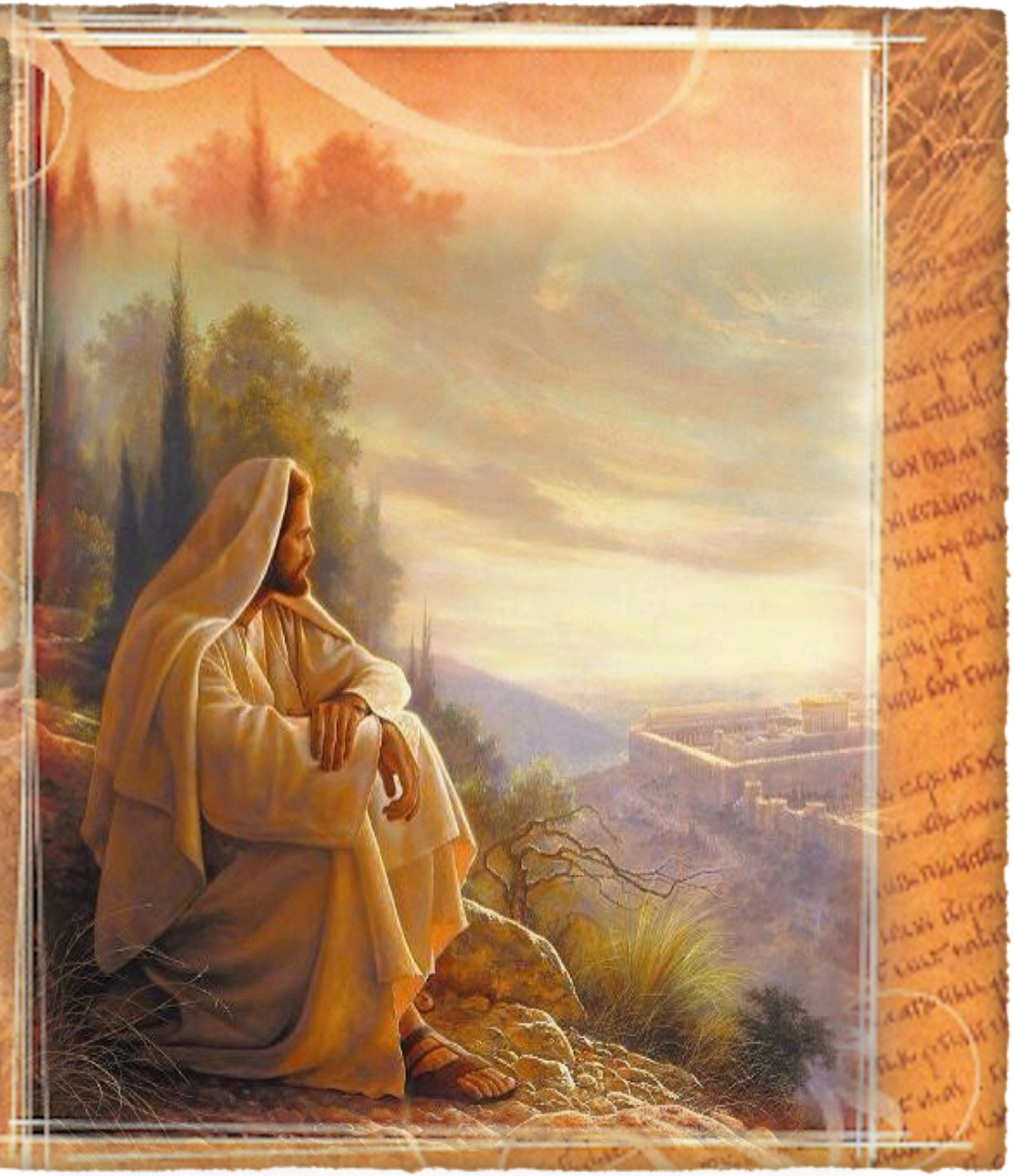
the Life of CHRIST

The Writers



The Life of Jesus Christ; son of Mary, son of Joseph, son of God. John MacArthur called His life *"One Perfect Life"* in his book by that name. His life has been studied by historians, heathens, saints and sinners. We are going to view Him through the eyes of the Gospel writers and read the writings of historians of His day. Many know "of Him". Many have "come to Him". Those who truly hear His call are radically changed. When we study His life with the desire follow Him, to be like Him, He will change us even more. God's desire for us is that we *"be conformed to the Image of HIS Son"*—to God's Glory!

