**Four Source Theory**

*Fill in the appropriate areas throughout the lesson.*

1. Draw the diagram of **Four Source Theory** as presented on the board.
2. What does **M** and **L** and **Q** stand for with in the diagram and how do they contribute to the writing of the gospels?
3. How does Four Source Theory demonstrate the contribution of the Gospel of Mark to the writing of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke?
4. How does Four Source Theory help to explain the similarities and differences within the Synoptic Gospels?
5. Look at the Gospel Parallels Sheets – The Final Ministry in Jerusalem and identify passages **Mark** has been the source, **M** has been the source, **L** has been the source and **Q** has been the source for the passage.
6. Look up a passage within the Final Ministry where Mark has been a source. Read through this and identify within the passage the exact excerpts from Mark’s gospel that have been used.

1. Look at the Parable of the Great Supper (Matthew 22:1-4 & Luke 14:15-24) and identify the source that Matthew and Luke used for the writing of this passage. Also consider where Matthew and Luke placed this parable within the structure of their Gospels. Could you suggest a reason as to why Luke places this passage much earlier within his Gospel?