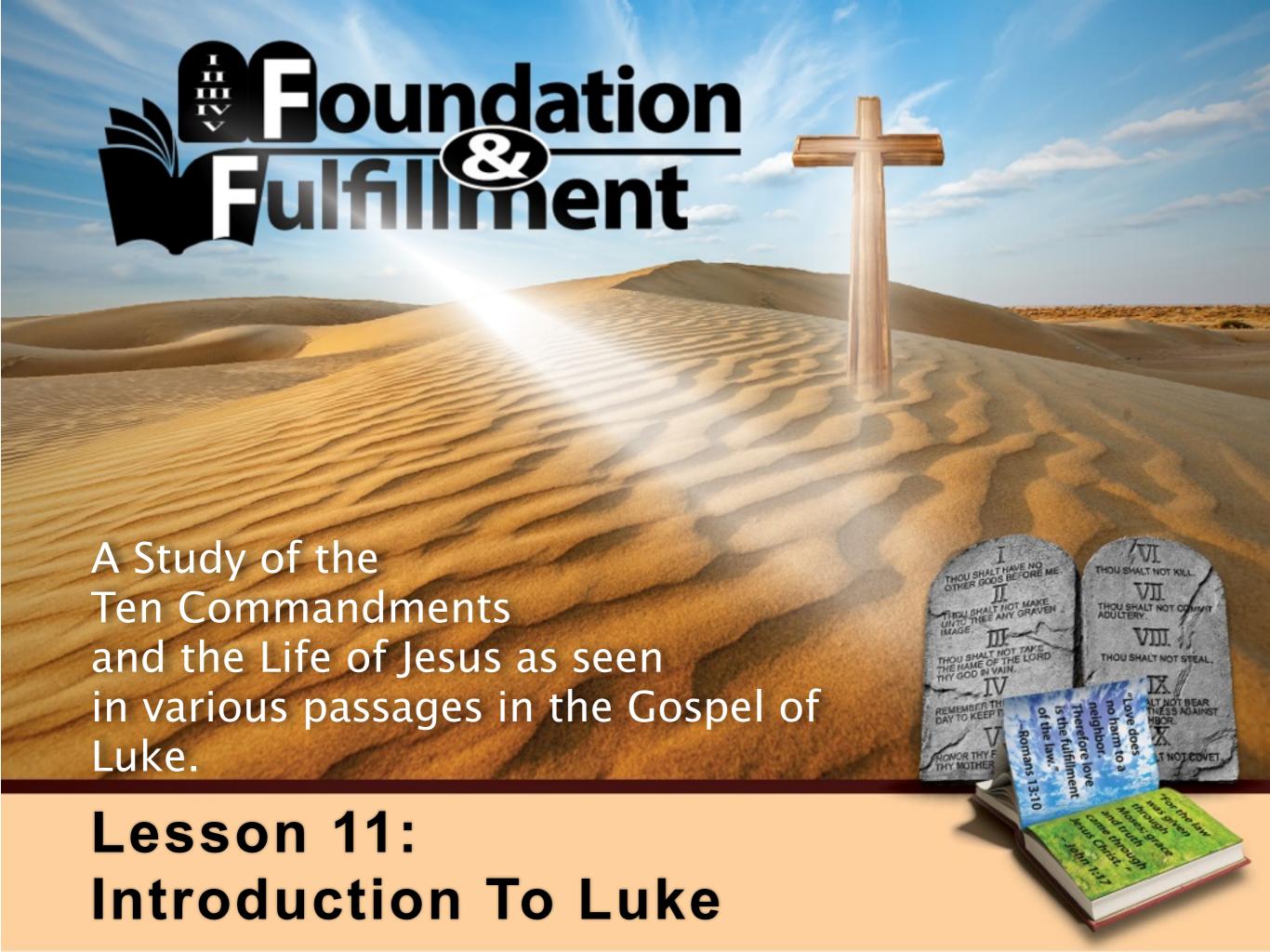




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#### **OPENING SONG**

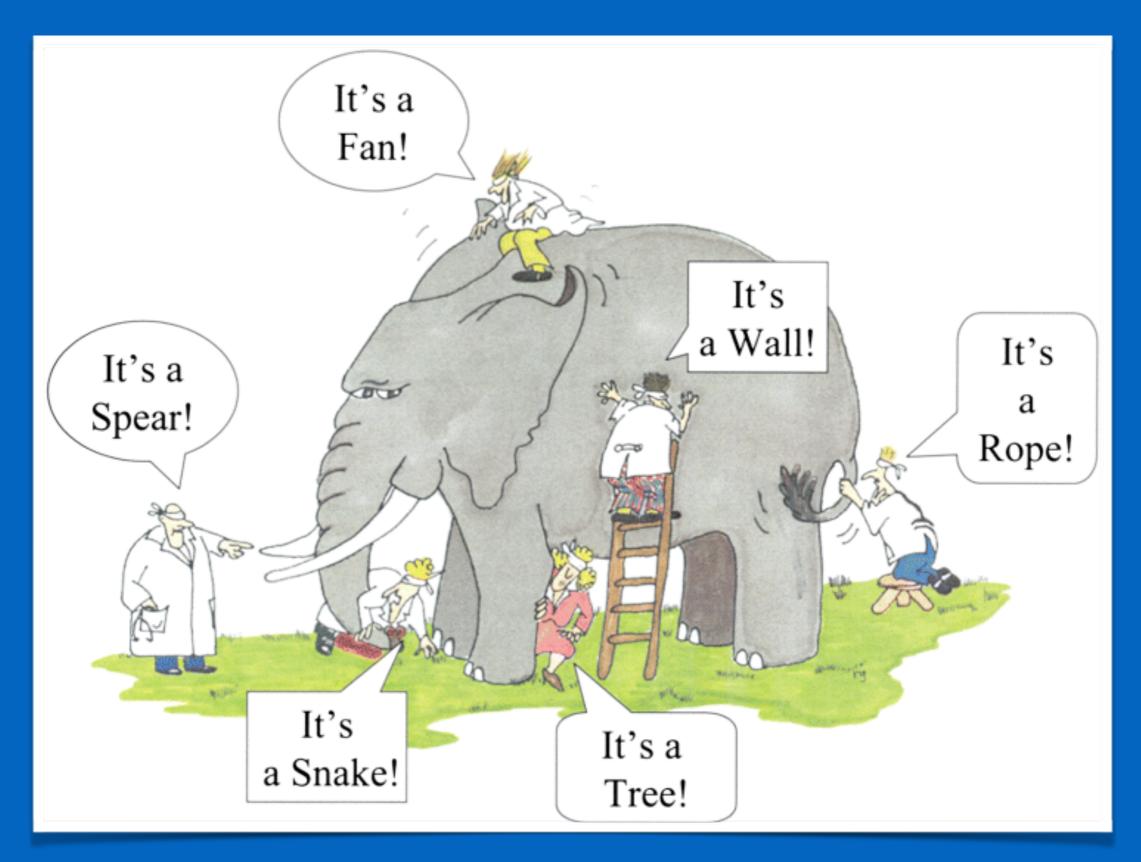
## Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymn by Charles Wesley
Tune by Rowland H. Pritchard

