

# JOURNEY

To the Gospels



# The Gospel Definition:

The teaching or Revelation of Jesus Christ.

The record of Jesus' life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament.

*Google Definition*

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*The Old English translation of the Greek euangelion, meaning good news.*

*In Old English, it was translated as godspel (god “good” + spel “news”).*

**And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

**Matthew 24:14**



**But he who endures to the end shall  
be saved.**

**Matthew 24:13**



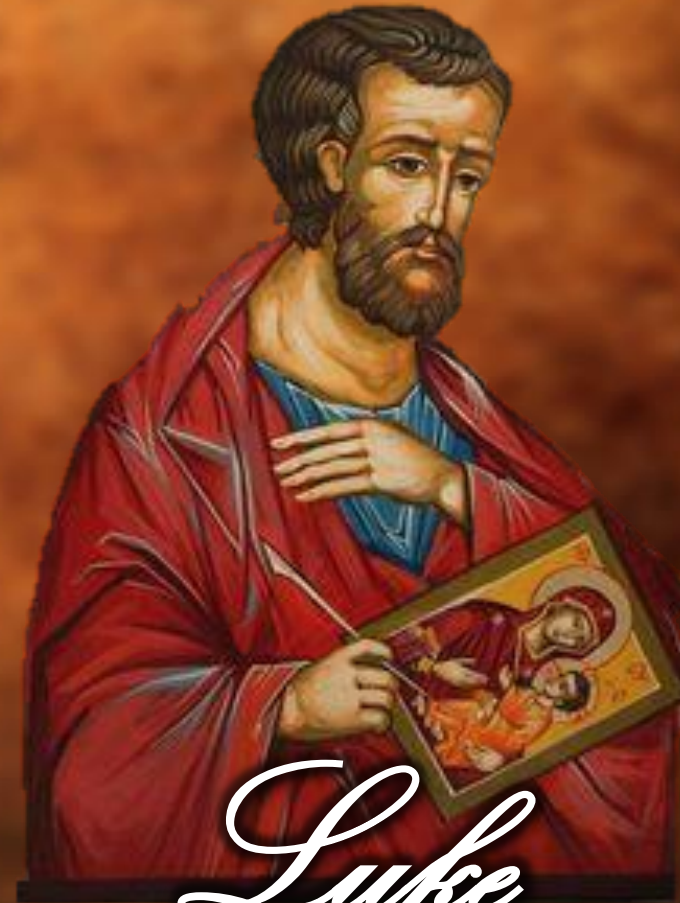
# The Gospel Writers



*Matthew*



*Mark*



*Luke*



*John*



# Matthew



Did Matthew  
write  
Matthew?