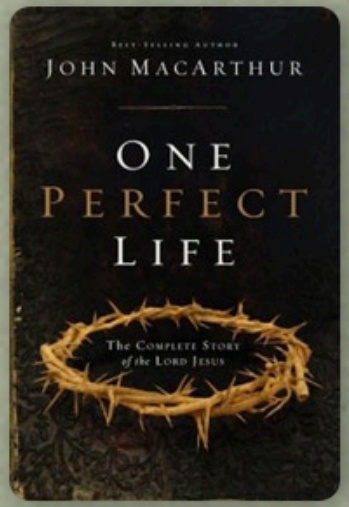
Study Starts Sept 9

The first study will be up Sept 10-11

Come back and see!

Before then, read...

One Solitary Life by Dr. J. A. Francis

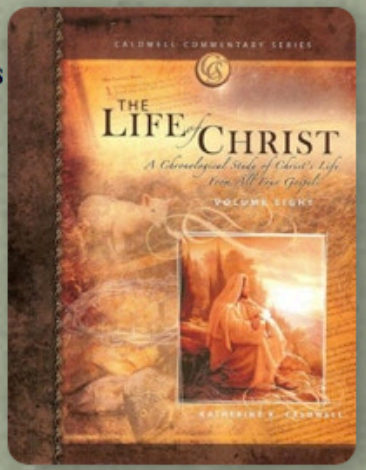


A Book I Heartily *Recommend*

John takes you through the Life of Jesus chronologically, using Old Testament and Gospel passages. A great day to day devotional, as well as background for this study.

See it on *AMAZON*

My main reference for this study is from a series by Katherine Caldwell. She has given over 20 years to compile this incredible 8 volume set. It is a thorough chronological study of Christ's life from all four Gospels covering His earthly ministry, His crucifixion, burial, resurrection, and ascension.



See Vol 1 here at ***Scripture Truth Book Company***

Another major resource this study is "The Harmony of the Gospels" by A.T. Robertson.

*You can Download it **HERE ...***

The History

Living under Roman Rule (Dan 2) …
Living under The Law of Moses (Gal 4:4) …
Living at the crossroads of trade and history …
Will Durant, "The Story of Civilization, 1967

The Synoptics

"See Together"

The Humanity

One eyewitness: Matthew 40-45AD

One disciple of Peter: Mark 55-60AD

One physician/historian: Luke 65 AD

The Deity

One eyewitness: John 85-90 AD

Matthew

Jesus as KING

"The SERMON Gospel"

Keywords: fulfilled, kingdom

The Servant recognizing his King—

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand!"

Mark

Jesus as SERVANT

"The ACTION Gospel"

Keyword: immediately

The Preacher calling for action—

(influenced by Peter)

"He worked many miracles"

Luke

Jesus as HUMAN

"The PRAISE Gospel"

Keywords: son of man, savior, praise

The Physician calling for compassion for the needs of men, women and outcasts—

"Being filled with the Spirit…"

