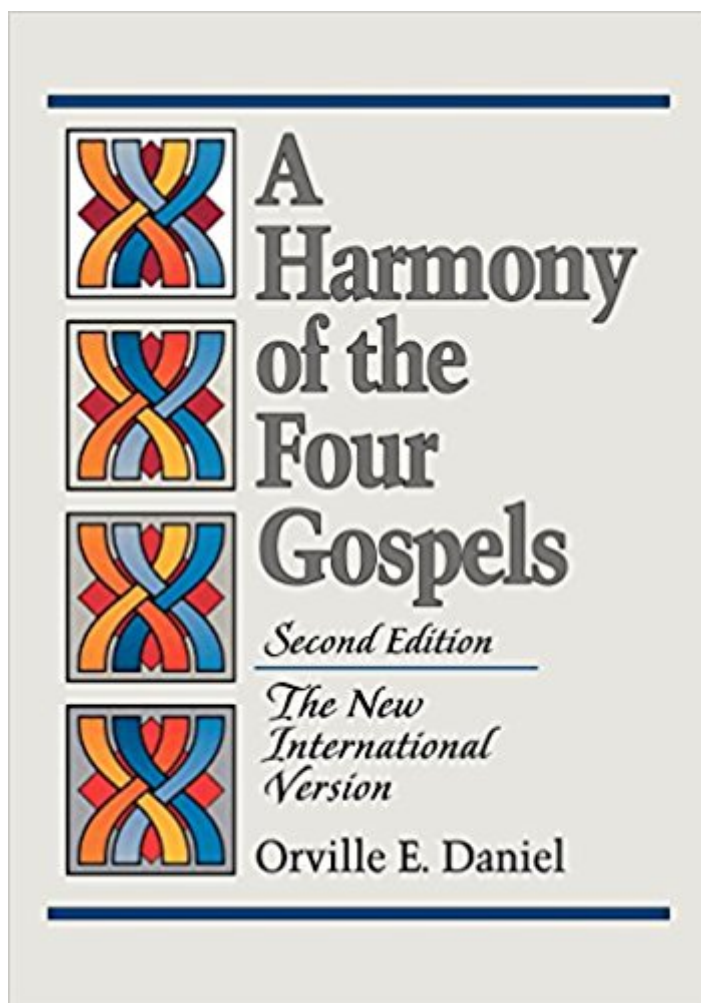


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1. Read the story through on the bold text. Sit down and read the harmonized story of the life of Jesus and many things will become evident that you miss when reading the individual accounts. As you read, note the amount of time between different events. Simon Peter did not become a disciple until a year after his brother, Andrew. It was a year and a half after Jesus began His ministry that He set apart the 12. The "parable" of the rich man and Lazarus was told very shortly before a real life Lazarus actually did rise from the dead and prove that the Jews would not even believe then. 2. Note the differences. See where one gospel leaves something out that others don't, or where one gospel puts something in that none of the rest have. When I did this, I was quite surprised to discover such things as: (1) Mark contains more detail and pathos than the others (note the account of Jairus); (2) Matthew arranges content more topically (note the parables in Mt 13); (3) Luke interviewed Jesus' mother (she treasured these things in her heart) and wrote the 1st 2 chapters from that interview (among other things); (4) John wrote later, putting in events that were too dangerous to the subjects to write earlier (man born blind, Lazarus). 3. Diminish the doctrines and magnify the Life. Let the story of Jesus and all the other people in the accounts stir your heart. It is the reality of His life that has a greater power to spur us on to follow Him, not the study and memorization of creeds. Use a sanctified imagination to "put yourself in the boat" and may the Spirit give you inspiration.

This is a wonderful tool when studying the Gospel's account of the life of Christ. The author (or should I say editor/compiler?) arranges the texts in harmony, but also includes approximate dates of when the events took place. Some are critical of this approach, wondering how Mr. Daniel came up with the method of dating the events. Mr. Daniel asserts that the method is by no means definitive. However, by following the feasts and seasons mentioned in the Gospel texts, he does leave us with useful benchmarks as to when these events took place. There are also useful comments about events like the cleansing of the temple. Were there two such events or only one? Mr. Daniel begs the question, then gives his view in the footnotes. This is a great book to use in a long Bible study on the life of Christ - with the emphasis on long. Our care group is currently working our way through the book . . . it's taken us a year and a half, and we're just now half way through! Take your time . . . learn all you can about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

I'm taking a Bible Study where I use this Harmony of the Four Gospels. That's the only reason I purchased it. It is difficult to find your way because each Apostle who recounted a parable or an encounter that Jesus had, wrote it in their own words but in order to read continuously you have to jump around the pages. It shows the names of each Apostle and an empty box when they did not write a particular part of a story.

I'd read one negative review warning of this problem. But having no idea of how the Harmony worked, I didn't understand. I bought this book in the last month. Now I understand. The publisher failed the reader (and the author--this is a second edition) by making the 'bold' print not distinguishable enough from the regular print, making it a frustrating chore to try to follow the narrative of the life of Christ. I showed it to my 33-year-old son tonight to get his opinion, since he has younger eyes. He too had the same problem. Sad. The publisher robbed the reader of what I believe WAS originally a wonderful book.

I used this book during our study of the book of Matthew. Since it is helpful to read the other gospels in order to maximize understanding, the format of this book was perfect. The gospels are printed side-by-side whenever they cover the same illustration so the scholar can make comparisons, achieve clarity, and notice key repetitions. One very useful aspect is that the book has a running story in which the scripture is highlighted, regardless of which gospel, so that the reader following the highlighted text can read the full story of the ministry of Jesus with the maximum amount of

detail and with improved chronology.

This is the 3 of these book I've ordered

This is a great book for individual or group bible study. Easy to read and provides interesting reference to other gospels for fresh perspective. Best used alongside a study bible as this book does not provide commentary.

Absolutely essential for a better understanding of the life of Christ. A must for the library of every Christian.

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