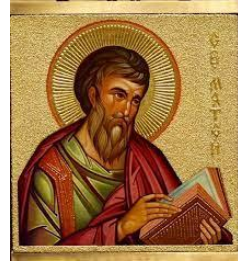


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**WHY FOUR
GOSPELS?**

MATTHEW



Reason: To show Jews that Christianity was the fulfillment and continuation of the God's promises in the Old Testament.

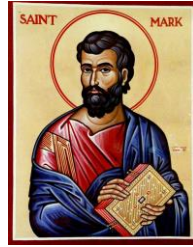
Audience: Jews. Confirming to Jews who believed and an apologetic to those who doubted.

Focus: Points out the fulfillment of prophecy, reveals Jesus as the awaited Messiah, emphasizes Jesus' criticism of the Jewish religious leaders and clarifies what the law meant, Reveals Jesus' words and teaching.

Uniqueness: Uses term "The Son of David" as opposed to "The Son of God".



MARK

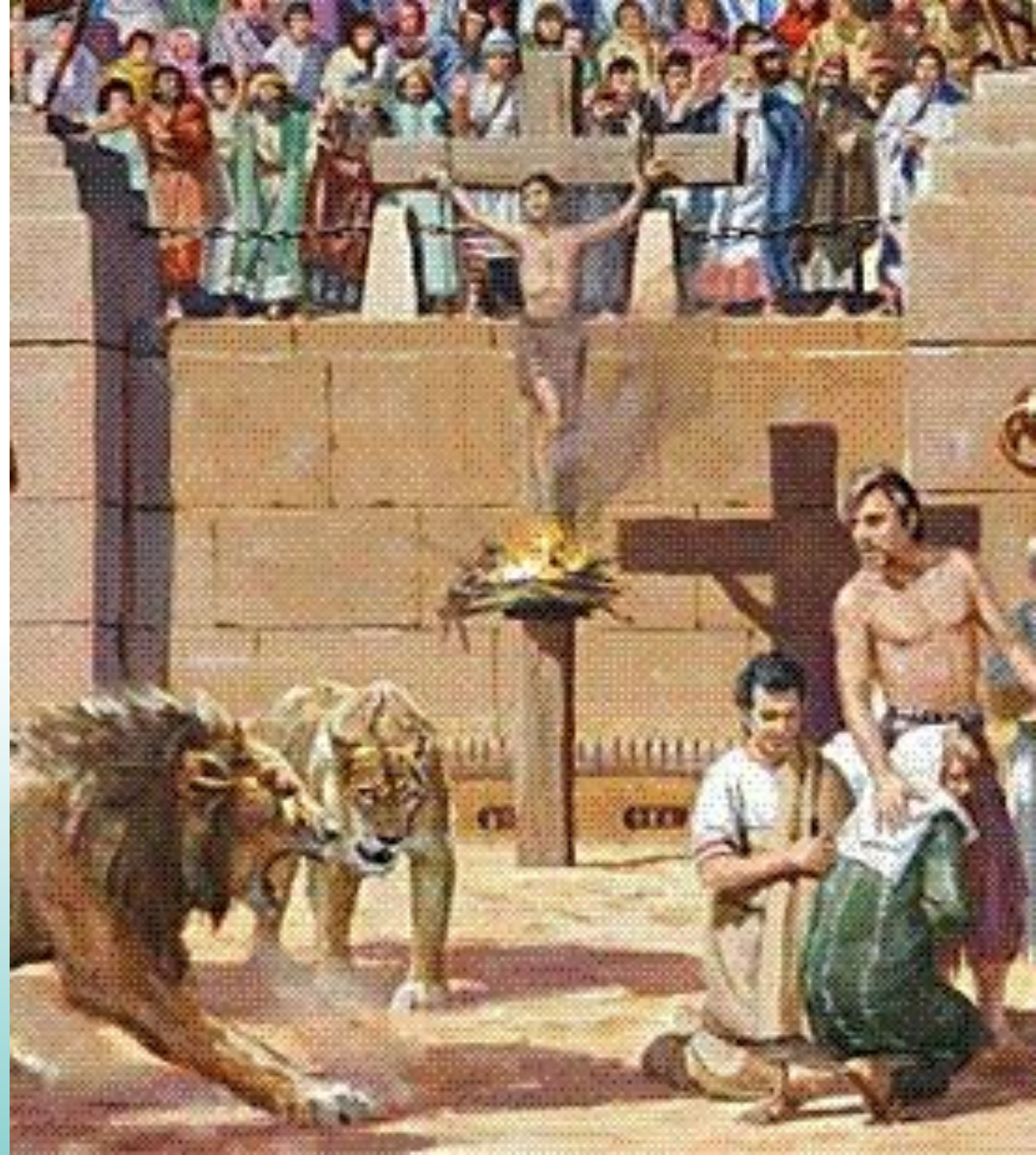


Reason: To portray the person and mission of Jesus Christ.

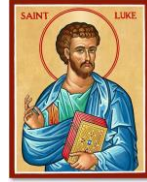
Audience: Roman Christians suffering persecution.

Focus: Jesus' divine authority over religious leaders and nature, reveals Jesus as the suffering servant of God and God's Son.

Uniqueness: demonstrates Jesus' humanity, you are an insider or outsider, you are for or against.



