

## Verses in which Jesus Spoke

ch.	red-letter verses	in Matthew
1	0 / 25 = 0%	genealogy #1, before Jesus' birth
2	0 / 23 = 0%	Jesus born and protected
3	1 / 17 = 6%	John's ministry, Jesus baptized
4	5 / 25 = 20%	the temptation, Jesus' work begins
5	46 / 48 = 96%	Sermon on the Mount
6	34 / 34 = 100%	Sermon on the Mount
7	27 / 29 = 93%	Sermon on the Mount
8	9 / 34 = 26%	leper, servant, mother-in-law healed, discipleship, a storm, <b>demons &amp; swine</b>
9	18 / 38 = 47%	miracles, Matthew, on fasting, etc.
10	38 / 42 = 90%	the 12 instructed and sent out
11	26 / 30 = 87%	on rejection, invitation in 11:28-29
12	32 / 50 = 64%	Sabbath healing, unpardonable sin
13	47 / 58 = 81%	<b>eight parables</b> , rejection
14	5 / 36 = 14%	John killed, 5,000+ fed, walking on water, etc.
15	21 / 39 = 54%	traditions, <b>Gentile helped</b> , 4,000 fed
16	19 / 28 = 68%	sign requested, miracles recalled, confession & church, Peter rebuked
17	12 / 27 = 44%	<b>transfiguration</b> , miracle & faith, tem. tax
18	32 / 35 = 91%	on humility, forgiveness, etc.
19	18 / 30 = 60%	on divorce, etc., <b>rich young ruler</b>
20	26 / 34 = 76%	on service etc, Bartimaeus
21	26 / 46 = 57%	<b>triumphal entry</b> , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, vineyard, authority, etc.
22	29 / 46 = 63%	feast parable, <b>Jesus questioned</b>
23	38 / 39 = 97%	on the Pharisees, "O Jerusalem"
24	49 / 51 = 96%	on the end times, parables
25	46 / 46 = 100%	on the end times, parables
26	32 / 75 = 43%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
27	1 / 66 = 2%	trial and <b>the cross</b> †
28	5 / 20 = 25%	after the resurrection, authority
<b>total</b>	642 of 1071	<b>= 60%</b>

These lists show where the Lord spoke most and conversely where the focus is more on his miracles or sacrifice and less on his preaching, teaching, or praying. (In the chapters highlighted in red, Jesus spoke in at least 66% of all verses.)

ch.	verse count	in Mark
1	6 / 45 = 13%	introduction, baptism, disciples, miracles
2	15 / 28 = 54%	miracles, conflict, Matthew called
3	13 / 35 = 37%	conflict, 12 listed, unpardonable sin
4	32 / 41 = 78%	<b>four parables</b> , a storm calmed
5	7 / 43 = 16%	<b>demons &amp; swine</b> , Jairus' daughter raised, a woman healed
6	7 / 56 = 13%	Nazareth, 12 sent, John killed, <b>5,000+ fed</b> , walking on water, etc.
7	19 / 37 = 51%	traditions, <b>Gentile helped</b> , deaf man
8	19 / 38 = 50%	4,000 fed, sign requested, miracles recalled, blind man healed, confession
9	25 / 50 = 50%	<b>transfiguration</b> , miracle & faith, on hell
10	32 / 52 = 62%	on divorce, greatness, etc. <b>rich young ruler</b> , Bartimaeus
11	12 / 33 = 36%	<b>triumphal entry</b> , temple cleansed, fig tree & faith, Jesus' authority
12	30 / 44 = 68%	vineyard parable, <b>Jesus questioned</b>
13	34 / 37 = 92%	on the end times, fig tree parable
14	26 / 72 = 36%	Mary anoints Jesus, Last Supper, arrest, trial, Peter's denials
15	2 / 47 = 4%	trial and <b>the cross</b> †
16	4 / 20 = 20%	after the resurrection, the apostles
<b>total</b>	283 of 678	<b>= 42%</b>

**Key Point #1:**  
Jesus' teaching and preaching is directly cited far more in Matthew than in Mark — in 60% of all verses in Matthew compared to in only 42% in Mark.

