

Mark the lines below as correct (C), incorrect (X), or partly correct (▲).

A	() Only a few messages of Jesus are recorded at great length.
A-1	() The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew is Jesus' longest recorded message.
A-2	() Jesus' second longest recorded message is about the end times (Mat. 24:1-25:46).
A-3	() Jesus' sermon in Luke 6:20-49 is much shorter than a very similar one in Matthew.
A-4	() The authors of the Gospels often summarized and abbreviated Jesus' messages.
A-5	() Jesus often skillfully communicated profound truth through SHORT stories.
B	() The Gospels are not just a collection of sermons.
B-1	() Jesus did not say much while on the cross.
B-2	() The Christmas passages do not contain any preaching.
B-3	() There is lots of action in the Gospels, especially in Mark.
B-4	() Much of Jesus' speaking was aimed at training the eleven.
B-5	() Jesus' messages in Luke chs. 15-16 are not in the other Gospels.
B-6	() Jesus spoke to the eleven in John chs. 13-16 rather than to a crowd.
B-7	() The Lord's speaking and teaching was usually in answer to a question.
B-8	() Jesus speaking is recorded far less in Mark's Gospel than in Matthew's.
B-9	() Jesus' Bread of Life message in John six is closely connected to a great miracle.
B-10	() Jesus did not speak to large crowds after his resurrection (Lk. 24:33, 1 Cor. 15:6).
B-11	() Matthew's Gospel is far more like a collection of sermons than Mark, Luke, and John.
C	() Preaching and teaching properly (about and like Jesus) are very important.
C-1	() The first churches may have used Matthew more than Luke.
C-2	() Paul's letters are for the church age, but the Gospels are not.
C-3	() The Sermon on the Mount is foundational New Testament teaching.
C-4	() Having correct theology is <u>the</u> key to right preaching and teaching.
C-5	() The early church probably used the Gospels more than Paul's letters.
C-6	() Most evangelists use the Gospels more than Romans in their preaching.
C-7	() We should speak as much about what Jesus did as about what he said.
C-8	() Peter's sermon in Acts 10:34-43 illustrates how we should use the Gospels.
C-9	() Jesus' preaching in the Gospels show that we do not need many long messages.

Answers: Nearly all lines are correct or at least partly correct. It is incorrect, however, to say that the Gospels are not for the church age (C-2). Although the church did not begin until the Book of Acts, the Gospels were compiled during the church age for New Testament believers to use. Likewise, it is incorrect to say that Jesus usually spoke in answer to questions (B-7). He often did so, but not most of the time. Finally it is important to note that lines C-4 and C-9 are at best only partly correct. Right theology is not the only key to correct preaching (C-4), and although the Gospels show that believers ideally do not need long messages, in fact, we actually often do. Jesus' longer messages were largely corrective.