LUKE

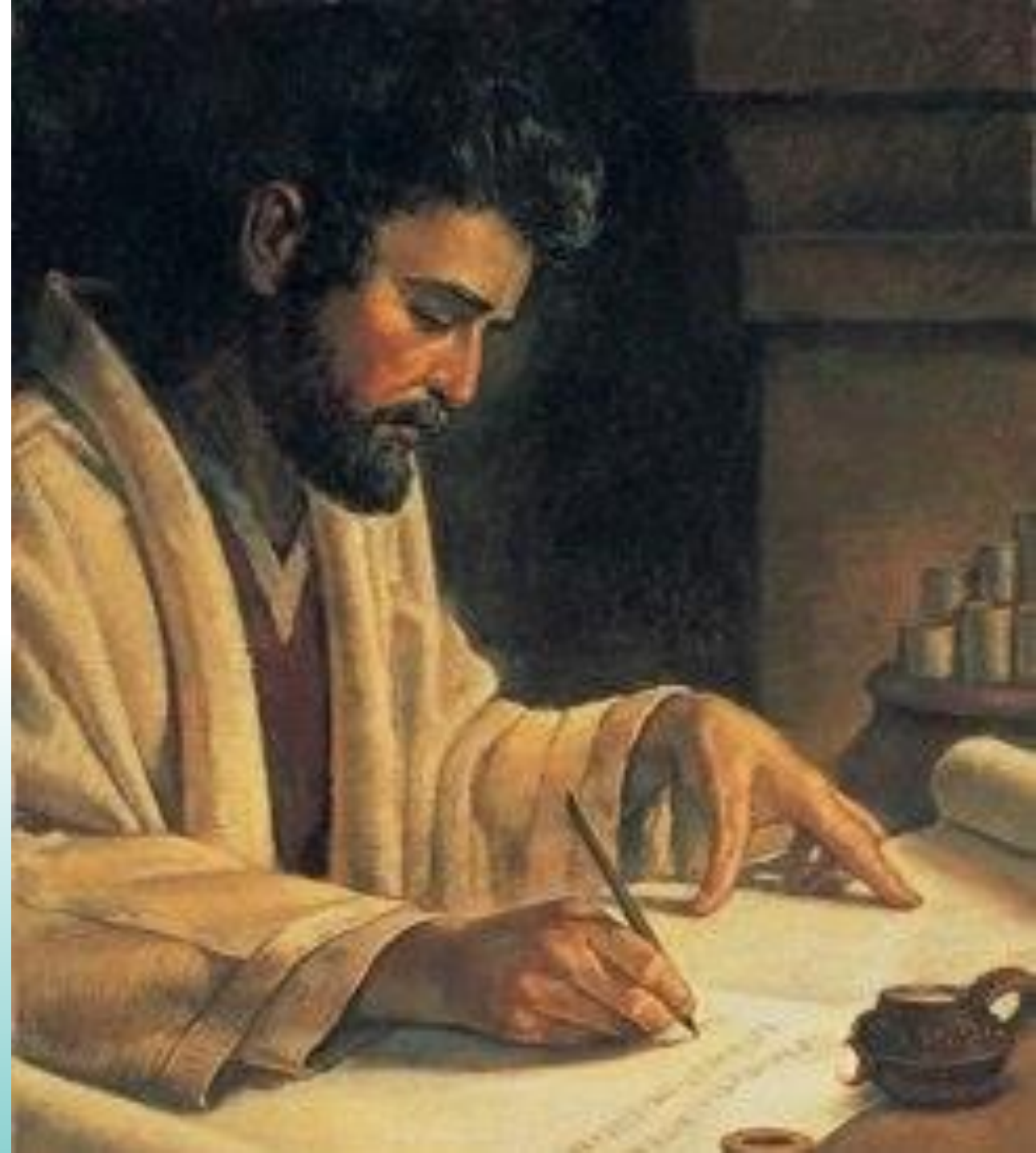


Reason: To write an orderly account of the origins of the Christian faith and strengthen Christian's confidence in their belief.

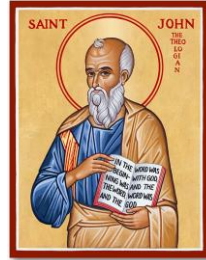
Audience: Theophilus and Gentiles Christians.

Focus: Aligns the events of Jesus life alongside secular history, Jesus came to save all of humanity no matter what their background.

Uniqueness: More frequently mentions Holy Spirit, prayer, redemption and joy. Personalised account such as Gabriel visiting Mary and shepherds visiting baby Jesus.



JOHN



Reason: "...that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30-31)

Audience: To affirm that Jesus is God and in fact came in the flesh to both believers and those who were denying this reality.

