

Matt. 17.1-9
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and James and
John his brother, and
led them up a high mountain
apart. ²And
he was transfigured before them,
and his face shone
like the sun, and his garments
became white as light.

³And behold,
there appeared to them Moses and
Elijah, talking with him.

⁴And Peter said
to Jesus, "Lord, it is
well that we are here; if you wish,
I will make three booths here,
one for you and one for Moses
and one for Elijah."

⁵He was still speaking, when lo,
a bright cloud overshadowed
them,

and a voice from the
cloud said, "This is
my beloved Son," with whom
I am well pleased; listen to him."

⁶When the disciples heard
this, they fell on their faces,
and were filled with awe. ⁷But

Mark 9.2-10
1.11

²And after six days
Jesus took with him Peter

[Mark 9.2-10]

and James and
John, and
led them up a high mountain
apart by themselves; and
he was transfigured before them,
³and his garments
became glistening, intensely white,
as no fuller on earth

could bleach them. ⁴And
there appeared to them Elijah
with Moses; and they were talking
to Jesus.

⁵And Peter said
to Jesus, "Master, it is
well that we are here;
let us make three booths,
one for you and one for Moses
and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did
not know what to say, for they
were exceedingly afraid. ⁷And
a cloud overshadowed
them,

and a voice came out of the
cloud, "This is
my beloved Son; ⁸
listen to him."

Luke 9.28-36
9.37; 3.22b

²⁸Now about eight days after
these sayings
he took with him Peter

[Luke 9.28-36]

and John and
James, and
went up on the mountain
to pray. ²⁹And as
he was praying,
the appearance of his countenance
was altered, and his raiment
became dazzling white.

³⁰And behold,
two men talked with him,
Moses and Elijah,

³¹who appeared in glory and spoke
of his departure, which he was
to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now
Peter and those who were with him
were heavy with sleep, and when
they wakened they saw his glory
and the two men who
stood with him. ³³And as
the men were parting from
him, Peter said
to Jesus, "Master, it is
well that we are here;
let us make three booths,
one for you and one for Moses
and one for Elijah" – not knowing
what he said.

³⁴As he said this,
a cloud came and overshadowed
them; and they were afraid as
they entered the cloud.

³⁵And a voice came out of the
cloud, saying, "This is
my Son, my Chosen; ⁴
listen to him!"

[Matt. 17.1-9]

Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

3.17 (no. 18, p. 16)

¹⁷and lo, a voice from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

[Mark 9.2-10]

⁸And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. ¹⁰So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

1.11 (no. 18, p. 16)

¹¹and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

[Luke 9.28-36]

³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

(no. 163 9.37-43a p. 155)

9.37 (no. 163, p. 155)

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

3.22b (no. 18, p. 16)

²²...and a voice came from heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Matt. 17.10-13

¹⁰And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

¹¹He replied, "Elijah does come, and he is to restore all things;

[Matt. 17.10-13]

¹²but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they pleased.

So also the Son of man will suffer at their hands." ¹³Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

Mark 9.11-13

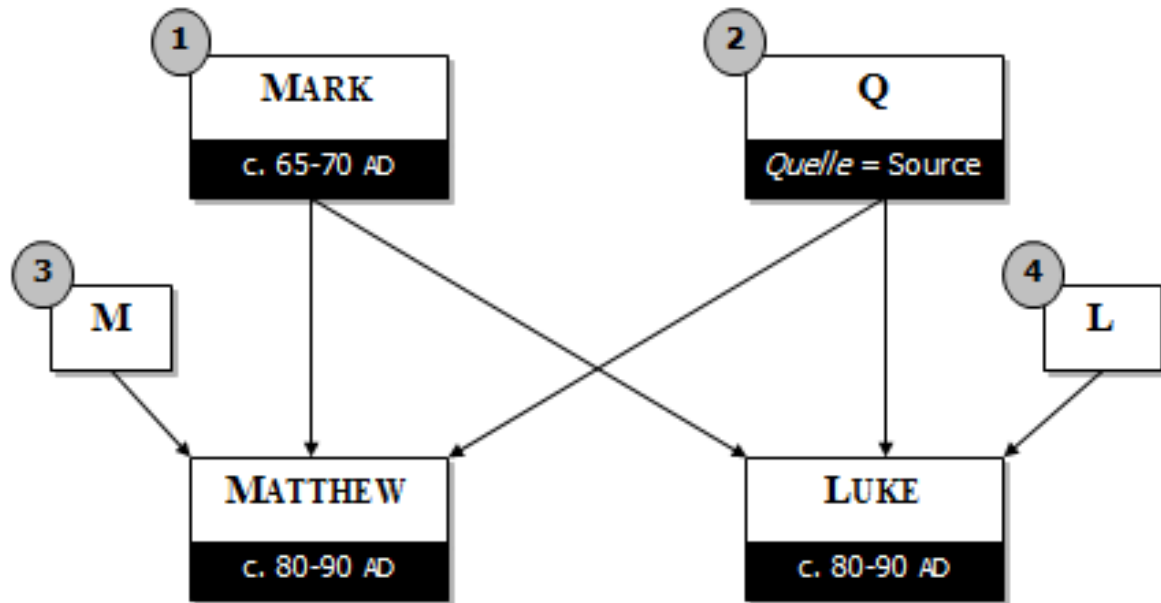
¹¹And they asked him, "Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?"

¹²And he said to them, "Elijah does come first to restore all things; and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be treated with contempt?"

[Mark 9.11-13]

¹³But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written of him."

THE “SYNOPTIC PROBLEM”



THE FOURFOLD METHOD OF INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE

1. The **Literal** Meaning – attempts to understand what the passage says about past events within their historical context. Example: The parable of the sower describes Jesus as a wisdom teacher within the context of his time.
2. The **Allegorical** Meaning – uses one thing to tell us about another thing. Example: In the parable of the sower, the seed is an allegory for the word of God.
3. The **Tropological** or Moral Meaning asks how the text urges us to live. Example: In the parable of the sower, the seed falling among the thorns is an allegory of a life entangled in the pleasures and distractions of life that teaches us the moral lesson not to have our life so entangled.
4. The **Anagogical** Meaning refers to the spiritual meaning of the text. Example: The parable of the sower invites us to have our life tenderized like a plowed field so that the word of God can enter it and bear good, abundant fruit. [Perhaps Jesus’ conversations with Nicodemus and the woman at the well in John’s Gospel are more obvious examples of the anagogical dimension of Scripture.]