

Much of this chronology follows that in *The Narrated Bible* by F. LaGard Smith, though I have made some adjustments of my own. (See Aschmann.net/BibleChronology/#Sources for more information.) The page numbers in the last column are from that book. (When I have significantly changed the order these are marked in **green**.)

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From before the Birth of Jesus to the Beginning of his Ministry

		When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Introduction	Introductory Material			1:1	1:1-4	
	The Prelude to John					1:1-18
	The genealogies of Jesus		1:1-17		3:23b-38	
The births of John the Baptist and of Jesus Christ	An angel appears to Zechariah	Jerusalem, 15 months before the birth of Jesus			1:5-25	
	An angel appears to Mary	Nazareth, 9 months before the birth of Jesus			1:26-38	
	Mary visits Elizabeth	Judea (Luke 1:39) ↑ Luke 1:31,36			1:39-56	
	Birth of John the Baptist	Judea, 6 months before the birth of Jesus			1:57-80	
	Joseph finds out Mary is pregnant	Nazareth, after the return of Mary	1:18-25a			
	Birth of Jesus	Bethlehem, between 6 and 4 B.C.?			2:1-20	
	Circumcision of Jesus	8 days old	1:25b		2:21	
	Presented in the temple	Jerusalem, 40 days old (Lev. 12:4)			2:22-39a	
	Visit of the wise men	Jerusalem, Bethlehem	2:1-12			
	Flight to Egypt	Egypt	2:13-15			
Massacre of the Infant Boys	Bethlehem	2:16-18				
Return to Nazareth †	Nazareth, 4 B.C.? ¹	2:19-23		2:39b		
Jesus' childhood	His childhood				2:40	
	Visit to Jerusalem	12 years old (Luke 2:42)			2:41-52	

The First Year and a Half of the Ministry of Jesus (the “Year of Preparation”)

The start of the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus	John begins his ministry	By the river Jordan, perhaps in the last part of year 26	3:1-12	1:2-8	3:1-18	
	Baptism of Jesus	(Luke 3:23: “Jesus... was about thirty years of age”)	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23a	(1:32-34)
	Temptation of Jesus	In the desert for 40 days	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	
	John explains his ministry	Bethany on the other side of the Jordan (early 27?)				1:19-28
	John proclaims Jesus	the next day				1:29-34
	Initial call of Peter and Andrew ²	the next day				1:35-42
	Call of Philip and Nathanael	the next day				1:43-51
End of the year	Jesus changes water into wine	Cana in Galilee, 3 days later (after a 3-day walk)				2:1-11
	They all go to Capernaum	“After this... they stayed there for a few days”				2:12
	Herod puts John in prison †	December? (year 27) (see John 4:35)	4:12a	1:14a	3:19-20	(3:24)
First Passover† of Jesus' ministry	Jesus leaves for Galilee	”				4:1-3
	Jesus clears the temple	Jerusalem, April (year 27)¹				2:13-25
	Jesus teaches Nicodemus					3:1-21
Beginning of the Great Galilean Ministry	Jesus and John the Baptist baptize					3:22-24
	John the Baptist tells about Jesus					3:25-36
	The Samaritan woman	Sychar in Samaria (Jesus stays for 2 days)	”			4:4-42
	Jesus arrives in Galilee †	Galilee	”			4:14-15
	Jesus heals an official's son	Cana in Galilee	4:12b	1:14b	4:14-15	4:43-45
	Jesus settles in Capernaum	Capernaum (early 28?)	4:13-16			
	He begins preaching the kingdom		4:17	1:14c-15		
	Rejection in Nazareth	Nazareth, a Sabbath			4:16-30	
	“Official” call of the 4 fishermen	Lake Gennesaret	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11	
	He heals man with unclean spirit	Capernaum, a Sabbath		1:21-28	4:31-37	
	Heals Peter's mother-in-law, others	Capernaum, same day	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41	
	Jesus prays in a solitary place	The next day , a solitary place		1:35-38	4:42-43	
	Jesus travels throughout Galilee	The villages of Galilee (Mark 1:38)	4:23-25	1:39	4:44	
	He heals a leper	“one of the towns” (Luke 5:12)	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-16	
	He heals a paralytic	Capernaum, a few days later (Mark 2:1)	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
Jesus calls Matthew (Levi)	Lake Gennesaret	9:9-17	2:13-22	5:27-39		

¹ This occurred after the death of Herod the Great, who **most likely died in March or April of 4 B.C.** If Jesus' ministry began in early 27 A.D., this makes his age right at 30, as stated in Luke 3:23.

