

The life of Jesus according to the Gospels	The Jesus parallels						
	J	As	Ap	H	D	M	B
He stays in heaven as a spiritual being before his birth	•						•
His parents are told in a revelation that their child is Holy	•		•				•
The birth is a miracle accompanied by heavenly revelations	•	•	•				•
His mother is a virgin (not Ap, D) impregnated by God, and he is a son of God	•	•	•	•	•		•
But he has a mortal stepfather	•	•		•			•
He is born on a journey, yet said to hail from his father's hometown (J, H)	•	•		•			•
He is born in a cave (not As), and worshipped by shepherds	•	•				•	
As a child he lies in swaddling-clothes in a cradle	•				•		
He is of royal birth; wise men see signs and they look him up (not B)	•			•			•
As newly born, he is paid tribute to by an old wise man	•						•
As a child, he is persecuted and his parents hide (run away with) him	•			•			
The persecutor kills many newly born innocent children (J, Krishna, Moses)	•						
As a child he is wise and teaches people in the temple or at school	•		•				•
As a boy, he is lost on a journey and his father (or mother) finds him	•						•
He lives in solitude, he fasts (not H), is tempted and resists the temptation	•			•			•
He is c. 30 when he begins his mission, he is baptized with heavenly joy (not H)	•			•			•
He is a wandering preacher	•		•				•
He fulfils his father's mission; he receives the confirmation prophetically	•			•			
He has followers/disciples, and they are twelve (not Ap)	•		•			•	•
His disciples are ordinary people and they, too, work miracles	•						•
He leads a simple life and moves with the poor in society	•		•				•
He is a suffering God	•			•	•		
He is a Saviour, is called the Saviour	•	•		•	•	•	•
He speaks in riddles (and challenges the priests – J, B)	•		•				•
He calms storms (not H), prevents earthquakes (not H, B), walks on water	•		•	•			•
He turns water into wine (not B), and works food miracles (not D)	•				•		•
He cures the lame, blind, deaf (J, B), dumb (J, As) and expels evil spirits	•	•	•		•		•
He resurrects people from the dead	•	•	•	•			
He cures by touching; they must believe; they carry away their stretchers	•	•					
He even cures people at other places	•	•					
He predicts the future, (his own death, J, Ap). He reads people's mind (not D)	•		•		•		•
He is transfigured in front of his disciples	•						•
He rides on a donkey in triumph	•				•		
He has a last meal (with his disciples – J, B)	•					•	•
They drink (is – J) the blood and eat (is – J) the flesh	•				•	•	
He is betrayed and the traitor commits suicide (not B – he only goes to Hell)	•			•			•
He is arrested and prosecuted for pretending to be God	•		•				
He is questioned and ignores the leader who finds him innocent	•		•				
He is hung on a tree or crucified	•				•		•
His mother (not B) and favourite disciple is with him when he dies	•			•			•
He invokes his father and says that he will come and that it is fulfilled	•			•			
When he dies, an earthquake and a solar eclipse occur	•			•			•
He rises from the dead	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
He appears to his mother (not Ap), and to his disciples (not B, H)	•		•	•			•
He goes to heaven	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

J = Jesus, As = Asclepius, Ap = Apollonius, H = Heracles,
D = Dionysus, M = Mithras, B = Buddha.