**1 - Regarding Matthew,  
“there is no patristic evidence  
that anyone else was ever  
proposed as the author.”**

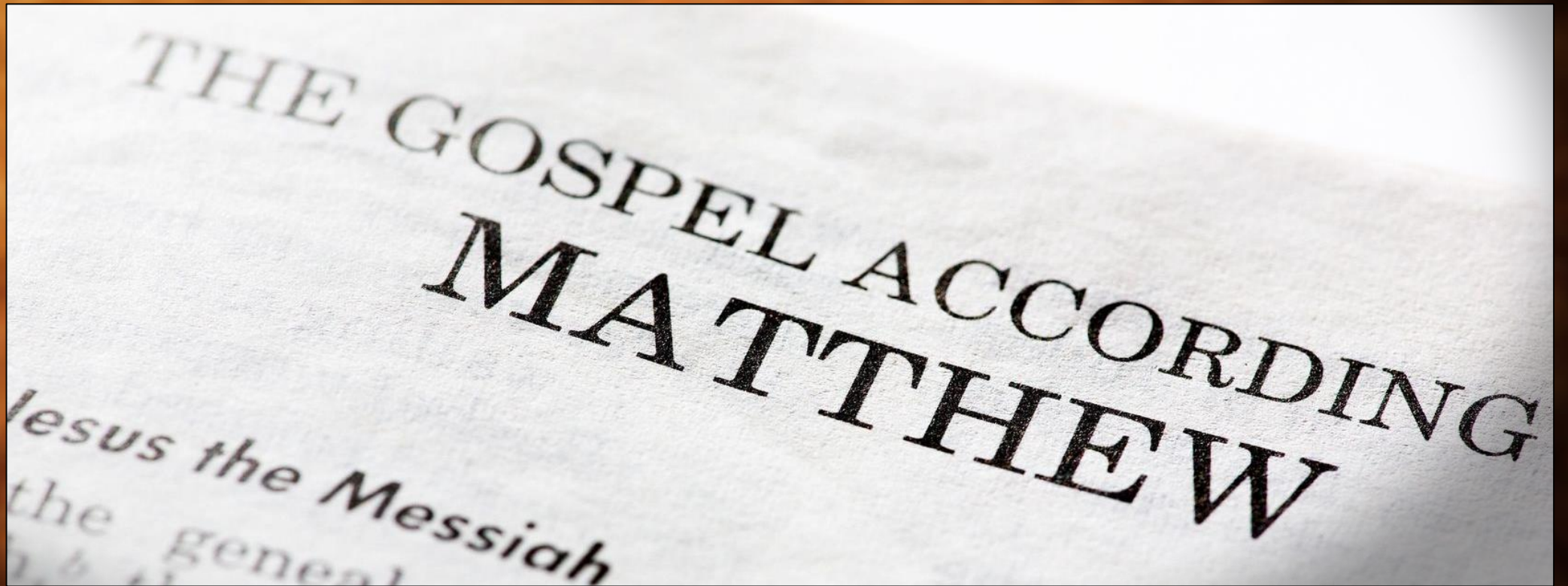


**2 – Papias, Irenaeus of  
Alexandria, Eusebius, and  
Origen all affirm Matthean  
authorship.**

*(church fathers/theologians,  
1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> centuries)*



# No need to defend



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**MARK**  
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# The Synoptic Gospels

**As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.**

**Matthew 9:9**





Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.

**Matthew 9:10**



And when the Pharisees  
saw *it*, they said to His disciples,  
“Why does your Teacher eat  
with tax collectors and sinners?”

**Matthew 9:11**





When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

**Matthew 9:12**



But go and learn what *this* means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."

**Matthew 9:13**



# Siege of Jerusalem AD 70





# Mark



Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around *his* naked *body*. And the young men laid hold of him,

**Mark 14:51**



and he left the linen cloth and fled  
from them naked.

**Mark 14:52**





**Why was John  
Mark naked?**



And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.