John

Jesus as GOD

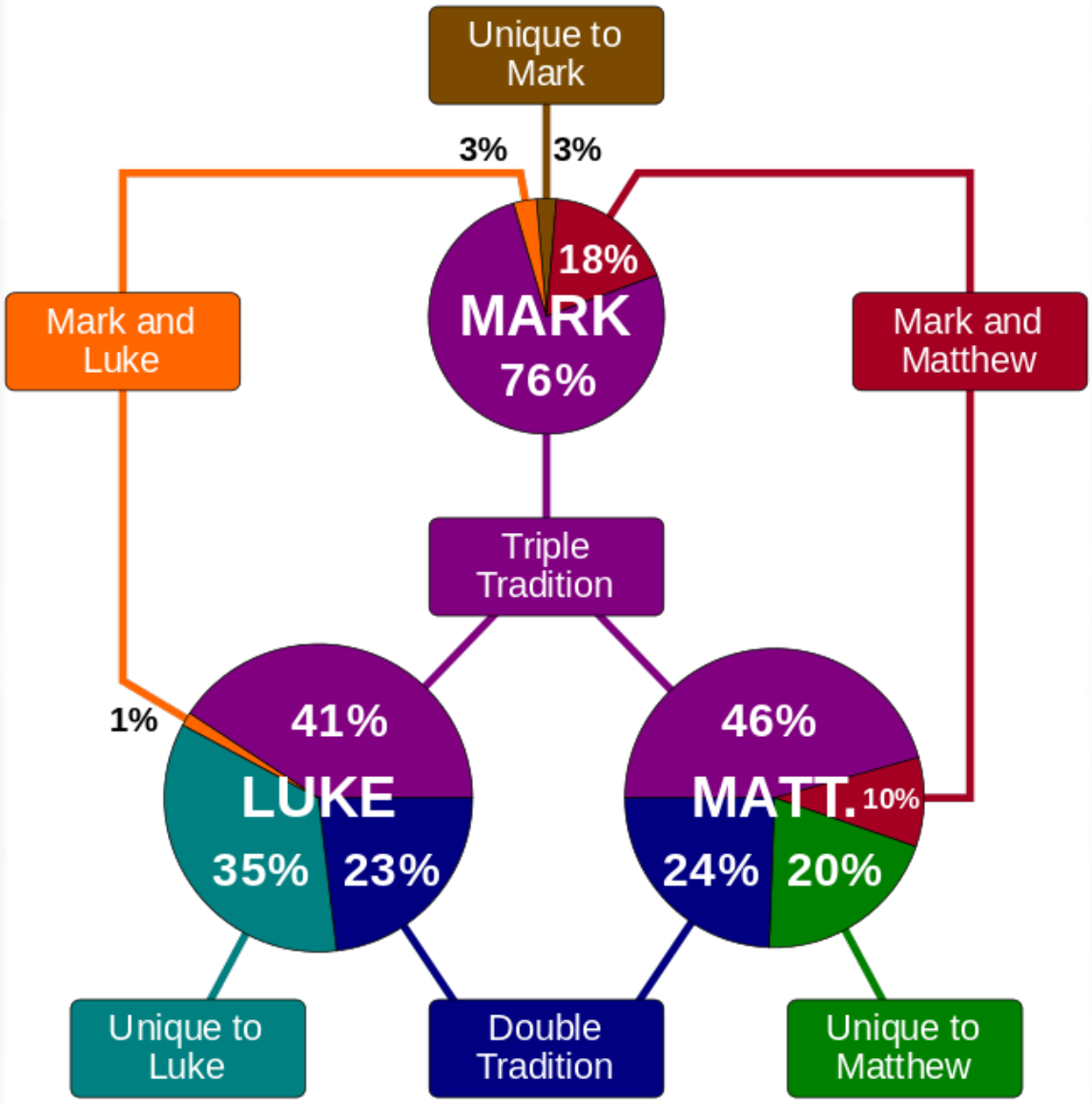
"The TEACHING Gospel"

Keywords: believe, faith

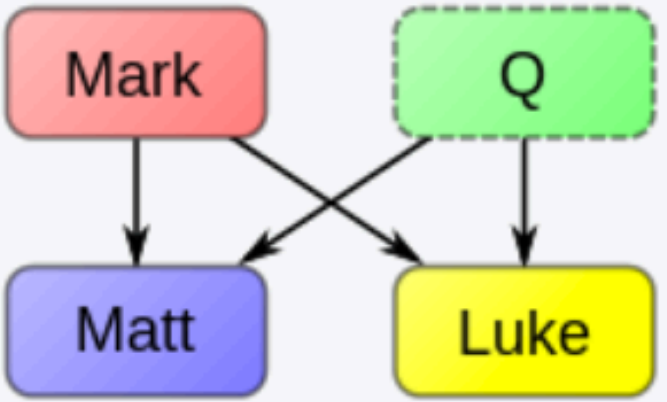
The Theologian calling for sound doctrine about Jesus and His nature—

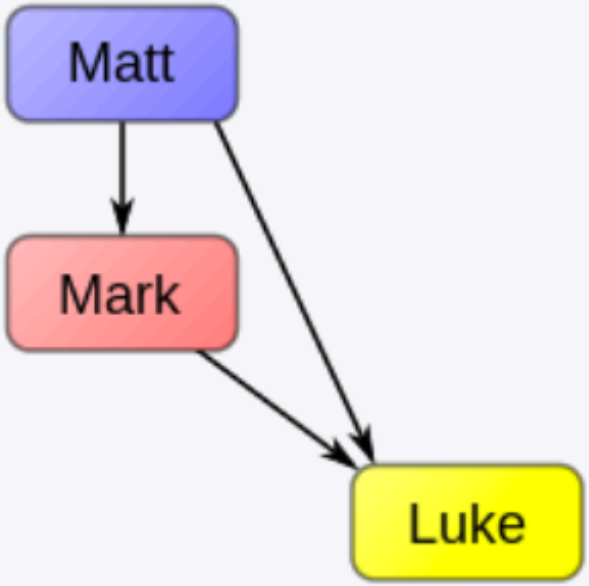
"The Word was God…the Word became flesh…"

Relationships between the Synoptic Gospels



MARK First?