² And possibly also John, who may have been the other disciple who is not named. See footnote 5. These are 3 of the four fishermen who receive a more “official” call later on at the Sea of Galilee, mentioned only in the Synoptic Gospels. See Apostles.html.

³ According to John 2:20 this occurred 46 years after Herod the Great began reconstructing the temple, which occurred in the **18th year of his reign (20-19 B.C.)**, which confirms that Jesus began his ministry and cleared the temple in 27 A.D., which is also indicated from several other evidences. (Remember, there is no year 0!)

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
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The Second Year of the Ministry of Jesus (the “Year of Popularity”)

Second Passover of Jesus’ ministry	He heals a paralytic on the Sabbath	April? (year 28), Jerusalem, Pool of Bethesda				5:1-47	1377-79
	Disciples pick grain on the Sabbath	Galilee again, April/May (ripe barley or wheat) †	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5		1379
	Jesus heals on the Sabbath		12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11		1380
	Jesus heals others	Lake Gennesaret	12:15-21	3:7-12			
	Jesus chooses 12 apostles	A mountain near the lake		3:13-19	6:12-16		
The Sermon on the Mount	A crowd gathers	A level place on the same mountain	5:1a		6:17-19		
	The beatitudes		5:1b-12		6:20-23		1381
	The woes				6:24-26		1382
	Salt and light		5:13-16				
	The fulfillment of the law		5:17-37				
	An eye for an eye		5:38-42		6:27-31		1383
	“Love your enemies”		5:43-48		6:32-36		1383-85
	The Christian life		6:1-34				1385
	Judging others		7:1-5		6:37-42		
	Do not throw pearls to pigs		7:6				
	Ask and it will be given		7:7-12				
	The two gates		7:13-14				
	A tree and its fruit		7:15-23		6:43-45		
	The wise and foolish builders		7:24-27		6:46-49		1386
The crowds are amazed		7:28-29					
The ministry continues	He heals the slave of a centurion	Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10		1387
	Jesus raises a widow’s son	Nain			7:11-17		
	Jesus and John the Baptist †	(John still in prison)	11:2-19		7:18-35		1388
	Jesus anointed by a sinful woman				7:36-50		1389
	Jesus travels about	Galilee			8:1-3		
	Jesus and Beelzebub	Capernaum	12:22-30	3:20-27	11:14-23		
	Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit		12:31-37	3:28-30			
	The sign of Jonah		12:38-42		11:29-32		
	Temporary reform		12:43-45		11:24-28		1390
	Who are my brothers?		12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21		1390-94
Material that only Luke relates				11:33-13:17			
Parables	The sower	beside the lake	13:1-23	4:1-20	8:4-15		1394
	The weeds		13:24-30				1395
	The lamp			4:21-25	8:16-18		1396
	The growing seed			4:26-29			
	The mustard seed		13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19		
	The yeast		13:33		13:20-21		
	The parable of the weeds explained		13:36-43				
	The hidden treasure		13:44				
	The pearl		13:45-46				1397
	The net		13:47-52				
	Parables and the prophecy		13:34-35	4:33-34			
Miracles	The cost of following Jesus		8:18-22		9:57-62		
	Jesus calms the storm	Lake Gennesaret	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25		1398
	Heals two demon-possessed men	Gerasa	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39		1399
	A dead girl	Capernaum	9:18-19	5:21-24a	8:40-42		
	A sick woman		9:20-22	5:24b-34	8:43-48		
	Jesus raises Jairus’ daughter		9:23-26	5:35-43	8:49-56		
	Jesus heals two blind men		9:27-31				
	Jesus heals a mute man		9:32-34				1400
Jesus is rejected again	Nazareth, a Sabbath	13:53-58		6:1-6a			
Sending the apostles	The laborers are few	“all the towns and villages” / “from village to village”	9:35-38	6:6b			
	Jesus calls together the twelve	Capernaum?	10:1-4	6:7	9:1-2		1401
	He instructs the apostles		10:5-15	6:8-11	9:3-5		
	Shrewd but innocent		10:16-33				1402
	Conflict and sacrifice		10:34-39				
	“He who receives you receives me”		10:40-42				
The apostles are sent out		11:1	6:12-13	9:6			
The death of John	The death of John the Baptist †	Machaerus (early 29?)	14:3-12	6:17-29	(9:9)		1403
	Herod wonders about Jesus	Perea	14:1-2	6:14-16	9:7-9		

