

Bi 103 Homework Assignment #01

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For each of the Synoptic Gospel paintings, answer these questions:

A) *What differences do you see?*

B) *What theological purposes might lie behind these differences?*


Be careful about drawing firm conclusions when differences might be of style rather than substance.

1) Appearance of John the Baptist	
Mark 1:3-4	Luke 3:3-6
<p>³As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way."</p> <p>⁴The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."</p> <p>⁵John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.</p>	<p>³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.</p> <p>⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"</p> <p>⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways.</p> <p>⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."</p>

1.A) What differences do you see?

1.B) What theological purposes might lie behind these differences?

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2) The Transfiguration	
Mark 9:2-4	Luke 9:28-31
<p>²And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,</p> <p>³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.</p> <p>⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.</p>	<p>²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.</p> <p>²⁹And as he was praying the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white.</p> <p>³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah,</p> <p>³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.</p>

11.A) What differences do you see?

11.B) What theological purposes might lie behind these differences?

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3) The Beatitudes	
Matthew 5:3-12 (ESV)	Luke 6:20-26 (ESV)
<p>²Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.</p> <p>⁶Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.</p> <p>⁸Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.</p> <p>¹⁰Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.</p> <p>¹²Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.</p> <p>¹⁴Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.</p> <p>¹⁶Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>¹⁸Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.</p> <p>¹⁹Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.</p>	<p>²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.</p> <p>²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.</p> <p>²²Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man!</p> <p>²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.</p> <p>²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.</p> <p>²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.</p> <p>²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.</p>

III.A) What differences do you see?

III.B) What theological purposes might lie behind these differences?