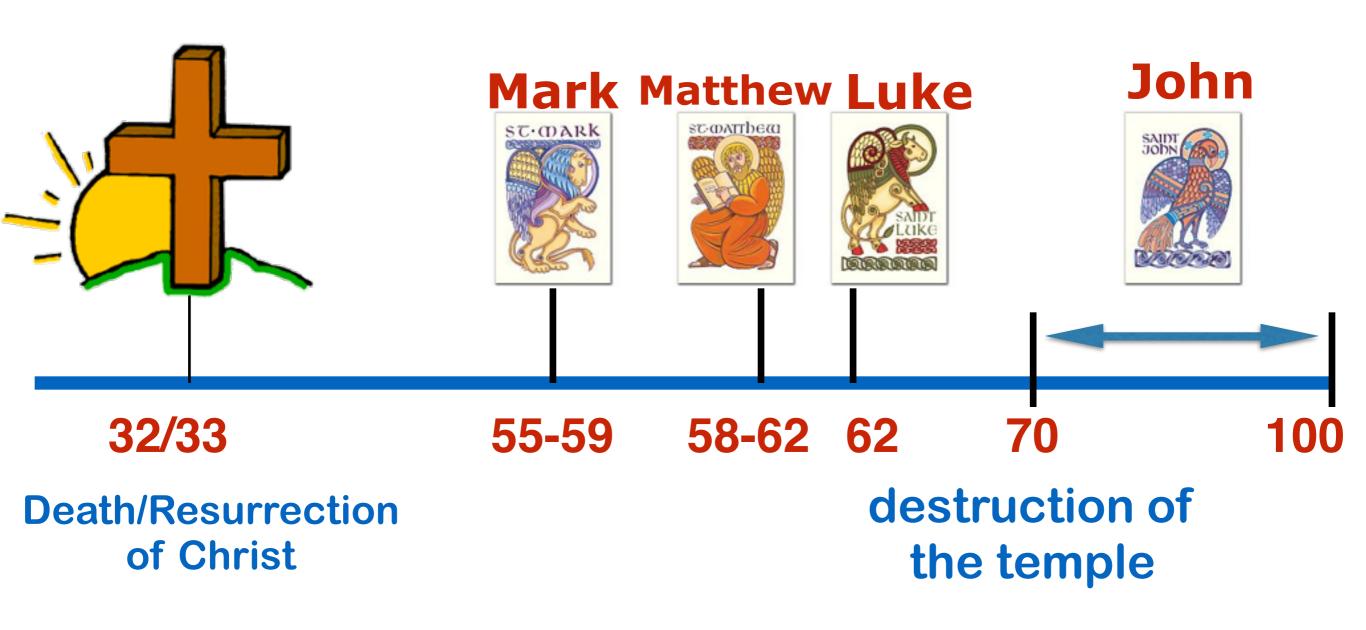
#### **MEMORY VERSE**

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

## THE GOSPELS ARE LIKE....



## GOSPEL TIMELINE





Matthew	Mark	Luke
A Jew evangelizing Jews	The first, essential gospel	A gentile evangelizing gentiles
Fulfillment of OT prophecy	Jesus' biography	Universal gospel
Jesus is Messiah	Jesus: fully divine, fully human	Gospel of prayer
Jesus fulfills the Law	Vivid, eyewitness details	Respect for women
Scribes & Pharisees condemned	Unpolished, enthusiastic style	Gospel of praise
"church" appears only here	Historic present	Special interest in the poor
Strongly apocalyptic	Quotes Jesus' Aramaic words	Jesus befriends outcasts & sinners
Teaching gospel 7s & 3s	The realistic gospel	Jesus' ministry touches the gentiles
Emblem: lion. Jesus is King.	Emblem: man. Jesus is human	Emblem: calf. Jesus is sacrifice

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### Mark

3% unique to Mark

Mark/Matthew 94% of Mark 55% of Matthew

Matches: 76% of Mark 45% of Matthew 23% of Luke Mark/Luke 79% of Mark 42% of Luke

### Matthew

20% unique to Matthew

Matthew/Luke 70% of Matthew 64% of Luke

#### Luke

35% unique to Luke

## The Gospel of John

"The Gospel according to John truly stands alone in comparison to the synoptic gospels. It differs significantly in numerous ways such as the use of characters and events the other three do not mention, the use of rich symbolism and hidden meanings, and the mystical almost alien way Jesus is portrayed in this gospel."