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The Third Year of the Ministry of Jesus (the “Year of Opposition”)

Miracles and Multitudes (Third Passover† of Jesus’ ministry)	The apostles return	Capernaum?		6:30	9:10a		1404
	Withdraw by boat to solitary place	Near Bethsaida (Luke 9:10), south of it?	14:13a	6:31-32	9:10b	6:1	
	The crowds follow		14:13b	6:33	9:11a	6:2	
	Jesus teaches and heals the people	On a hill (John 6:3), April (year 29)	14:14	6:34	9:11b	6:3-4	
	He feeds the five thousand	Towards evening	14:15-21	6:35-44	9:12-17	6:5-13	
	He avoids being made king					6:14-15	
	He sends the disciples away by boat		14:22a	6:45a		6:16-17a	
	He dismisses the crowd		14:22b	6:45b			
	He goes up mountainside to pray		14:23a	6:46			
	Evening comes, disciples struggle	Evening	14:23b-24	6:47-48a		6:17b-18	
	Jesus walks on the water	Fourth watch, after 3 a.m.	14:25-26	6:48b-50a		6:19	
	“Don’t be afraid”		14:27	6:50b		6:20	
	Peter walks on the water		14:28-31				
	Jesus calms storm, enters boat		14:32-33	6:51-52		6:21	
	Miracles in Gennesaret	Again in Gennesaret	14:34-36	6:53-56			1405
	The bread of life	Capernaum, the next day				6:22-71	1405-6
	Jesus condemns traditions of men		15:1-9	7:1-13			1407
	True uncleanness		15:10-20	7:14-23			
	Jesus ministers only in Galilee					7:1	1408
Travels throughout Galilee and surrounding regions	The Canaanite woman	Tyre and Sidon	15:21-28	7:24-30			
	He heals a deaf mute (and others)	Sea of Galilee, southeast shore (Decapolis)	15:29-31	7:31-37			
	He feeds the four thousand	3 days after leaving Tyre and Sidon	15:32-39	8:1-10			1409
	The demand for a sign	Dalmanutha / Magadan / Magdala	16:1-4	8:11-13			
	Warnings about Jewish leaders		16:5-12	8:14-21			
	The blind man near Bethsaida	Bethsaida		8:22-26			1410
Preparation of the apostles for the end	The confession of Peter	Caesarea Philippi	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-20		1411
	Jesus predicts his death		16:21-23	8:31-33	9:21-22		
	True discipleship		16:24-27	8:34-38	9:23-26		
	The kingdom of God coming soon		16:28	9:1	9:27		
	The transfiguration	6 days later (Mat. 17:1, Mark 9:2), Mount Hermon?	17:1-9	9:2-10	9:28-36		
	Elijah and John the Baptist		17:10-13	9:11-13			1412
	He heals a boy with an evil spirit	The next day (Luke 9:37), near the mountain	17:14-18	9:14-29	9:37-43a		
	Faith as small as a mustard seed		17:19-21		17:5-6		
	He again predicts his death	Galilee	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:43b-45		1413
	The coin from the fish	Capernaum	17:24-27				
	Greatest in kingdom of heaven		18:1-2	9:33-36	9:46-47		
	Become like little children		18:3-4				
	Welcoming a little child		18:5	9:37	9:48		
	Causing a child to sin		18:6	9:42	17:2-3a		
	Parable of the lost sheep		18:10-14				
	The duty of the servant				17:7-10		
	Warning about temptation		18:7-9	9:43-50	17:1		1414
	Deeds in the name of Jesus			9:38-41	9:49-50		
	Discipline in the church		18:15-17				
	He gives authority to the apostles		18:18-20				
Forgiveness		18:21-22		17:3b-4			
Parable of the indebted servants		18:23-35					
In Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles†	Jesus’ brothers	Capernaum, September or October (year 29)				7:2-9	1416
	Jesus goes to the Feast in secret	Jerusalem				7:10-13	
	Controversy about Jesus					7:14-52	1416-17
	The woman caught in adultery	in the temple				7:53-8:11	1418
	Various teachings					8:12-59	1418-20
He heals the man born blind	a Sabbath				9:1-10:21	1420-22	
Ministry while traveling from Galilee to Judea	End of Great Galilean Ministry	Jesus leaves Galilee	19:1a	10:1a	9:51		1423
	Ten healed of leprosy	Border between Galilee and Samaria			17:11-19		
	The opposition of the Samaritans	Samaria			9:52-56		
	Jesus sends the seventy-two	(Location unknown, not Galilee)	11:20-24		10:1-16		
	The seventy-two return				10:17-20		1424
	God’s revelation		11:25-27		10:21-24		
	“I will give you rest”		11:28-30				
	Parable of the Good Samaritan				10:25-37		
With Mary and Martha	Bethany near Jerusalem			10:38-42		1425	