ch.	red-letter verses	in Luke
1	0 / 80 = 0%	introduction, in the temple, prayer, two angelic announcements, John's birth
2	1 / 52 = 2%	Jesus' birth (shepherds and angels), two temple scenes, Jesus at age 12
3	0 / 38 = 0%	John, Jesus' baptism, genealogy #2
4	13 / 43 = 30%	temptation, rejection at Nazareth, demons cast out, many healed
5	17 / 39 = 44%	great catch, miracles, Matthew, on sin, on fasting
6	36 / 49 = 73%	Sabbath work, Sermon on the Plain
7	25 / 50 = 50%	a servant healed, a son raised, on John, sin, and love ( <i>two debtors</i> )
8	25 / 56 = 45%	women help, <b>two parables</b> , a storm calmed, <b>demons &amp; swine</b> , Jairus, etc.
9	23 / 62 = 37%	12 sent, <b>5,000+ fed</b> , faith confessed, <b>transfiguration</b> , a son, Samaria, etc.
10	34 / 42 = 81%	70 instructed, sent, return, lawyer's Q. the good Samaritan, Mary and Martha
11	44 / 54 = 81%	on prayer, Jesus' power over demons, parables, the Pharisees and lawyers
12	57 / 59 = 97%	against fear and worry, the rich fool, on being a good servant / disciple
13	26 / 35 = 74%	on sin, crippled woman, <b>two parables</b> , the narrow gate, "O Jerusalem"
14	28 / 35 = 80%	dropsy, parables, on being a disciple
15	29 / 32 = 91%	lost sheep, lost coin, lost son
16	30 / 31 = 97%	on riches, the rich man & Lazarus
17	31 / 37 = 84%	on offense, the 10 lepers, on his return
18	27 / 43 = 63%	on prayer, Pharisee & tax collector, <b>the rich young ruler</b> , Bartimaeus
19	28 / 48 = 58%	Zacchaeus, minas parable, <b>triumphal entry</b> , temple cleansed
20	27 / 47 = 57%	vineyard parable, <b>Jesus questioned</b>
21	32 / 38 = 84%	on the end times, fig tree parable
22	37 / 71 = 52%	the Last Supper, on greatness, arrest, Peter's denials, trials
23	8 / 56 = 14%	trial and <b>the cross</b> †
24	13 / 53 = 25%	after the resurrection, Bible explained
<b>total</b>	591 of 1151	<b>= 51%</b>

**Key Point #2:**  
Because of the stress on miracles in Mark and John the percentage of verses in which Jesus spoke is low in several chapters in both Gospels.

ch.	red-letter verses	in John
1	6 / 51 = 12%	introduction Jesus is <b>THE WORD</b> .
2	5 / 25 = 20%	water into wine, temple cleansed
3	17 / 36 = 47%	Nicodemus, God's love, etc.
4	20 / 54 = 37%	ministry in Samaria, in Galilee, nobleman's son healed
5	33 / 47 = 70%	Sabbath miracle, equality with God
6	37 / 71 = 52%	<b>5,000+ fed</b> , walking on water, <b>THE BREAD OF LIFE</b> , rejected by many, Peter's confession of faith
7	17 / 53 = 32%	Jesus' brothers, on ch. five miracle, Jesus' Father, living water offered
8	41 / 59 = 69%	the adulterous woman, Jesus is <b>THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD</b> .
9	8 / 41 = 20%	healing the man born blind
10	29 / 42 = 69%	Jesus is <b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD</b> . One with the Father
11	17 / 57 = 30%	Lazarus raised, <b>THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE</b> .
12	20 / 50 = 40%	anointed by Mary, <b>triumphal entry</b>
13	23 / 38 = 61%	the upper room, foot washing, etc.
14	28 / 31 = 90%	<b>THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE</b>
15	27 / 27 = 100%	<b>THE TRUE VINE</b> , about the world, etc.
16	29 / 33 = 88%	on the Holy Spirit, prayer, etc.
17	26 / 26 = 100%	<b>Jesus' great prayer</b>
18	11 / 40 = 28%	arrest, trials, Peter's denials
19	4 / 42 = 10%	trial and <b>the cross</b> †
20	10 / 31 = 32%	after the resurrection, Thomas
21	12 / 25 = 48%	153 fish caught, Peter questioned
<b>total</b>	420 of 879	<b>= 48%</b>