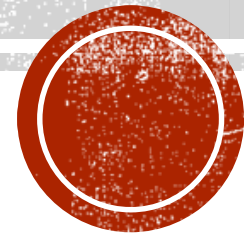


THE FOUR HOLY GOSPELS





SYMBOLS OF THE GOSPELS

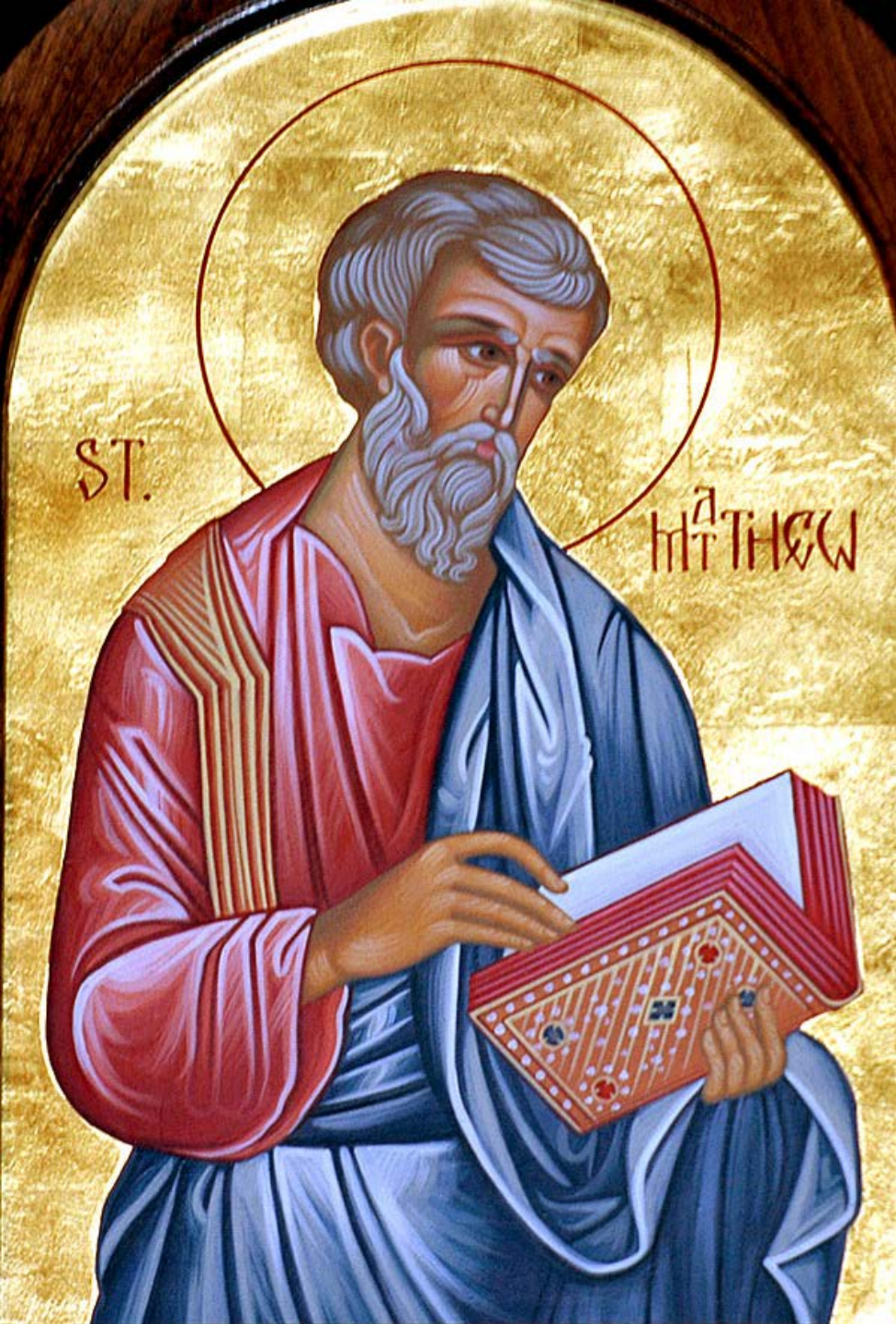
St. Matthew: The Man/Angel

St. Mark: The Lion

St. Luke: The Ox

St. John: The Eagle





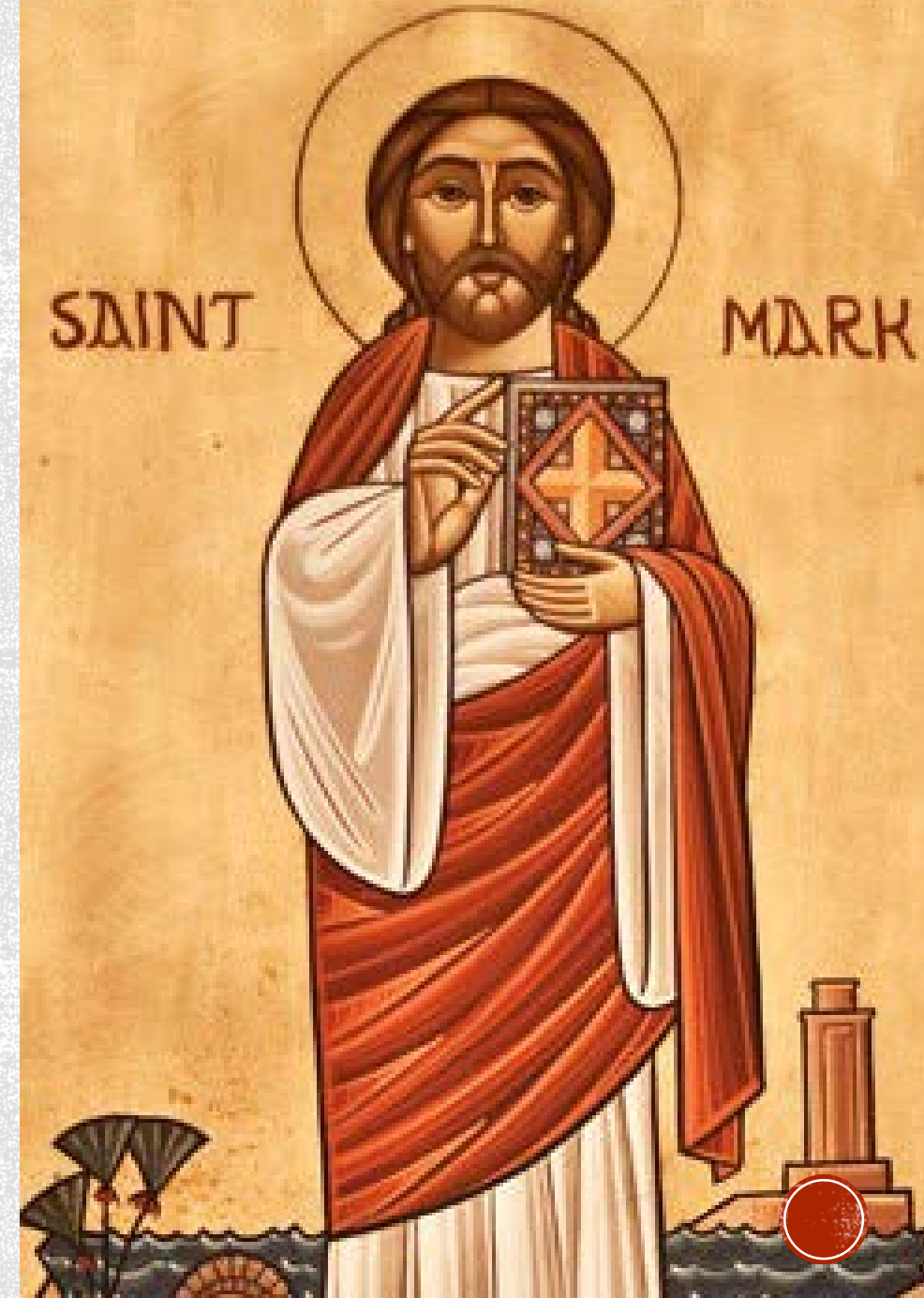
GOSPEL OF ST. MATTHEW

- Palestinian Tax Collector
- Met Jesus in Capernaum where he was called to ministry
- Wrote his Gospel directed to the Jews/those who were familiar with the Old Testament
- Focus: Jesus as the Messiah of Israel
- Starts with lineage of Jesus (showing He is the Messiah) Matt. 1:1 “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham”
- Many references of the OT in his Gospel, fulfillment of the promises/prophecies in the OT



