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Questions

1. What is the major hermeneutical difficulty?
2. What are the two facts that most difficulties in interpreting the Gospels come from?
3. What is the first task of exegesis according to the author?
4. What are the reasons the author gives for thinking horizontally in regard to the Gospels?
5. What is the number of words common in the synoptic gospels?

Answers

1. *According to the author, the major hermeneutical difficulty is understanding “the kingdom of God”.*
2. *The two facts that create difficulties in interpreting the bible are: 1) The gospel was not written by Jesus. 2) Three of the four gospels are similar but one is not.*
3. *According to the author, the first task of properly exegeting is to have an understanding of the historical context.*
4. *The reasons the author gives for thinking horizontally in regard to the Gospel are that it will give us an appreciation for the uniqueness and purpose of each gospel and that looking at them side by side will help us see the different contexts of living within the church.*
5. The number of words common in the synoptic gospels is 53.

TERMS

- **Gospel: The first four books of the New Testament**
- **Epistles: letter from an apostle**
- **Synoptic Gospels: Mathew, Mark, and Luke.**

SUMMARY

In chapter 7, the author discusses the gospels and breaks them down exegetically. This chapter focuses on the nature of the gospels, the historical context in various forms, literary context, comparisons and differences, and statistical breakdowns of the books. The chapter also discusses the teachings of Jesus and hermeneutical observations.