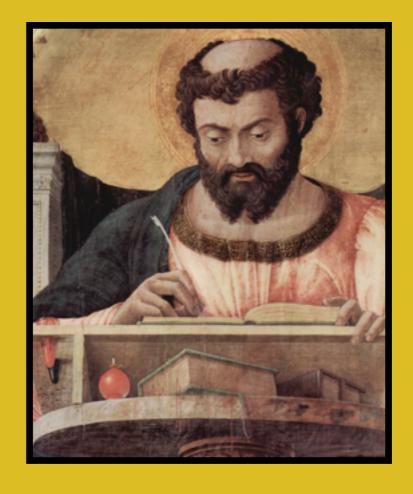
# Some Differences Between Synoptics and John

- About 90% of the Gospel of John is unique to John
- John does not include any narrative parables
- Unlike the Synoptics, no narrative of events in the life of Jesus

# Some Differences Between Synoptics and John

- Includes Jesus' early Galilean ministry, not in Synoptics
- Written in a poetic style with a theological emphasis
- Synoptics are descriptive in their approach, John is reflective
- Frequent use of symbolism and double meanings (light vs. dark)

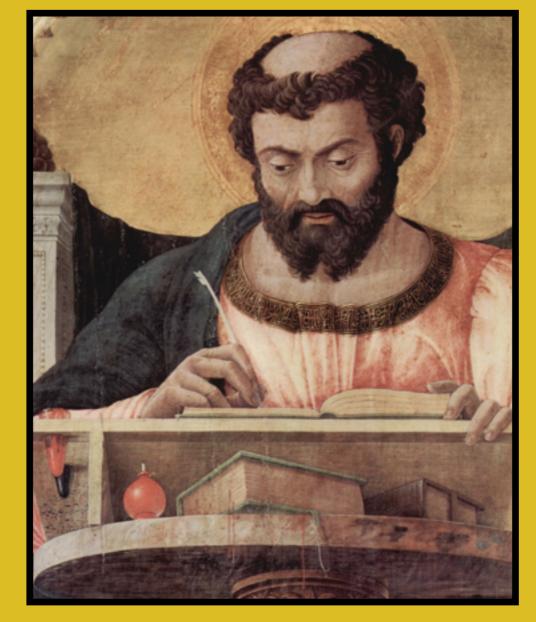
## WHO WAS LUKE?



- A Gentile or a Hellenized Jew who lived in Antioch
- If a Gentile, then only New Testament writer NOT a Jew
- · A doctor by profession (Colossians 4:14)
- A disciple of Paul
- Author of Gospel of Luke and Acts
- According to church tradition died in Boeotia at age 84
- Eyewitness to ministry of Paul, but not of Jesus

"In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen."

Acts 1: 1-2



This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true.

But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

John 21: 24-25.

#### **Applying The Lesson In Your Life**



What do you wish the Gospels had included about the life and ministry of Jesus Christ that none of them included?

Why?