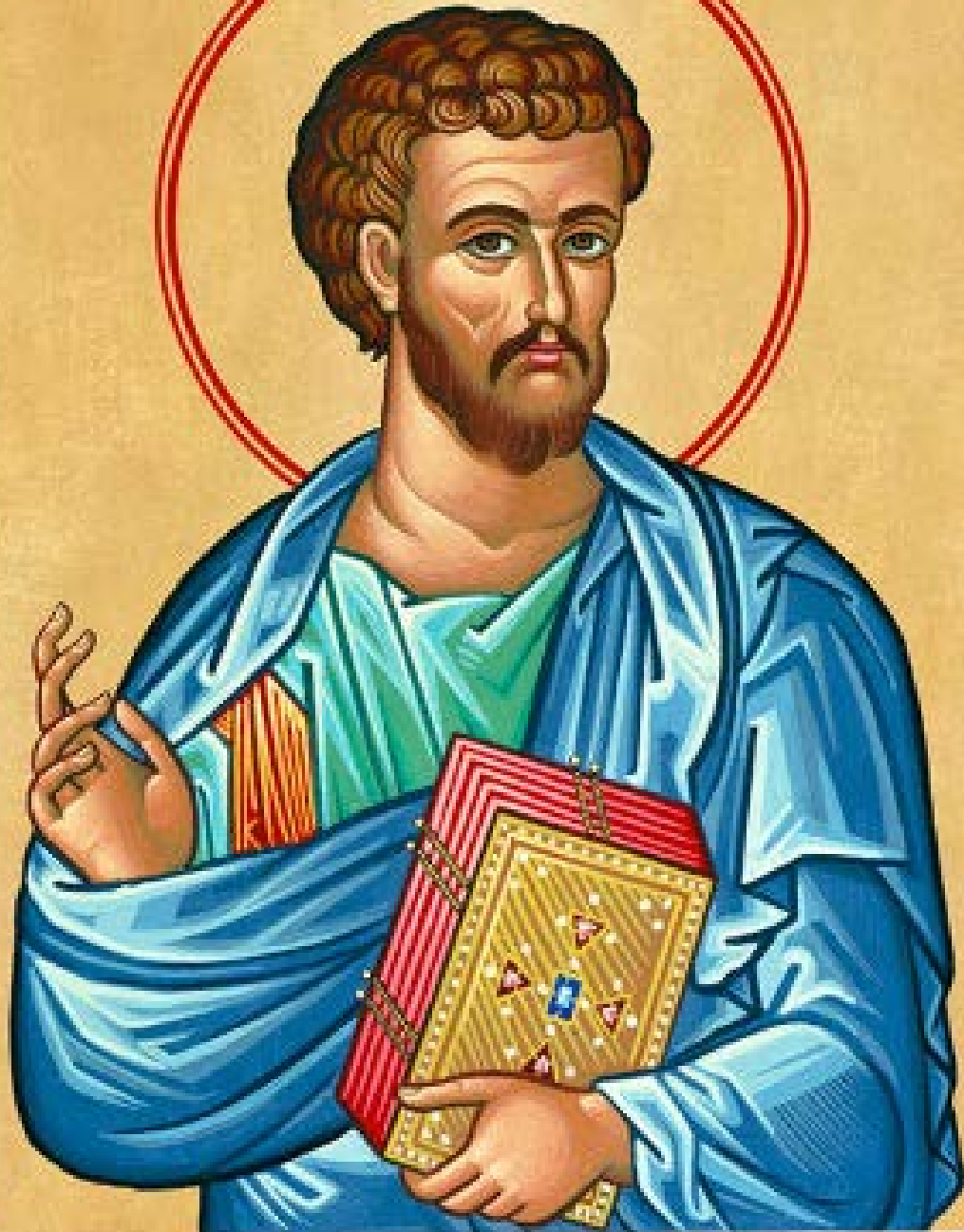
GOSPEL OF ST. MARK

- Born in Lybia, Cousin of St. Barnabas
- A.K.A. John Mark
- Close disciple of St. Peter
- Shortest of the Gospels
- Wrote his book directed to those of the Roman Empire (who did not know the Jewish laws)
- Jesus is portrayed as an active servant and Son of God
- All about action
 - Records the more miracles of Jesus than any of the other Gospels
- Reads most like a story book



