

Questions For Gospel Harmony #1

John 1.1-18

1. Is “the Word” here presented as a person or a thing? What is the relationship between “the Word” and “God”? (Verses 1-2)

2. Explain the following expressions (Verses 3-5):
 - “All things were made through Him...”
 - “In Him was life...”
 - “The life was the light of men...”
 - “The darkness did not comprehend it.”

3. What was the mission of John? (Verses 6-8)

4. Explain the following expressions (Verses 9-11):
 - “Gives light to every man coming into the world.”
 - “The world did not know him.”
 - “He came to His own....”

5. Who has the “right to become a child of God” and how is such a one born? (12-13)

6. What did “the Word” do and who beheld it? Explain verses 16-17. (Verses 14-18)

Questions For Gospel Harmony #2

Matthew 1.1-17 & Luke 3.23-38

Special Question: Why does the Bible conclude genealogies? What purpose would genealogies serve in the Gospels?

1. List some of the differences between Matthew and Luke's genealogies.
2. The names are different in Matthew and Luke's genealogies after the mention of David. How can one man have two different genealogies? Why does the Bible record both of them?
3. What two major Bible characters does Matthew mention in connection with Jesus' lineage and why? (Matthew 1.1)
4. Who are the women mentioned in the Matthew's genealogy and what is significant about each of them? (Matthew 1.3-16)
5. How far back does Luke trace Jesus' human parentage and why? (Luke 3.38)
6. How does Matthew divide his genealogical table and why would he use this division? (Matthew 1.17)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #3

Luke 1.5-25

1. What was the occupation of Zechariah? What is “the division of Abijah”? What do we learn about Zechariah and Elizabeth’s character and lives from these verses? (Verses 5-7)
2. Where was Zechariah and what was he doing? (Verses 8-10)
3. Who appeared to Zechariah? What was Zechariah’s response? What was Zechariah told? (Verses 11-13)
4. Explain the following phrases (Verses 14-17):
 - “Shall drink neither wine nor strong drink”
 - “Be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb”
 - “Go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah”
 - “Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children”
5. What sign was given to Zechariah to prove the angel’s prediction? (Verses 18-25)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #4

Luke 1.26-38

1. Who did God send to Nazareth? To whom was he sent? What did he say to her? (Verses 26-28)
2. Whose throne would God give to Jesus? Over whom would he reign? How long would his reign last? (Verses 29-33)
3. How did Mary respond to the angel's announcement? How did the angel answer her question? (Verses 34-35)
4. What example does the angel use to prove the possibility of his prediction being fulfilled? (Verses 36-37)
5. How did Mary respond this time? (Verse 38)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #5

Luke 1.39-56

1. What happens when Mary encounters Elizabeth? What does Elizabeth say? (Verses 39-45)

2. Explain the following phrases (Verses 46-48)

- My soul magnifies the Lord
- Regarded... the lowly state of His maidservant
- All generations will call me blessed

Special Question: Roman Catholicism regards Mary as perpetually sinless. In fact, Catholic Theology claims Mary is Co-Redemptrix – that is, she is also our savior along with Jesus Christ. How does she refer to God in Luke 1.47? Does this reference support the idea that Mary had no sin and needed no forgiveness, and is thus qualified to save others? If not, why not?

3. Explain the following phrases (Verses 49-51)

- Shown great strength with His arm
- Scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts

4. Mary states that God showed favor to the lowly and hungry, over the rich and mighty. To what does she refer? (Verses 52-53)

5. What did God speak to the “fathers and to Abraham to his seed forever”? (Verses 54-56)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #6

Luke 1.57-80

1. What did John's parents do when he was eight days old? What did the neighbor's and relatives want to call John? What does verse 66 tell us about John's life? (Verses 57-66)
2. Explain the following phrases (Verses 67-70)
 - Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit
 - He has visited.... His people
 - He has raised up a horn of salvation
 - Who have been since the world began
3. From whom would God save Israel? What would He preform? What would He remember? (Verses 71-72)
4. What "might" Israel do after being delivered from their enemies? (Verses 73-75)
5. What did Zacharias say his child would be called? What would he "go before?" What kind of "knowledge" would he give his people? (Verses 76-77)
6. Explain the phrases (Verses 78-79):
 - Dayspring from on high
 - Shadow of death
 - Way of Peace
7. Where was John until the day of his manifestation to Israel? (Verse 80)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #7

Matthew 1.18-25

1. What relationship did Mary sustain to Joseph at this time? What was the cultural meaning of this relationship? (Verse 18)
2. How does this scripture describe Joseph's character? What is the meaning of a "public example"? How did Joseph intend to deal with Mary? (Verse 19)
3. Who appears to Joseph in a dream? What is the significance of the phrase "do not be afraid"? From what would Jesus save His people? (Verses 20-21)
4. What prophecy does Matthew say was fulfilled in Jesus' virgin birth and where is this prophecy found? What is the meaning of "Immanuel"? (Verses 22-23)
5. How did Joseph respond to the angel's instruction? Based on what these verses say, is it reasonable to conclude that Mary remained a perpetual virgin and had no other children (as alleged by Roman Catholics)? (Verses 24-25)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #8

Luke 2.1-20

1. Who decreed that the world should be registered? Who was the governor of Syria? What was required for this registration? (Verses 1-3)
2. Where did Joseph and Mary travel? What happened while they were there? Where was the infant Jesus laid, and why? (Verses 4-7)
3. What titles does the angel use in reference to Jesus? (Verses 8-11)
4. What would be the sign for the shepherds that they had seen the infant Christ? (Verse 12)
5. Explain the meaning of the phrase, "On earth peace, goodwill toward men." (Verses 13-14)
6. What did the shepherds do "when they had seen" the infant Jesus lying in the manger? What did Mary do? (Verses 15-20)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #9

Luke 2.21-38

1. What happened when Jesus was eight days old? What were the days of Mary's purification? What did Joseph and Mary do after these days were completed? (Verses 21-24)

2. How do the scriptures describe Simeon? What was he waiting for? What had the Spirit revealed to Simeon? (Verses 25-26)

3. Explain the following phrases: (Verses 8-11)
 - Prepared before the face of all peoples

 - A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles

 - The fall and rising of many in Israel

 - A sign which will be spoken against

 - A sword will pierce through your own soul

 - The thoughts of many hearts will be revealed

4. What does the Bible tell us about Anna? To whom did she speak of Jesus? (Verses 36-38)

Questions for Gospel Harmony #10

Matthew 2.1-18

1. What is the meaning of the description “wise men”? Where were they from? How did they know about the birth of Jesus? What did they intend to do when they found Jesus? (Verses 1-2)

2. How did Herod and “all Jerusalem” react to the Wise Men’s inquiry? Why this reaction? How did they determine where the Messiah was to be born? (Verses 3-6)

Special Question: What is the significance of the Prophet specifying that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem “of Judah (Ephrathah)”?

3. Why did Herod inquire of when the star appeared? Where was Jesus when the Wise Men found him? What gifts did the Wise Men give to Jesus upon meeting Him? (Verses 7-12)

4. Where was Joseph instructed to take Jesus? How long did they stay there? Why does Matthew say this trip and return occurred? (Verses 13-15)

5. What did Herod do when he discovered that the Wise Men had mocked him? How did this event “fulfill” the prophecy of Jeremiah? (Verses 16-18)