



**Matthew** there is **42%** that is different, but **58%** of **Matthew** is found in the other gospels

**Luke** there is **59%** that is different and **41%** is found in the other gospel accounts

**John** there is **92%** that is different than the other gospels, and **8%** that is the same

Therefore, it seems that **Matthew** and **Luke** received most of their information from **Mark**; and that **John** represents a clearly independent story. It's as if **John**, under the inspiration of **the Ruach Ha'Kodesh**, merely filled in the details that the other accounts didn't mention or develop as fully as they could have.

To **think vertically** means that when reading or studying a narrative or teaching in the gospels, one should try to be aware of both historical contexts, that of **Yeshua**, and that of the evangelist (**to see link click [Ac - The Introduction to The Life of Christ: Introduction to the Individual Gospels](#)**).<sup>32</sup> We need to be aware that many of the gospel stories were written from the point of view of the first-century evangelist, and that we may need to consider the text in its original historical context before we can apply it to our lives today. For example, we cannot understand **Messiah's** adversarial relationship with the Jewish religious leaders in Judea in **His** day unless we understand **the Oral Law** (see **[Ei - The Oral Law](#)**).