SAINT

LUKE



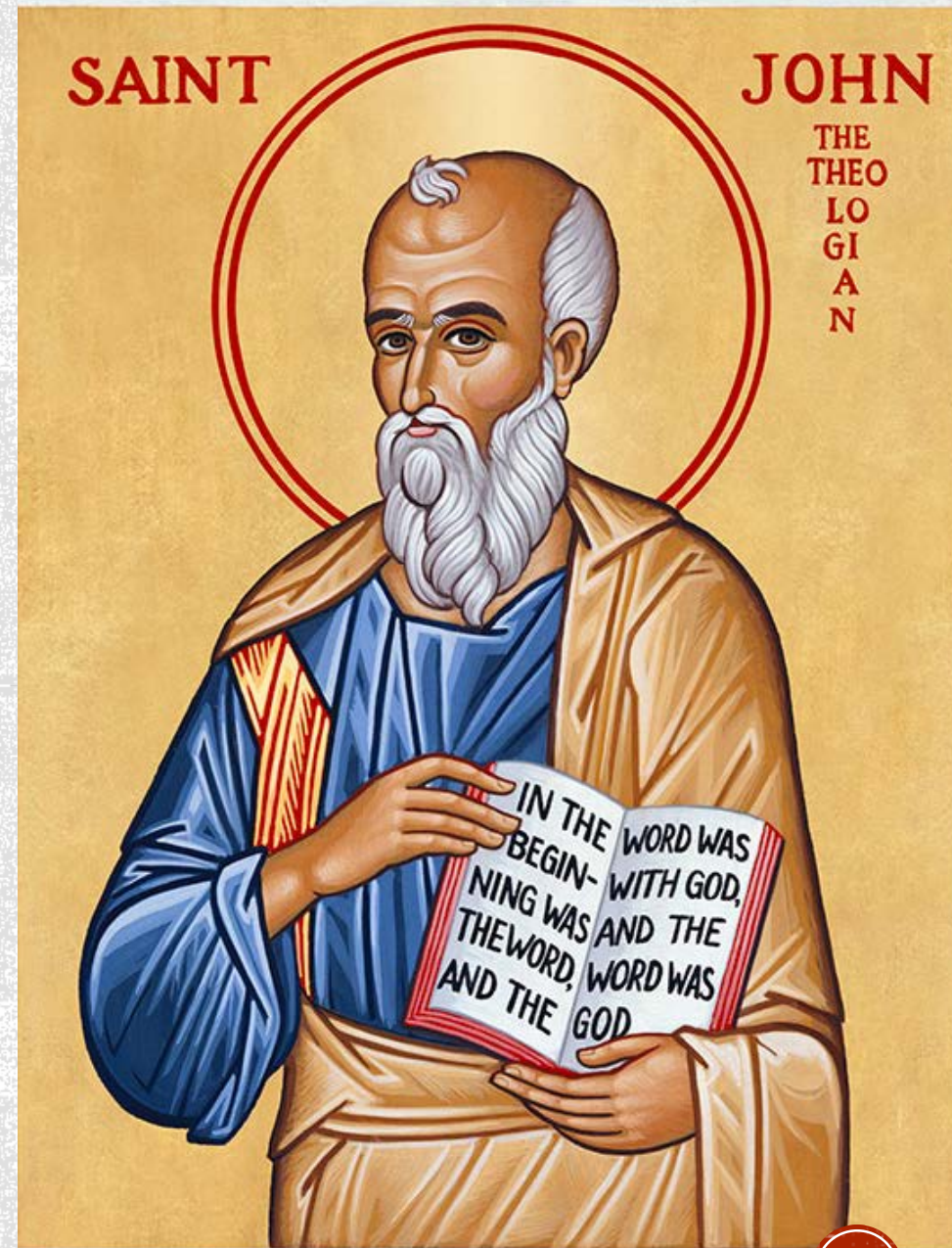
GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE

- Greek physician, artist and historian
 - Said to have been the first icon painter
- Written to the intellectually minded
- Writes his Gospel not as an eyewitness but one who is recording the testimonies of eyewitnesses
 - Luke 1:1-3 Focuses on the events in Jesus' life that show His humanity
- Shows Christ as the perfect man
 - Greeks were always searching for the perfect man



GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN

- Galilean
 - Of the first disciples to be called by Jesus
- One of the closest of the disciples to Jesus
- Was with Jesus throughout His entire ministry
 - Wrote his book as a first hand eyewitness
- The Gospel that starts earlier than the rest
 - In the beginning was the Word
- Focused on Jesus as the eternal God
- Push for us to believe and gain everlasting life



QUICK SUMMARY

- **St. Matthew:**
 - Wrote to the Jews, used their scripture
 - Focus: Jesus the Messiah
- **St. Mark:**
 - Wrote to the people of the Roman Empire (unfamiliar w/ Jewish laws)
 - Focus: Jesus the doer (a book of action)
- **St. Luke**
 - Wrote to academic Greeks
 - Focus: Jesus the Perfect Man
- **St. John**
 - Written to believers to strengthen faith
 - Focus: Jesus the Eternal God

HOW DOES THIS SHAPE MY RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

Know yourself!



**HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO OUR
SERVICE?**

Know your audience!



1 CORINTHIANS 9:20-22

and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; to those who are without law, as without law that I might win those who are without law; to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be a partaker of it with you.