Two-source (Mark-Q)		Most widely accepted theory. Matthew and Luke have independently used Q, taken to be a Greek document with sayings and narrative.

Matthaean priority	Augustinian (Matthew-Mark)		The oldest known view, still advocated by some. Mark's special place is neither priority nor posteriority, but as the intermediate between the other two gospels. Canonical order is based on this view having been assumed (at the time when New Testament Canon was finalized).

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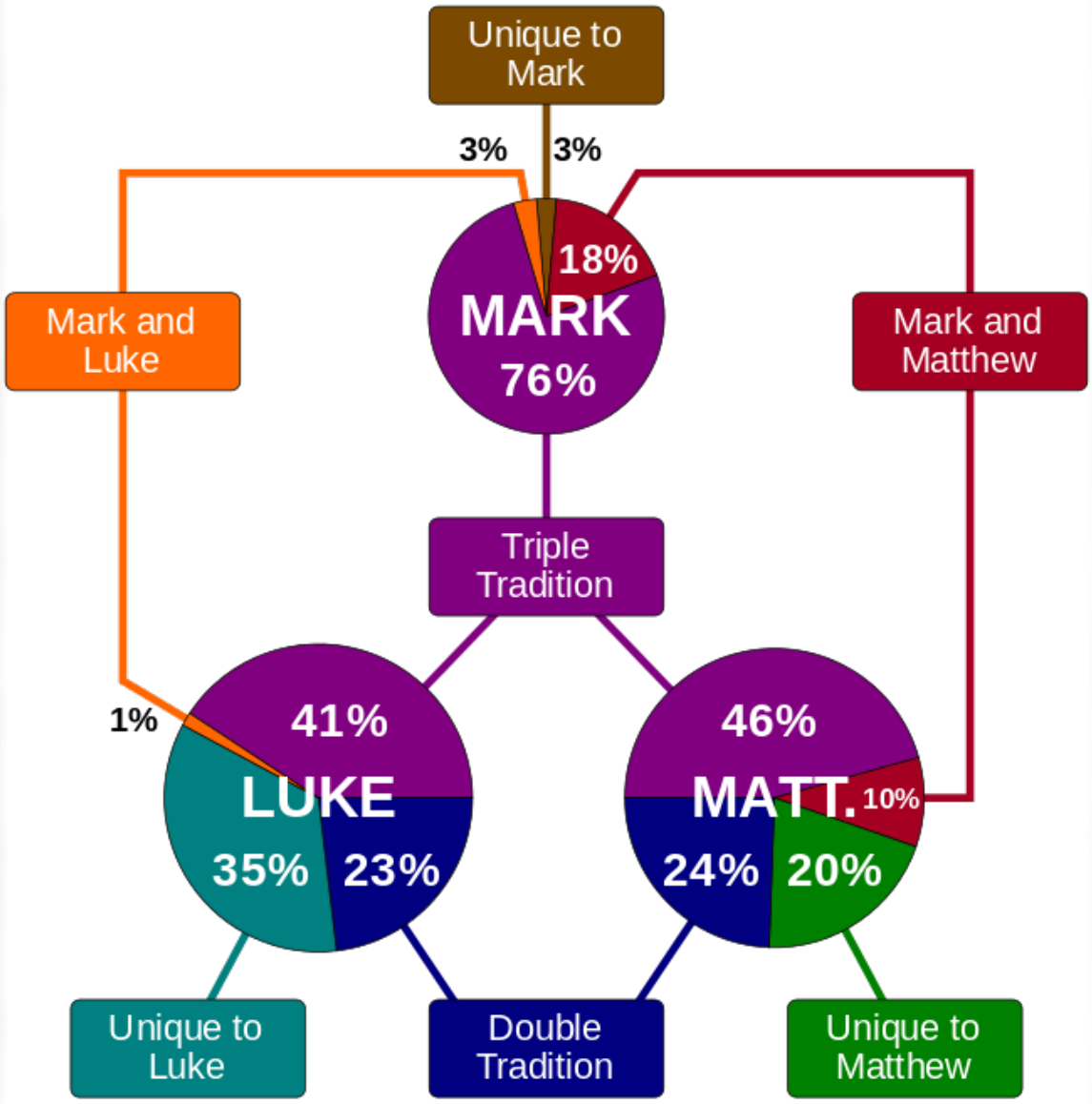

