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Explanation

It is interesting to note that each Gospel tends to place a different degree of emphasis on the words, deeds, death, or resurrection of Jesus. As chart 7-4 shows, Mark, for example, is primarily interested in what Jesus did; his is a gospel of divine power. Matthew and Luke, however, are more interested in telling what Jesus said. John's interest in testifying about the eternal nature of Jesus and his mission is reflected in the fact that his Gospel devotes a very large portion of its attention to the eternally important events of the last supper, the words of Jesus to Pilate, and the resurrection of Jesus.

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