50 AMAZING FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT JESUS AND THE NEW

There are 4 Gospels in the New Testament. They are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

Matthew, Mark and Luke are known as the 'Synoptic' Gospels because they are similar

Matthew includes 606 of Mark's verses and Luke includes 320 of Mark's verses

William Wrede was the scholar who came up with the idea of the Messianic secret

Some Jews worked for the Romans as tax collectors. This made them very unpopular.

> The synoptic problem refers to the fact that Matthew. Mark and Luke have lots of similarities but they also have differences. Why is this?

In the Temple in Jerusalem is was believed that God dwelled in the Holy of Holies

Jesus' cousin was John the Baptist

Matthew's Gospel has the Sermon on the Mount but Luke's has the Sermon on the Plain

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The earliest Gospel was probably Mark's. He emphasises that Jesus was the Son of God.

Mark's Gospel contains the Messianic secret. Jesus is always telling people not to talk about the miracles he has done

Jesus was Jewish and lived in Israel

Jesus was born in Bethlehem

The Jews believed they were descended from Abraham and that they were God's chosen people

> King David was a great king in the Old Testament. Some people thought the Messiah would be a descent of his.

In the Old Testament the Jews were taken as slaves to Egypt. They were led out of slavery by Moses who gave them God's laws

Jesus often calls himself 'Son of Man'

The earliest Gospel was pro written about 30 years after Jesus died

Jesus did not invent parables. Matthew and Luke both

Other Jewish teachers also used these short stories, which used real life situations, to teach religious truths.

Mark's Gospel has 661 verses

> Matthew emphasises that Jesus fulfils Old Testament scripture. He is the Messiah that the Jews expected

Luke's Gospel is the Gospel of the poor. It has lots of teachings about the poor and emphasises Jesus' humble birth

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and misses out important things like the Lord's Prayer

> Common jobs at the time of Jesus were farmers, fishermen and shepherds

> > The holy day for Jews was Saturday and no work could be done on the Sabbath

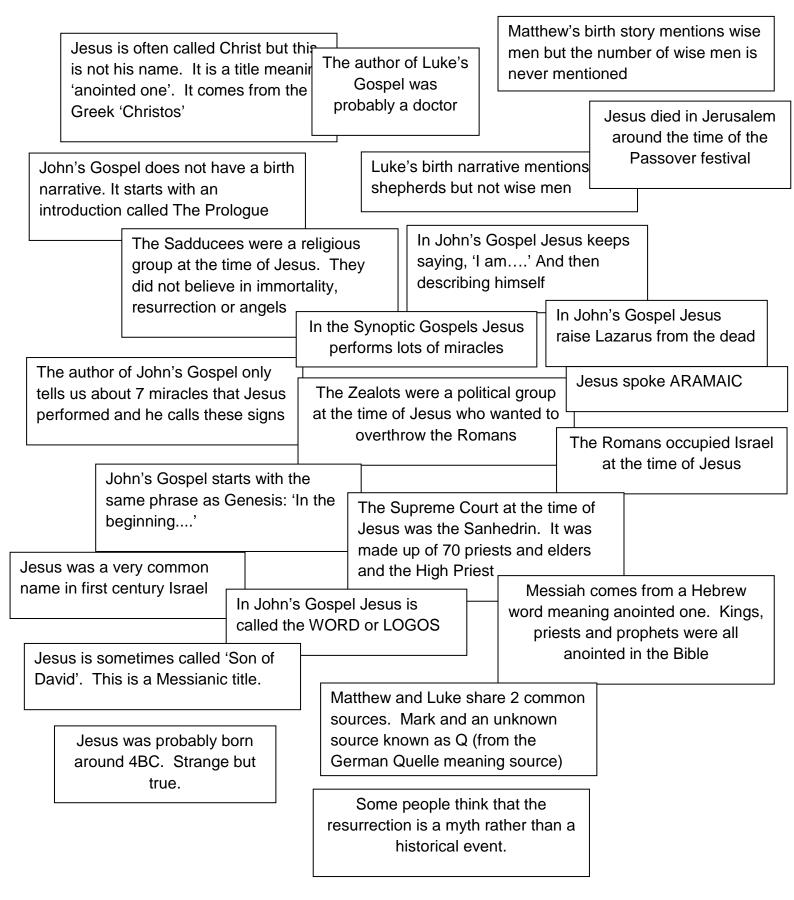
> > > but went to the Temple in Jerusalem for special occasions

Jews worshipped in

the local synagogue

The Pharisees were a religious group at the time of Jesus. They focused on keeping the law and Jesus argued with them about their interpretation of the law

have 'birth narratives' stories about Jesus' birth



Read all of these facts and try to work out how they are related and what they mean. Then complete all 20 questions. The first 10 are relatively straightforward but after that you made need to do some of your own research.

Answer in full sentences and where appropriate (questions 11-15) in short paragraphs. Good luck.

- 1. What was the Sanhedrin?
- 2. How many Gospels are there?
- 3. Which Gospel is not a Synoptic Gospel?
- 4. Which is the earliest Gospel to be written?
- 5. Which language did Jesus speak?
- 6. What was the Holy of Holies?
- 7. What was Jesus' last name?
- 8. What religion did Jesus follow?
- 9. Why is Jesus sometimes called Son of David?
- 10. Where was the Temple located?
- 11. What is the Prologue in John's Gospel?
- 12. What is the Messianic secret?
- 13. What is the synoptic problem?
- 14. What is the solution to the synoptic problem?
- 15. Why is Mark's Gospel often thought to be the first to be written?
- 16. What are the 7 'I am' sayings in John?
- 17. What are the 7 signs in John's Gospel?
- 18. What is the origin of the word Messiah?
- 19. Why did Jesus clash with the Pharisees?
- 20. Which 2 Gospels do not have birth narratives?