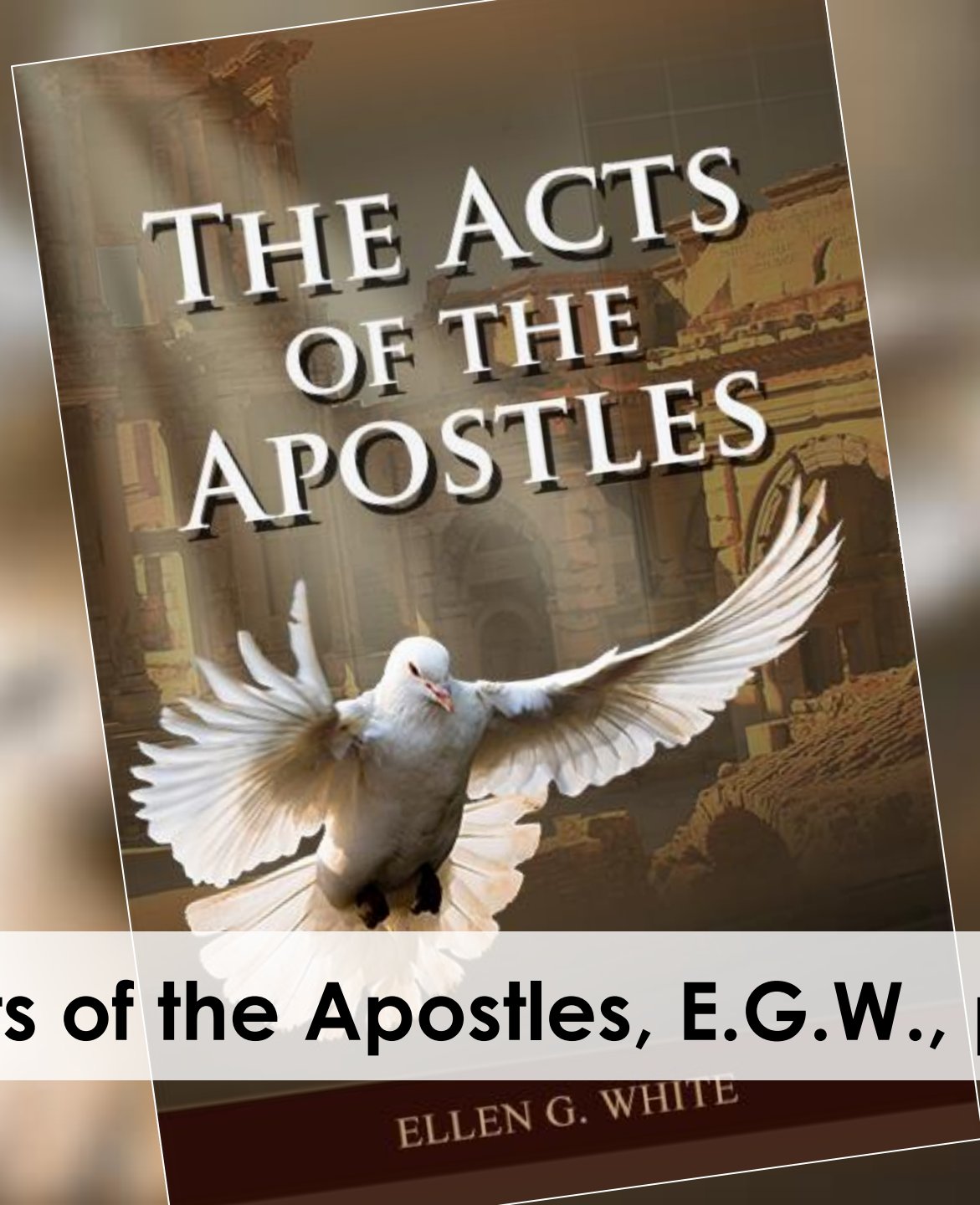
**Acts 12:25**



Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and **John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.**

**Acts 13:13**

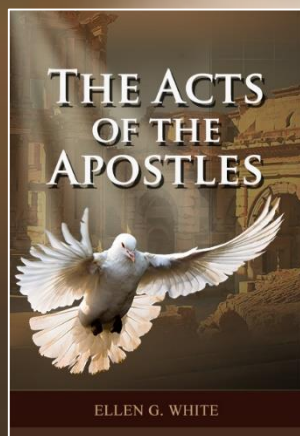




**Acts of the Apostles, E.G.W., p 169**



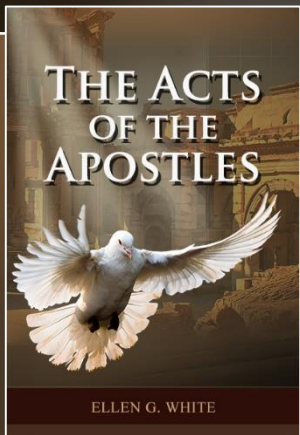
It was here that Mark ,  
overwhelmed with fear and  
discouragement, wavered for a  
time in his purpose to give himself  
wholeheartedly to the Lord's work.



**Acts of the Apostles, E.G.W., p 169**



Unused to hardships, he was disheartened by the perils and privations of the way... Mark was intimidated and, losing all courage, refused to go farther and returned to Jerusalem.



**Acts of the Apostles, E.G.W., p 169**



# Mark

The deserter



Then after some days Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us now go back and visit our brethren in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and* see how they are doing.”

**Acts 15:36**



**Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark.**

**Acts 15:37**





**But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work.**

**Acts 15:38**



**Paul, evidently,  
did not want a  
quitter with  
him.**



**Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus;**

**Acts 15:39**



**but Paul chose Silas and  
departed, being commended by  
the brethren to the grace of God.**

**Acts 15:40**





Epaphras, **my fellow prisoner** in  
Christ Jesus, greets you, as  
do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke,  
my fellow laborers.

**Philemon 1:23-24**



**Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.**

**2 Timothy 4:11**



# The story behind the storytellers



*Matthew*



*Mark*






*Luke*



Lohn

A vibrant yellow bird is perched on a dark brown branch, its beak wide open as if singing. The bird's feathers are a bright, sunny yellow, with darker streaks on its wings. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, with several white flowers with yellow centers scattered throughout. The overall mood is peaceful and natural.

CLOSING SONG  
Hymn # 272

# Give Me the Bible

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