crowds | Do not live for the present, storing up treasures for now. Be ready for the coming of Christ and seek His Kingdom first. |
| 13:1-9 | | Crowds | Everyone must repent or perish. |
| 13:10-17 | Synagogue | Sabbath Crowd | Jesus heals on the Sabbath and opposes those who are offended at His healing. |
| 13:22-30 | Around Jerusalem | | Enter in the straight gate. Many will think they are going into the kingdom but will not enter. Many who are not Jewish will enter. |
| 13:31-35; | Around Jerusalem | Pharisees | Jesus calls Herod a fox and states that He is ready to die as He goes up to Jerusalem. |
| 14:16-24 | | | Jesus calls all to come to Him. Sometimes those who appear most likely will not accept His invitation. |
| 15:1-32 | When sinners ate with Jesus. | Pharisees and Scribes | Jesus shares stories and parables of the value of searching for what is lost: A lost coin, a lost sheep, a lost Son. He shares the Prodigal Son incriminating the Pharisees. |
| 16:1-13 | | Disciples | Serve only God and not wealth. Be wise with your use of money and don't let it master you. |
| 16:14-31 | | Pharisees and Disciples | The rich man and the poor man. God had mercy on the man, not based on how much he gave or had. The message is to repent. There is a reference here also to the resurrection. |
| 17:1-10 | | Apostles | Instructions on following Him. Have faith, forgive, serve not wanting reward. |
| 17:22-37 | | Disciples | Signs of Jesus second coming. His coming will not be expected. Some will be taken and some left. |
| 18:1-8 | | Disciples | Continue persistent in prayer. The Lord wants to hear and answer your prayer. |
| 18:9-17 | | Self-righteous | Christ forgives and justifies the one who cries out for mercy. |
| 19:11-27 | Near Jerusalem | | Don't get caught up waiting for the kingdom of God to come tomorrow instead of investing in the kingdom of God today through doing Christ's works. |
| 24:13-35 | Road to Emmaus | Post Resurrection Appearance. | Jesus appears to the disciples and teaches from the Old Testament that He is the Messiah and that He had to die and rise again as Messiah according to the Old Testament. |
| John (Teaching not included in Matthew, Mark or Luke) | | | |

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| 1:48-51 | | Nathanael | Jesus is the Son of God and also the Son of Man who has all authority. |
| 1:13-19 | Jerusalem | Temple to Pharisees | Upon cleansing the Temple, Jesus teaches that God is His Father and that He will be raised up the third day. |
| 3:1-21 ★ “Believe and be Saved (Jewish).” | Jerusalem (?) | Nicodemus | Jesus gives new life to those who believe in Him. He will be raised up on a cross so that all who look to Him in faith will have eternal life. Those who believe will follow Him and not walk in darkness. |
| 4:1-38 ★ “Believe and Be Saved (Gentile).” | Samaria | Woman at the well | Jesus teaches that He gives life and purpose to those who follow Him as Messiah (King). He will grant the way to worship God in Spirit and Truth no matter where someone is from. All are called to repent and follow. Samaritans respond and are saved. |
| 5:1-24 | Bethesda | Pharisees and man healed | Jesus teaches that He has authority to heal on the Sabbath and that He is equal to the Father. |
| 5:25-47 | Jerusalem | Pharisees | Jesus comes from the Father and does the works of the Father as witnessed by the Spirit, His Works and the Scriptures. |
| 6:1-65 ★ “Bread of Life” | Capernaum | Disciples and Crowd | Jesus is the bread of life from heaven. If you eat (partake, believe) in Him (His message of life by faith) you will have eternal life. Many no longer walked with Jesus at this point. |
| 7:14-39 | Jerusalem | Feast of Tabernacles to Pharisees | Jesus asks the Pharisees to follow Him. They refuse. He states that they will try to kill Him. They deny. He asks them to believe Him so that He might give them the Holy Spirit. |
| 8:12-59 | Jerusalem | Pharisees | Jesus is the light of the world. Believe in Him. Jesus claims to be before Abraham and to be the I Am. The Pharisees try to stone Jesus. |
| 9:1-41 | Jerusalem | Pharisees and disciples | As Jesus heals the blind man, He is the light of the world. Those who see Him in faith have spiritual sight. |
| 10:1-21 | Jerusalem | Pharisees, Disciples | Jesus is the good shepherd. He gives His life for the sheep. |
| 10:22-39 | Jerusalem | Pharisees | Jesus is One with the Father. |
| 11:1-40 | Bethany | Disciples | Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and teaches that He is the resurrection and the life. Believe in Him for eternal life. |
| 12:20-36 | | Disciples | As Greeks come to see Jesus, He knows it is time to die. As a grain of wheat must die to bring more fruit, He must die to bring resurrection life to others. Walk in His light. |
| ★ Chapters 13-17 “Last Words and Testament.” | Upper Room Discourses to Disciples on Night of Betrayal | | |
| 13:1-20 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus washes their feet teaching that they must serve one another. |
| 13:21-38 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus disciples are known for their love one for another. This is the great commandment. And yet one of you will betray me. |
| 14:1-14 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus is leaving to prepare a place for them but will come and receive to His Fathers’ House. He is the Way. |
| 14:16-31 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus is leaving the Spirit as the Helper to give strength and guidance to His followers. He will be the comforter Who will remind them of what He said. |
| 15:1-11 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches, we will only walk in life if we walk in, or abide in, Him. As we do, we will bear fruit. |
| 15:12-17 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Love one another. |
| 15:18-16:4 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus prepares His followers for persecution. |
| 16:5-28 | Jerusalem | Disciples | Jesus is going to die, He will send His Spirit. Pray to the Father in His name. |
| John 17 - High Priestly Prayer | | | |
| 18:33-38 | Jerusalem | Pilate | Jesus is the Truth, His kingdom is not of this world, it is out of this world as it resides in the realm of the heart of all who follow Christ as King. |
| 20:14-18 | Jerusalem | Mary | Jesus states that He is going to His Father. |
| 20:19-23 | Jerusalem | Upper Room | Jesus appears and shares His peace and the Holy Spirit with the disciples. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Him. |
| 21:15-25 | Sea of Galilee | Disciples | Jesus recommissions and sends out the disciples. Tend His sheep. |