Focus: Jesus is the pre-existent Word, Jesus is God. Focus on Jesus' teaching. You are either for or against, in the light or part of darkness.

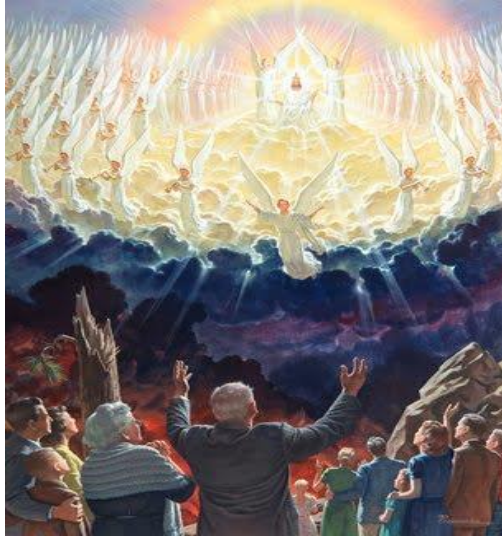
Uniqueness: Separate to the synoptics. Unique set of miracles and accounts. Jesus private teaching of disciples. "I AM..."

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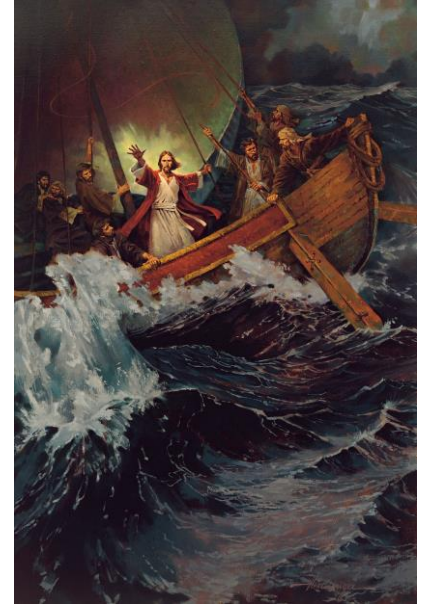
MATTHEW

Reveals the New Testament is a continuation of the Old Testament and Jesus is King and Messiah.



MARK

Reveals Jesus as the Son of God. A man of action and authority. The suffering servant of God.



LUKE

Identifies Jesus as the reason for the church and redeemer of all people.



JOHN

Tells us Jesus is God and you are either for him or against him. There is nothing in between.

