

Quadratos:

Four Questions, Four Paths, One Journey in the Gospel

First Path: *How do we face change?* The Gospel of Matthew, probably written in Antioch following the destruction of the Great Temple in Jerusalem.

Metaphor: the great mountain.

Catechumenate: Inquiry

Second Path: *How do we move through suffering?* The Gospel of Mark, probably written in Rome during Nero's arrest and brutal execution of all believers in the Christ.

Metaphor: the stormy sea.

Catechumenate: Catechesis and Baptismal Preparation

Third Path: *How do we receive joy?* The Gospel of John, possibly written in Ephesus in a time of harmony, growth and beginning diversity in the Christian community. Used early on in the Christian movement for annual congregation retreats in preparation for the great resurrection celebrations.

Metaphor: in the garden (of Eden).

Catechumenate: Baptism, Affirmation of Baptism, Holy Communion (holy common-union)

Fourth Path: *How do we mature in service?* The Gospel of Luke, possibly written to the emerging Christian communities across Asia Minor as Christians and Jews formally separated and official Roman persecution began and intensified, and Christians were "on the move".

Metaphor: on the road of richness.

Catechumenate: Mystagogy