

Counting THE VERSES IN EACH CHAPTER of the Gospels

ch.	verse count	in Matthew
1	25	genealogy #1, before Jesus' birth
2	23	Jesus born and protected
3	17	John's ministry, Jesus baptized
4	25	the temptation, Jesus' work begins
5	48	Sermon on the Mount
6	34	Sermon on the Mount
7	29	Sermon on the Mount
8	34	leper, servant, mother-in-law healed, discipleship, a storm, demons & swine
9	38	miracles, Matthew, on fasting, etc.
10	42	the 12 instructed and sent out
11	30	on rejection, invitation in 11:28-29
12	50	Sabbath healing, unpardonable sin
13	58	eight parables , rejection
14	36	John killed, 5,000+ fed, walking on water, etc.
15	39	traditions, Gentile helped , 4,000 fed
16	28	sign requested, miracles recalled, confession & church, Peter rebuked
17	27	transfiguration , miracle & faith, tem. tax
18	35	on humility, forgiveness, etc.
19	30	on divorce, etc., rich young ruler
20	34	on service etc, Bartimaeus
21	46	triumphal entry , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, vineyard, authority, etc.
22	46	feast parable, Jesus questioned
23	39	on the Pharisees, "O Jerusalem"
24	51	on the end times, parables
25	46	on the end times, parables
26	75	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
27	66	trial and the cross †
28	20	after the resurrection, authority
total	1071	~ 93% as long as Luke

In a way, the number of chapters and verses in each Gospel is unimportant, since the divisions were not made by God. Even so, the man-made divisions are helpful for comparing the inspired content. For instance, they help us detect similarities and subtle difference in emphasis.

ch.	verse count	in Mark
1	45	introduction, baptism, disciples, miracles
2	28	miracles, conflict, Matthew called
3	35	conflict, 12 listed, unpardonable sin
4	41	four parables , a storm calmed
5	43	demons & swine , Jairus' daughter raised, a woman healed
6	56	Nazareth, 12 sent, John killed, 5,000+ fed , walking on water, etc.
7	37	traditions, Gentile helped , deaf man
8	38	4,000 fed, sign requested, miracles recalled, blind man healed, confession
9	50	transfiguration , miracle & faith, on hell
10	52	on divorce, greatness, etc. rich young ruler , Bartimaeus
11	33	triumphal entry , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, Jesus' authority
12	44	vineyard parable, Jesus questioned
13	37	on the end times, fig tree parable
14	72	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
15	47	trial and the cross †
16	20	after the resurrection, the apostles
total	678	~ 59% as long as Luke

Key Point #1:
Luke is the longest of the four Gospels. So the approximate relative lengths of the other Gospels are shown as percentages of Luke. Mark is by far the shortest Gospel.

ch.	verse count	in Luke
1	80	introduction, in the temple, prayer, two angelic announcements, John's birth
2	52	Jesus' birth (shepherds and angels), two temple scenes, Jesus at age 12
3	38	John, Jesus' baptism, genealogy #2
4	43	temptation, rejection at Nazareth, demons cast out, many healed
5	39	great catch, miracles, Matthew, on sin, on fasting
6	49	Sabbath work, Sermon on the Plain
7	50	a servant healed, a son raised, on John, sin, and love (<i>two debtors</i>)
8	56	women help, two parables , a storm calmed, demons & swine , Jairus, etc.
9	62	12 sent, 5,000+ fed , faith confessed, transfiguration , a son, Samaria, etc.
10	42	70 instructed, sent, return, lawyer's Q. the good Samaritan, Mary and Martha
11	54	on prayer, Jesus' power over demons, parables, the Pharisees and lawyers
12	59	against fear and worry, the rich fool, on being a good servant / disciple
13	35	on sin, crippled woman, two parables , the narrow gate, "O Jerusalem"
14	35	dropsy, parables, on being a disciple
15	32	lost sheep, lost coin, lost son
16	31	on riches, the rich man & Lazarus
17	37	on offense, the 10 lepers, on his return
18	43	on prayer, Pharisee & tax collector, the rich young ruler , Bartimaeus
19	48	Zacchaeus, minas parable, triumphal entry , temple cleansed
20	47	vineyard parable, Jesus questioned
21	38	on the end times, fig tree parable
22	71	the Last Supper, on greatness, arrest, Peter's denials, trials
23	56	trial and the cross †
24	53	after the resurrection, Bible explained
total	1151	100%

Key Point #2:
Color coding, bold type, and dotted lines help relate the Gospels to each other. For instance, notice that the feeding of the 5,000, the triumphal entry, and the cross are easy to find in all four lists.

ch.	verse count	in John
1	51	introduction Jesus is THE WORD .
2	25	water into wine, temple cleansed
3	36	Nicodemus, God's love, etc.
4	54	ministry in Samaria, in Galilee, nobleman's son healed
5	47	Sabbath miracle, equality with God
6	71	5,000+ fed , walking on water, THE BREAD OF LIFE , rejected by many, Peter's confession of faith
7	53	Jesus' brothers, on ch. five miracle, Jesus' Father, living water offered
8	59	the adulterous woman, Jesus is THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD .
9	41	healing the man born blind
10	42	Jesus is THE GOOD SHEPHERD . One with the Father
11	54	Lazarus raised, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE .
12	50	anointed by Mary, triumphal entry
13	38	the upper room, foot washing, etc.
14	31	THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE
15	27	THE TRUE VINE , about the world, etc.
16	33	on the Holy Spirit, prayer, etc.
17	26	Jesus' great prayer
18	40	arrest, trials, Peter's denials
19	42	trial and the cross †
20	31	after the resurrection, Thomas
21	25	153 fish caught, Peter questioned
total	879	~ 76% as long as Luke