

"One-upmanship" in Matthew's gospel

The Incident (as described by other Gospel writers)	Matthew's version
(Mark 5:1ff, Luke 8:26ff) A man has demons – "Legion" - Jesus sends the demons into a herd of pigs.	(Matt. 8:28ff) Same story, but there are TWO men with demons.
(Mark 6:48ff, John 6:16ff) Jesus walks on water.	(Matt. 14:22ff) Same story, but after Jesus walks on water, he also commands Peter to do so.
(Mark 10:46ff, Luke 18:35ff) Jesus heals a blind man near Jericho.	(Matt. 20:29ff) Same story, but there are TWO blind men.
(Mark 11:1ff, Luke 19:29ff) Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a donkey.	(Matt. 21:2ff) Same story, but there are TWO donkeys.
*	(Matt. 27:52ff) Matthew's wild additions to the resurrection story: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An earthquake. 2. A mass resurrection ("many saints"). 3. The Roman guards are bribed.