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
	Teaching on Prayer	"a certain place", probably still around Jerusalem		11:1-13		
In Jerusalem	Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) †	Jerusalem, November or December (year 29)			10:22-39	
The Ministry in Perea	To Perea	19:1b-2	10:1b		10:40-42	
	Teaching and deeds			13:22-14:14		
	More parables			14:15-16:31		
	More teaching and parables			17:20-18:14		
	Parable of workers in vineyard	20:1-16				
Return to Judea to raise Lazarus	Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick	Perea			11:1-16	
	Jesus raises Lazarus	Bethany near Jerusalem			11:17-53	
	He withdraws again	Ephraim			11:54	
The final journey	Divorce	(Probably still Perea)	19:3-12	10:2-12		
	Jesus blesses the children		19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17	
	The rich young man		19:16-22	10:17-22	18:18-23	
	The love of riches		19:23-26	10:23-27	18:24-27	
	Leaving the things of the world		19:27-30	10:28-31	18:28-30	
	Jesus again predicts his death	Road to Jerusalem	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	
	The mother of James and John		20:20-23	10:35-40		
	Humility		20:24-28	10:41-45		
	Zacchaeus comes to Jesus	Jericho			19:1-10	
	Heals blind Bartimaeus and another	"	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
	Parable of the ten minas	"			19:11-27	
	He goes on towards Jerusalem				19:28	
	The plan to arrest Jesus	Jerusalem, April, shortly before the Passover (year 30)				11:55-57
	Mary anoints Jesus	Bethany, 6 days before the Passover (Saturday) †	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:1-8
	The plan to kill Lazarus					12:9-11

The Last Week of the Ministry of Jesus

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Palm Sunday †	The people come out to meet Jesus	Palm Sunday				12:12-13
	Jesus sends for the donkey's colt	passing the Mount of Olives	21:1-7	11:1-7	19:29-35	12:14-16
	The Triumphal Entry	Jerusalem	21:8-9	11:8-10	19:36-40	
	Predicts destruction of Jerusalem				19:41-44	
	Jesus is recognized		21:10-11			12:17-19
Return to Bethany	Bethany	21:17	11:11			
Monday †	The fig tree without fruit	On the way	21:18-19a	11:12-14		
	Jesus clears the temple	Jerusalem, in the temple	21:12-13	11:15-17	19:45-46	
	His enemies continue planning			11:18	19:47-48	
	The children praise Jesus		21:14-16			
	Jesus again predicts his death					12:20-36
Return to Bethany	Bethany		11:19			
Tuesday morning †	The fig tree dries up	On the way	21:19b-22	11:20-26		
	The authority of Jesus questioned	In Jerusalem	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
	Parable of the two sons		21:28-32			
	Parable of the tenants		21:33-41	12:1-9	20:9-16	
	The stone the builders rejected		21:42-44	12:10-11	20:17-18	
	Leaders are offended		21:45-46	12:12	20:19	
	Parable of the wedding banquet		22:1-14			
	Question about taxes		22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
	Question about the resurrection		22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-38	
	The greatest commandment		22:34-40	12:28-34	20:39-40	
	Whose son is the Christ?		22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
	Jesus condemns pride		23:1-12	12:38-40	20:45-47	
	Seven woes		23:13-36			
Lament about Jerusalem		23:37-39				
The example of the poor widow			12:41-44	21:1-4		
Teaching About the End of the Age	The temple will be destroyed	Leaving the temple	24:1-2	13:1-2	21:5-6	
	The disciples ask questions		24:3	13:3-4	21:7	
	Signs of the end of the age		24:4-35	13:5-31	21:8-33	
	No one knows the day or the hour		24:36-44	13:32-33		
	Keep watch		24:45-51	13:34-37	21:34-36	
	Parable of the ten virgins		25:1-13			
	Parable of the talents		25:14-30			
	The sheep and the goats		25:31-46			

