

# How To Read, Study, and Understand The Bible

# Review

Challenges of Reading the Bible

Purpose of the Bible

*Sola Scriptura* - Orthodox Doctrine

Inerrant, Infallible, & Sufficient

*Theoneustos*

# *Theopneustos*

- ✓ The scriptures are not human in their origin
  - ✓ God is the principle author – II Peter 1:20,21
- ✓ The scriptures carry the creative power and authority of God
- ✓ Necessary for human life – Gen 2:7

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Old Testament – Oral and Literary Sources

Process of Canonization of the OT

Use of OT in the NT – Torah, Prophets, Writings

The OT scriptures were used by Jesus, appropriated by the early church, incorporated into the theology and church governance of Paul, referenced by the Gospel writers and were generally accepted as a part of the foundation of Christianity before the formation of the NT

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Delayed Parousia

# Canonization

Event

Oral Delay

Written

Scripture

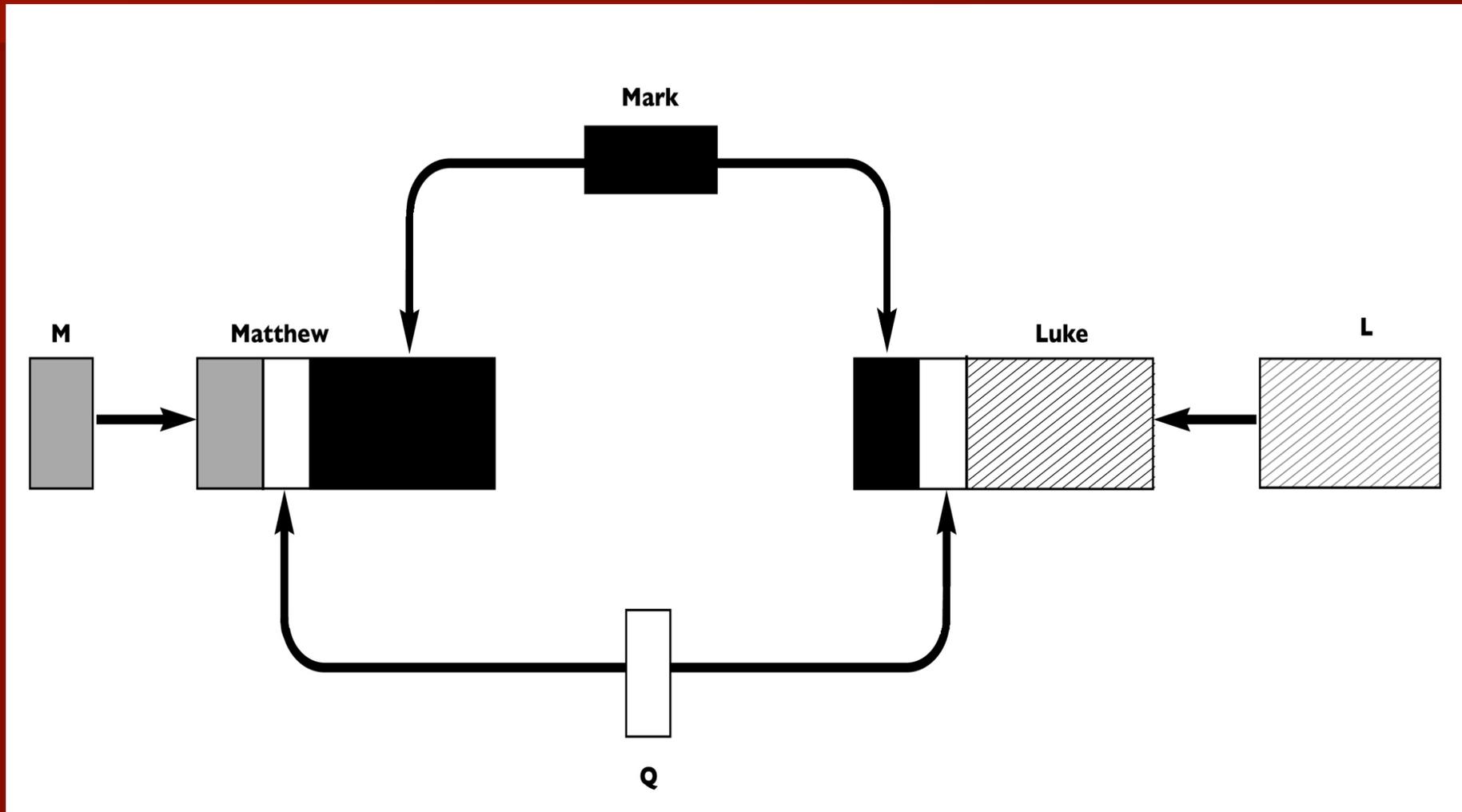
