



MATTHEW AND MARK
 * Our early date for Matthew is based, in part, on Matthew's wisdom affinities with James and, in part, on its suitability for providing the early church with essential teachings prior to the advent of other NT writings. While Matthew's priority was once assumed, modern scholars now assume Markan priority, dating Mark from 55-70 and Matthew from 80-100. Early tradition and internal evidence favors dating Mark from 67-70, after the death of Peter and during Nero's persecutions.