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NT615 The Gospels: One Story, Many – Ch. 7

## QUESTIONS

1. Which of the gospels is the most widely accepted view and is said to have been written first?
2. Exegesis of the four gospels require us to think both in terms of the historical setting of \_\_\_\_\_ and the historical setting of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ means that when studying a pericope in any one gospel, it is usually helpful to be aware of the parallels in the other gospels.
4. Which of the four gospels was written independently of the others and has little material in common with them?
5. Identify the three principles at work in the composition of the Gospels.

## ANSWERS

1. Mark
2. Jesus, Authors
3. Think Horizontally
4. John
5. Selectivity, Arrangement, and Adaptation

## TERMS

**Synoptic:** presenting or taking the same or common view

**Pericope (pe-RI-co-pe(es)):** individual stories and sayings that pass on the content of the Gospels; a set of verses that form one coherent unit or thought from the sacred text

**Think Vertically:** when reading or studying a narrative or teaching in the Gospels, one should try to be aware of both historical contexts – that of Jesus and the evangelist

## SUMMARY

There are four Gospels with three being identified as the Synoptic Gospels and they all speak about Jesus. These gospels form a unique literary genre. Learning to think horizontally and vertically will aid in interpreting the Gospels; hence, we must know the historical setting of

Jesus and the historical setting of the authors. Identifying the concerns in the Gospels that make them unique and understanding these words are inspired by Jesus will aid in the process as well.