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John		
Tuesday afternoon	Jesus predicts the crucifixion	Two days before Passover/Unleavened Bread †					
	The plot against Jesus	26:3-5	14:1-2	22:1-2			
	Judas agrees to betray Jesus	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6			
Last day of ministry (Thursday, or Wednesday)	Jesus teaches in the temple	The temple, morning		(21:37-38)			
	Unbelief of the Jews				12:37-43		
	Last public message of Jesus				12:44-50		
The Lord's Supper (Fourth Passover of Jesus' ministry)	Preparations for the Lord's Supper	Afternoon, first day of Passover/ Unleavened Bread †		26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
	They recline at the table	The upper room, night †		26:20	14:17	22:14	
	The importance of this supper					22:15-16	
	Jesus washes his disciples' feet ⁴					13:1-17	
	Jesus talks about his betrayer	26:21	14:18	22:21-22	13:18-21		
	They ask who it is ⁵	26:22-25	14:19-21	22:23	13:22-25		
	Jesus identifies the betrayer				13:26-27a		
	Judas leaves				13:27b-30		
	The new commandment				13:31-35		
	Institution of the Supper: the bread	26:26	14:22	22:19	1 Co. 11:23-24		
	Institution of the Supper: the wine	26:27-28	14:23-24	22:20	1 Co. 11:25		
	Jesus will not drink wine again	26:29	14:25	22:17-18			
	Greatness through service			22:24-30			
	Jesus predicts Peter's denial			22:31-34	13:36-38		
	Jesus, the way to the Father				14:1-14		
	The promise of the Holy Spirit				14:15-31a		
	Purse, bag, and sword			22:35-38			
	They go out to the Mount of Olives	26:30	14:26	22:39	14:31b		
	Jesus predicts Peter's denial	26:31-35	14:27-31				
	Jesus' final discourse				15:1-17:26		
In Gethsemane	They arrive at Gethsemane	Gethsemane		26:36-38	14:32-34	22:40	18:1
	Jesus prays in agony	26:39	14:35-36	22:41-45			
	Jesus prays the second time	26:40-42	14:37-39	22:46			
	Jesus prays the third time	26:43-46	14:40-42				
	Judas betrays Jesus	26:47-50	14:43-45	22:47-48	18:2-3		
	Jesus asks for safety of disciples				18:4-9		
	Peter cuts off Malchus's ear	26:51-54	14:46-47	22:49-51	18:10-11		
	Jesus questions manner of arrest	26:55-56a	14:48-49	22:52-53			
	Jesus is arrested, disciples flee	26:56b	14:50		18:12		
	A young man (Mark??) flees naked		14:51-52				
Trial before the Jewish authorities	To Annas' and Caiaphas' house ⁶	Jerusalem		26:57	14:53	22:54a	
	Before Annas first						18:13-14
	Peter follows into the courtyard	26:58	14:54	22:54b	18:15-16		
	Peter denies Jesus the first time ⁵	26:69-71a	14:66-68	22:55-57	18:17-18		
	Trial before Annas				18:19-23		
	Trial before Caiaphas & Sanhedrin	26:59-66	14:55-64		18:24		
	They beat and mock Jesus	26:67-68	14:65	22:63-65			
Peter denies Jesus the second time	26:71b-72	14:69-70a	22:58	18:25			
Friday, (or Thursday), early morning	Peter denies Jesus the third time	"About an hour later" (Luke 22:59)		26:73-74a	14:70b-71	22:59-60a	18:26-27a
	A rooster crows (the second time)	26:74b	14:72a	22:60b	18:27b		
	Jesus looks at Peter, who weeps	26:75	14:72b	22:61-62			
At daybreak†	The Sanhedrin condemns Jesus	27:1	15:1a	22:66-71			
	Judas commits suicide	27:3-10			Acts 1:18-19		
Trial before Pilate	Before Pilate	The Praetorium		27:2	15:1b	23:1-2	18:28-32
	Pilate interrogates Jesus	27:11-14	15:2-5	23:3-4	18:33-38		
	Before Herod			23:5-12			
	Message from Pilate's wife	27:19					
	Pilate wants to release him			23:13-16			
	Jesus or Barrabas	27:15-18	15:6-10	23:17	18:39		
	The crowd chooses Barrabas	27:20-21	15:11	23:18-19	18:40		
	"Crucify him!"	27:22-23	15:12-14	23:20-23			

