

## The Contents of Q

"Q" is an abbreviation of the German word *Quelle*, meaning "source." It is used to designate a document (or perhaps oral tradition that Matthew and Luke used in writing their gospels, but is not found in Mark. Q is a hypothetical construct. No copy of it exists except insofar as it is derived from Matthew and Luke. Q consists of about 230 sayings by Jesus; hence, it is often called the "Sayings Gospel Q." It can be dated between 50-65 A.D. and may have been used as a manual by Christians.

<b>1. Beginnings</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
3:7-9, 16-17	3:7b-12	John the Baptist: warning, promise of one to come
4:2-13	4:2b-11a	Three temptations of Jesus (different order in Luke and Matt)
<b>2. Sermon on the Plain/Mount</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
6:20b-23	5:3, 6, 4, 11-12	Beatitudes (different order and wording in Luke and Matt)
6:27-30	5:44, 39b-40, 42	Love enemies; turn other cheek; give coat; give to beggars
6:31	7:12	What you wish others to do to you, do to them.
6:32-33, 35b-36	5:46-47, 45, 48	Love more than those who love you; be merciful as the Father is
6:37a, 38c	7:1-2	Judge not and you will not be judged; measure given is measure received
6:39-40	15:14; 10:24-25a	Can blind lead the blind; disciple not above teacher
6:41-42	7:3-5	Speck in brother's eye; log in one's own
6:43-45	7:16-20 (12:33-35)	No good tree bears bad fruit; no figs from thorns
6:46-49	7:21, 24-27	Calling me Lord and not doing my words; hearing and doing them
<b>3. Healing of Centurion's Servant</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
7:1-2, 6b-10	8:5a-10, 13	Centurion at Capernaum with extraordinary faith begs help for sick servant, whom Jesus heals
<b>4. Sayings about John the Baptist</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
7:18-28	11:2-11	Disciples of John; message to him; praise of John as more than a prophet
7:31-35	11:16-19	This generation pleased by neither John nor Son of Man
<b>5. Discipleship and Mission</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
9:57-60	8:19-22	Son of Man has nowhere to lay head; to follow him let dead bury dead
10:2-12	9:37-38; 10:7-16	Harvest is plentiful, laborers few; mission instructions
10:13-16	11:21-23;	Woe to Chorazin, Bethsaida; whoever hears you, hears me

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10:21-24	11:25-27; 13:16-17	Thanking the Father for revealing to infants; all things given to the Son who alone knows the Father; blessed are the eyes that see what you see
<b>6. Instructions of Prayer</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
11:2-4	6:9-13	The Lord's prayer (Matt has six petitions; Luke has three)
11:9-13	7:7-11	Ask and it will be given; if you give good gifts, how much more will the Father
<b>7. Controversies and Persecution</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
11:14-15	12:22-30	Demons cast out by Beelzebul; strong man guards his palace; not with me, against me
11:24-26	12:43-45	Unclean spirit gone out of someone returns and brings seven others, making it worse
11:29-32	12:38-42	Generation seeks sign; sign of Jonah; judgment by people of Nineveh, queen of south
11:33-35	5:15; 6:22-23	Not putting lamp under bushel; eye is lamp of the body; if eye unsound, then darkness
11:39-44	23:25-26, 23, 6-7a, 27	Pharisees cleanse outside of cup; woes for tithing trivial items and seeking first place
11:46-48	23:4, 29-31	Woes to lawyers for binding heavy burdens, building tombs of the prophets
11:49-52	23:34-36, 13	I speak/God's wisdom speaks: Will send prophets who will be persecuted; woe to lawyers
12:2-10	10:26-33; 12:32	All covered to be revealed; fear not killers of body; acknowledging me before God
<b>8. On Worry</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
12:22-31	6:25-33	Don't be anxious about the body; consider the lilies of the field; Father know what you need
12:33-34	6:19-21	Don't store treasures on earth, but in heaven
<b>9. Alertness for the End</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
12:39-40, 42-46	24:43-44, 45-51	Householder and thief; faithful servant preparing for master's coming
12:51-53	10:34-36	Not come to bring peace but sword; divisions within families
12:54-56	16:2-3	Ability to interpret weather signs should enable one to interpret present times
12:58-59	5:25-26	Settling before going before the magistrate

<b>10. Parables and Sayings on Discipleship</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
13:18-21	13:31-33	Kingdom is like growth of mustard seed, and like leaven woman puts in meal
13:23-29	7:13-14, 22-23; 8:11-12	Narrow gate through which few will enter; householder refusing those who knock; people coming from all directions to enter kingdom of heaven/God
13:34-35	23:37-39	Jerusalem, killer of the prophets, must bless him who comes in the Lord's name
14:16-24	22:2-10	Kingdom of heaven/God is a great banquet; people make excuses not to come, so others are invited
14:26-27	10:37-38	Prefer me over family; bear your cross and follow me
14:34-35	5:13	Uselessness of salt that has lost its savor
15:4-7	18:12-14	Man who leaves 99 sheep to go after lost one
16:13	6:24	You cannot serve two masters
16:16-18	11:12-13; 5:18, 32	Law and prophets until John; not a dot of the Law will pass; divorcing wife and marrying another is adultery
17:1, 3b-4	18:7, 15, 21-22	Woe to tempters; forgive brother after rebuking; Peter asks how often to forgive
17:6	17:20	With faith like grain of mustard see, you could move mountains/uproot trees
<b>11. The Coming of the Son of Man at End</b>		
<b>Luke</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Content</b>
17:23-24, 37	24:26-28	Signs of the coming of the Son of Man
17:26-27, 30	24:37-39	As in the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man
17:33	10:39	Whoever finds one's life will lose it; whoever loses will find it
17:34-35	24:40-41	On that night, one of two is taken and the other is left
19:12-27	25:14-30	Parable of the talents
22:28, 30	19:28	Jesus' followers will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel