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A. Matthew

Theme: This Gospel was written, in light of the Old Testament, to convince Jewish people that Jesus is the promised Messiah (The “Christ”).

B. Mark

Theme: The Gospel of Mark was written for a Gentile (any non-Jewish person) audience in order to convince them that Jesus was the Son of God.

C. Luke

Theme: The Gospel of Luke was written for cultured Greek readers; Luke depicts Jesus’ humanitarian concern for the poor, oppressed and the outcast.

D. John

Theme: This Gospel was written for Gentiles so that they (all people) would “believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31).

E. Acts

Theme: Luke wrote this book as a sequel to his written Gospel. He begins with the ascension of Jesus and records the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ from Jerusalem, through Judea, Samaria and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).