Introduction to the Gospels

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 - b. Reliability
 - i. Access
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 - iii. Corroboration
 - iv. Training
 - v. Theological Convictions
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 - a. Composition
 - i. Similarities
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 - i. Trustworthy Authors
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 - iii. Witness of the Church
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 - a. Same Story
 - b. Jesus
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 - i. Matthew
 - ii. Mark
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 - iv. John
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