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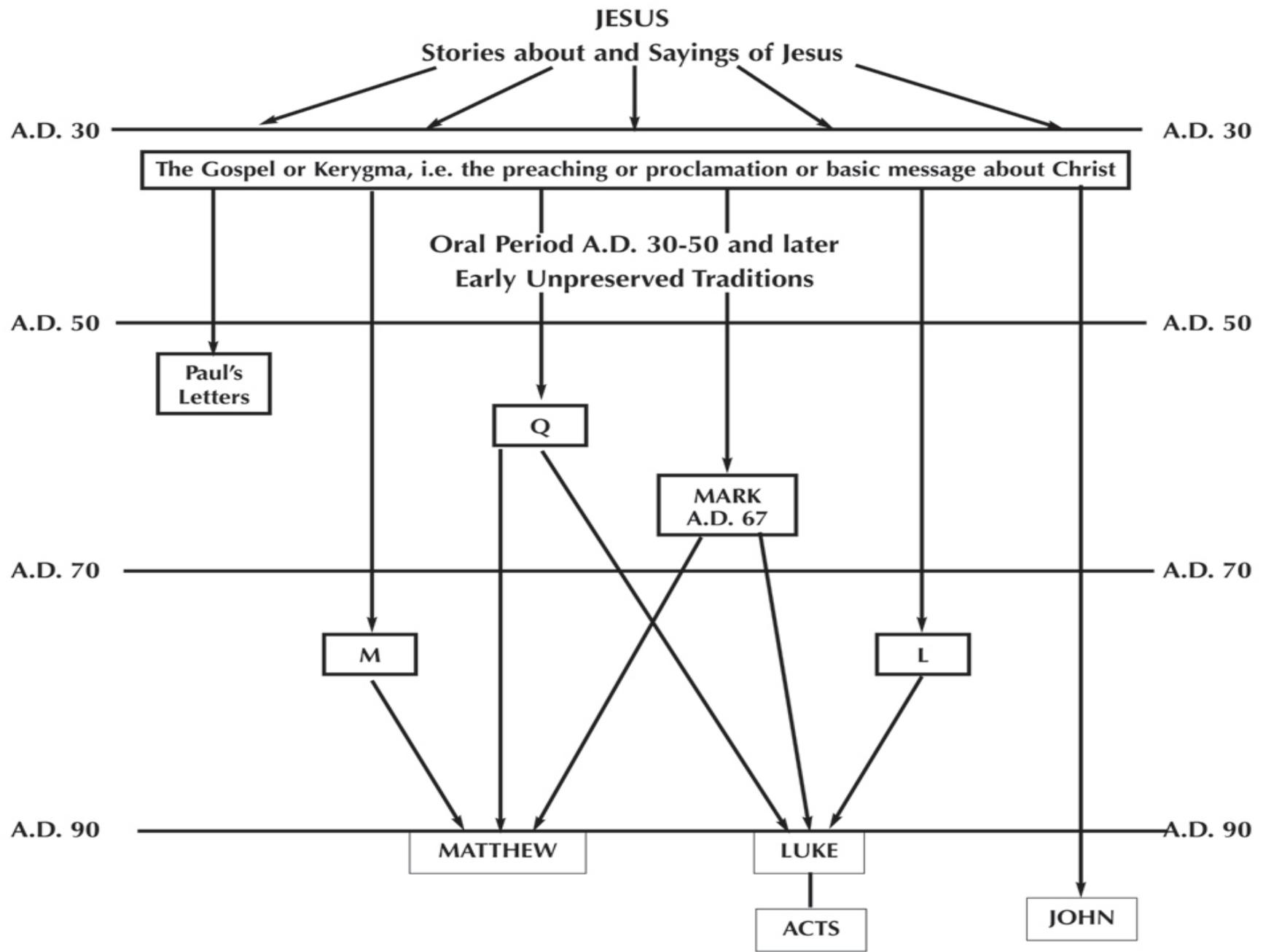


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Q, L, & M sources

# The Synoptics





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Extra Canonical / Apocryphal Sources

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1. The Historical Jesus: The things Jesus actually did and said
  - *The Jesus Seminar*
2. Early Traditions
  - Written Sources – people wrote down what Jesus said and preserved them
  - Oral Traditions – people remembered what Jesus said and did and shared their stories, e.g. Peter

# Transmission of the Gospel

4. Preservation of the Manuscripts: People made copies of the completed Gospels and shared them around the world
5. History of debates around canonization and different versions of the “Bible” created
6. Translation: Scholars translate copies of the Gospels into other languages
7. Reception: We read about what Jesus said and did in our modern editions of the Bible
8. Proclamations and Paraphrases

Next: *Historical Debates that Shaped the Shape  
of the Bible*