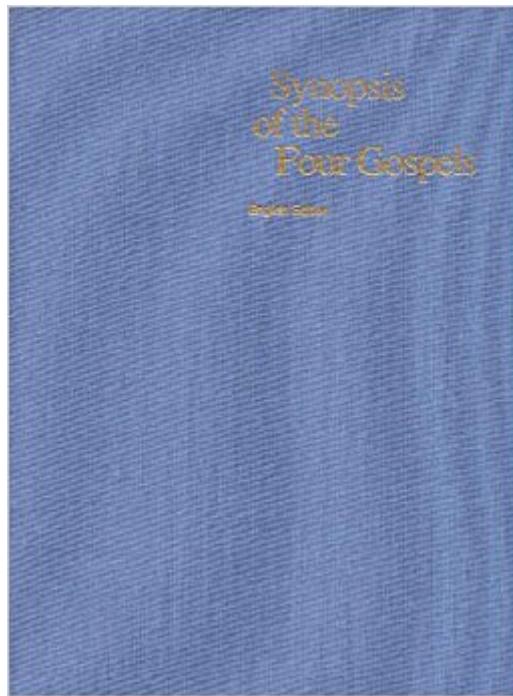


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Very usable format.

I read the reviews and descriptions very carefully trying to figure out if this was the Greek and English version. I felt fairly confident when making the purchase that it was in fact the Greek/English version. But... It was not. That is not to down play this English version however it is really impressive, just not what I thought I was buying. Contact your seller before purchasing to confirm, this seems like a common occurrence in a reading other reviews.

You can do no better than this Synopsis in English, if you're not adept at Greek. However, the legend, the code, stated at the beginning informs the reader when you are reading the exact same word in Greek throughout many translations of the English Bible. This is so useful; and an insight into translating committee's inserting their particular biases into the Scriptures. Awe, they wouldn't do that would they? Of course they would!

This volume represents the best effort by NT scholar Kurt Aland to arrange in chronological order the events recorded in the Gospels. Though this would in the hands of any scholar involve some degree of interpretation, the order here is largely based on that of the Gospel of Mark, which is generally thought to have provided much of the chronology for the writers of Matthew and Luke. If one wants to gain the best possible understanding of the gospels as a whole and of the uniqueness of each individual gospel, a tool such as this is invaluable. One could search out parallel passages in each gospel in one's own Bible, but it is much easier to use a tool such as this. Sometimes the differences are minor, sometimes more substantial. Reading through the gospels in this edition will also highlight how different Luke, with its emphasis on the poor and constant critique of the wealthy, is from Matthew and Mark, or John from the other three. The translation used is the Revised Standard Version, which is widely acknowledged to be one of the most accurate. Many fundamentalists dislike it because of the way it translates some portions of the Old Testament that in the KJV had been translated in a way to prefigure the New Testament, but even fundamentalists have not questioned the accuracy of the NT translation. Footnotes allude to some variants among the Greek manuscripts, while end material includes a helpful outline of the contents of the four gospels and an index of gospel passages. A word about the English only versus the Greek-English. If you are a very serious student of the NT with facility in Greek, you should get the twin language version. My own Greek is very rusty and I found the very large Greek-English edition to be unwieldy and hard to use. Even if you own the Greek-English edition, I would recommend the English only edition. It is comparatively inexpensive and I find it far easier to use in every way. But like I said, my Greek at this point of my life is pretty weak. I retain enough to follow a discussion of Greek terms in commentaries, but not enough to read on my own. After a couple of good translations of the Bible, a good Bible dictionary, and a Bible atlas, this is the New Testament tool that I most frequently use and most highly recommend.

It is an excellent resource and just what I needed to do a comparative Gospel study. Thank you

This book is helpful in showing which stories are paralleled in the other Gospels. For example, the story of Mark 1:40-45, where Jesus healed the man with leprosy is shown side by side how it appears and is written in the other Gospels. Very good study help!

A very handy and invaluable resource. This book is much more user friendly, easy to navigate, and uses much more legible font than many of the other books of its kind I have come across in

seminary libraries. I have used this resource quite often in my studies of the NT and it has helped me to write multiple publications.

Very useful book.

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