

Synoptic Relationships



Their Three Voices

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- Why called “synoptic”?



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- Why does it matter?
 - Origins of Matthew and Luke
 - The nature of the Gospel portraits of Jesus
 - Redaction criticism



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- How can we explain the pattern of overlaps?
 - Reporting the same events?
 - Common oral tradition?
 - Literary borrowing?



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- Models for literary borrowing
 - Augustine
 - Griesbach/Farrar
 - 2-source hypothesis
 - Marcan priority without Q (Farmer/Goulder/etc.)



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- The evidence
 - Triple tradition
 - marcan priority
 - Double tradition
 - Q?
 - Singly-attested traditions



Matt 12:16b-21

...saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and that you teach the way of God in truth and for you there is concern for no one, for you do not look into the face of men. Thus tell us how it seems to you. 'Is it permissible to give tribute to Caesar or not?'" But Jesus, knowing their evil, said, "Why do you test me, hypocrites? **Show (epidechomai)** to me the coin of tribute." And they brought (prosenegkan) to him a denarius. And he says to them, "Whose image is this and whose likeness?" They say, "Of Caesar." Then he says to them, "Thus **give** the things that are Caesar's to Caesar and the things that are God's to God."

Mark 12:14-17

And going, they say to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and for you there is concern for no one, for you do not look into the face of men, **but truly** you teach the way of God 'Is it permissible to give tribute to Caesar or not? Should we give or not give?" But **he**, knowing their hypocrisy, said to **them**, "Why do you test me? Bring to me a **denarius** that I might see." And they brought (enegkan) it. And he says to them, "Whose image is this and whose likeness?" **And** they **said** to him, "Of Caesar." **And** Jesus **said** to them, "The things that are Caesar's give to Caesar and the things that are God's to God."

Luke 20:21-25

And they asked him saying, "Teacher, we know that you rightly speak and teach, and you do not take face, **but truly** you teach the way of God. "Is it permissible for us to give the tax to Caesar or not?" But **he**, perceiving their deceit, said towards them, "**Show (dechomai)** me a **denarius**. It has whose image and whose likeness?" **And** they **said**, "Of Caesar." **And** he **said** towards them, "Now **give** the things that Caesar's to Caesar and the things that are God's to God."

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- The implications
 - Jesus' words or Jesus' voice?
 - God's truth in the canon
 - Tensions as pointers and invitations