Matthew and John

The Sovereign God

"The First and the Last"

Mark and Luke

The Servant Man

"The Least and the Greatest"

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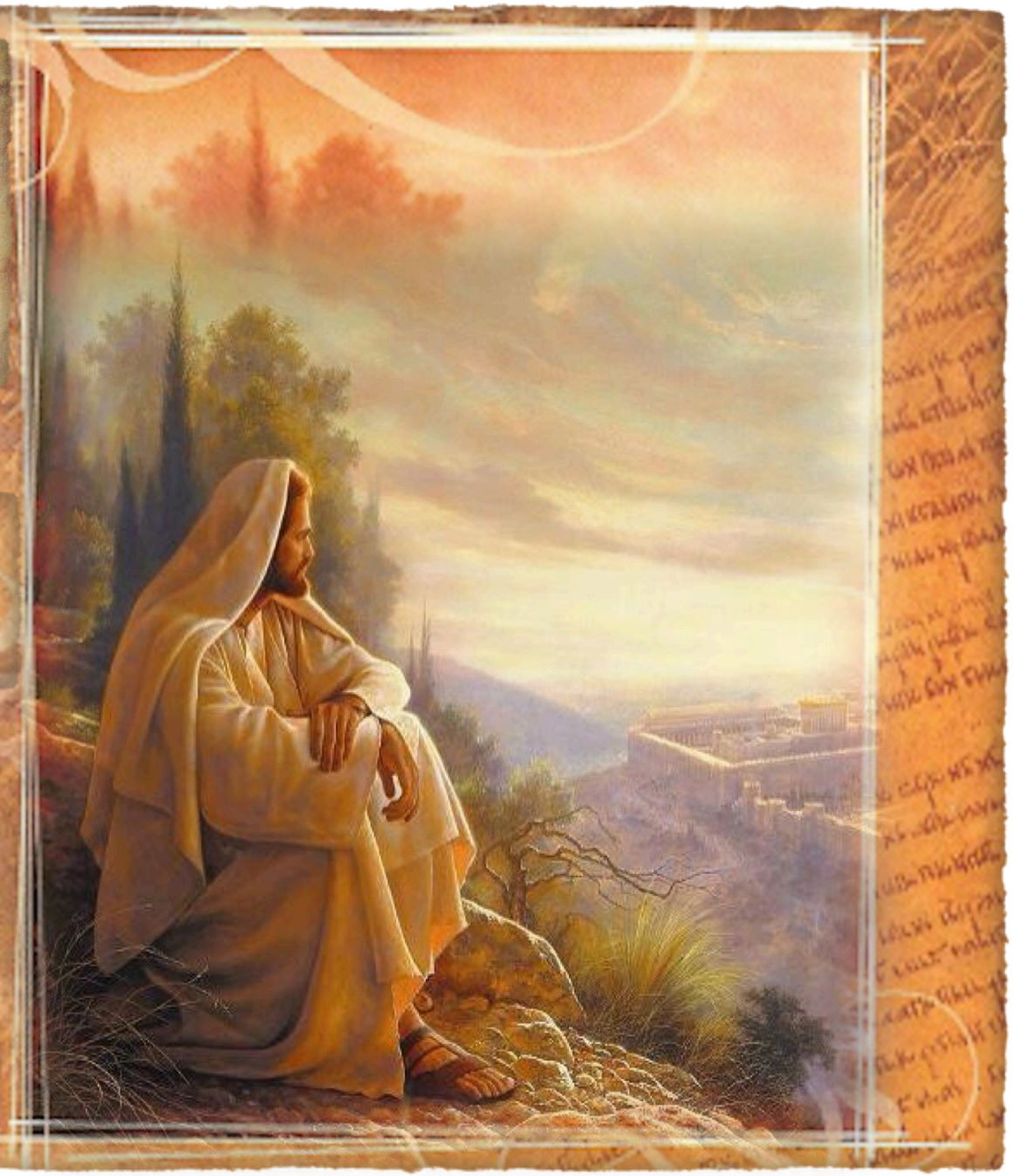
The Prologues