⁴ In May, 2019, I significantly rearranged the material in the **Lord's Supper** section, mostly following *Baker's New Testament Commentary*. Before that my analysis had been highly inconsistent, with several redundancies and not really following *The Narrated Bible* or any other authority.

⁵ John the apostle, author of the fourth gospel, never mentions himself by name in his gospel, except indirectly as one of the two "sons of Zebedee" in John 21:2, apparently to show humility. Instead, he apparently refers to himself in other ways, as tradition confirms. He is almost certainly the "disciple whom Jesus loved" in John 13:23-25, 19:26-27, 20:2-3, and 21:7,20. He is also probably the "disciple who testifies" in John 19:35 and 21:24. And in this role he is quite possibly the other disciple who is not named in John 1:35-40 and in John 18:15-16. See [Apostles.html](#).

⁶ In January, 2019, I significantly rearranged the material in the **Trial before the Jewish authorities** section and the following section. See [Peter's Three Denials of Jesus](#).

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
	Crown of thorns	27:27-30	15:16-19		19:1-3	
	Pilate tries to release him	6:00 a.m. †			19:4-15	
	Pilate washes his hands	27:24-25				
	Barrabas is released	27:26	15:15	23:24-25	19:16	
	They lead him out to crucify him	In the Via Dolorosa	27:31	15:20	19:17	
	Simon of Cyrene	27:32	15:21	23:26		
	The women weep for him			23:27-31		
The Crucifixion	Jesus is crucified	Golgotha ("Place of the Skull"), 9:00 a.m. (Mk. 15:25)	27:33-35a	15:22-24a	23:33	19:18
	"Father, forgive them" ⁷				23:34a	
	they cast lots for his clothes		27:35b-36	15:24b	23:34b	19:23-24
	It was the third hour (9 a.m.)	9:00 a.m. †		15:25		
	The written notice above his head		27:37	15:26	23:38	19:19-22
	They crucify two robbers with him		27:38	15:27	23:32	
	Everyone insults him		27:39-44	15:28-32	23:35	
	The soldiers insult him				23:36-37	
	"You will be with me in paradise"				23:39-43	
	"Here is your mother" ⁵					19:25-27
	Darkness over all the land	12:00 noon †	27:45	15:33	23:44-45a	
	"Why have you forsaken me?"	3:00 p.m. †	27:46-47	15:34-35		
	"I am thirsty"		27:48	15:36a		19:28-29
	"Let's see if Elijah comes"		27:49	15:36b		
	"It is finished"					19:30a
	"into your hands I commit spirit"				23:46a	
	The death of Jesus		27:50	15:37	23:46b	19:30b
	Miraculous events		27:51-53	15:38	23:45b	
	The centurion believes		27:54	15:39	23:47	
	The crowd is amazed				23:48	
The women and his followers		27:55-56	15:40-41	23:49		
Jesus' side is pierced ⁵					19:31-37	
Jesus is buried	Joseph of Arimathea asks for body	Late afternoon †	27:57-58	15:42-45	23:50-52	19:38
	Jesus is buried	Before nightfall †	27:59-60	15:46	23:53-54	19:39-42
	The women observe		27:61	15:47	23:55	
	The women prepare spices				23:56a	
The next day †	The guard before the tomb		27:62-66			
Saturday †	The women rest				23:56b	
	The women buy more spices	After the Sabbath. † Saturday evening?		16:1		

The 40 Days From the Resurrection to the Ascension

The resurrection of Jesus Christ (Sunday) †	The women go to the tomb	Mary Magdalena, Mary mother of James, Salome; still dark	28:1	16:2-3	24:1	20:1a
	The stone is rolled back		28:2-4			
	The women see that it is!			16:4	24:2	20:1b
	They do not find the body				24:3	
	They see the angels			16:5	24:4	
	Angels proclaim the resurrection		28:5-6	16:6	24:5-6a	
	"Remember how he told you"				24:6b-8	
	"go quickly and tell his disciples"		28:7	16:7		
	Women run to tell his disciples		28:8a	(16:8)		
	Mary M. runs ahead, unbelieving					20:2a
	Mary M. tells Peter and John ³					20:2b
	Peter and John see the tomb				(24:12)	20:3-10
	Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene			16:9		20:11-17
	Jesus appears to the (other) women		28:8b-10			
	The report of the guard		28:11-15			
	Women tell news to disciples			16:10-11	24:9-11	20:18
	Jesus appears to Peter	When?	1 Co. 15:5a		(24:34)	
	Jesus appears to Cleopas & another	afternoon, road to Emmaus (7 miles, 2 hour walk)		16:12	24:13-27	
	Jesus reveals himself to them	"nearly evening", Emmaus			24:28-32	
	They return to Jerusalem	(2 hour walk back)		(16:13)	24:33-35	
Jesus appears to the disciples	Sunday evening †	1 Co. 15:5b	16:14	24:36-43	20:19-20	
The apostles receive authority					20:21-23	
He opens their minds to understand				24:44-48		

⁷ These dark-green quotes are the "seven last words of Jesus on the cross".

		When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Later	Incredulity of Thomas					20:24-25
The next Sunday	Jesus appears to Thomas	one week after his resurrection †				20:26-29
Later	Jesus appears to seven disciples ⁵	Galilee, Sea of Tiberias				21:1-24
	Appearance to the Eleven in Galilee	a mountain in Galilee	28:16-17			
	The Great Commission		28:18-20	16:15-16		
	Signs			16:17-18		
	(Appearance to the 500?)		1 Co. 15:6			
	(Appearance to James?)		1 Co. 15:7a			
	Summary of his appearances	over a period of 40 days †				Acts 1:3
The ascension of the Lord	Last instructions	Jerusalem?	1 Co. 15:7b		24:49	Acts 1:4-8
	The ascension	Bethany, near Jerusalem		16:19	24:50-51	Acts 1:9
	He will come back as he went					Acts 1:10-11
	They return to Jerusalem			24:52-53		Acts 1:12-14
Final Comments	Incomplete but selective record					20:30-31
	Incomplete record					21:25

Events that Occur Shortly After the Ascension

	Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas	"In those days"				Acts 1:15-26
	The Coming of the Holy Spirit	Pentecost Sunday, 10 days after ascension				Acts 2:1-13
	Peter (and others) preach	9 a.m.		16:20		Acts 2:14-41

Colors, Formatting, and Symbols

Red

A key date or timespan provided in the text, or that can be calculated from it. The text that provides it is also in red. A few events cannot be dated, but are key in determining the order of other events, like the imprisonment of John the Baptist or his execution; these are also marked in red.

Purple

Other time information provided in the text, or that can be calculated from it, such as "the next day" or "a Sabbath". This information is only relative, showing the time between two or more events, even though these cannot be dated in the larger context.

(Note that before the beginning of Jesus' ministry and from the last week of his ministry onwards, all time information is colored red, not purple, since all of this time information is key and is datable in the larger context.)

Bold and outlined

The most complete or key passage, or a passage with important additional information.

Blue outline

Passages outside the four gospels.

Yellow background

Passages that are not in chronological order in one of the gospels (or at least that *The Narrated Bible* organized in a different order). Mark and John seem to be almost entirely chronological, but often Matthew is not, and sometimes Luke is not.

Sky-blue background

Passages that are arranged in a different order merely for organizational reasons, not because of a real chronological problem.

†

This symbol indicates key events that allow us to construct this chronology, and to align the four gospels into one chronology. The synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) tend to cover the same events and teaching, whereas John tends to cover quite different events and teaching, which makes it a bit difficult to align the synoptics with John. Even so, because of the few times they do cover the same events it is possible to develop this chronology. For a brief discussion of the evidence that Jesus' ministry lasted 3½ years, see [this page](#).

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