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

		When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
<b>Introduction</b>	Introductory Material			<b>1:1</b>	<b>1:1-4</b>		1351-52
	The Prelude to John					<b>1:1-18</b>	1352
	The genealogies of Jesus	<a href="#">↓ Luke 1:24,26</a>	<b>1:1-17</b>		<b>3:23b-38</b>		1353-55
<b>The births of John the Baptist and of Jesus Christ</b>	An angel appears to Zechariah	Jerusalem, <b>15 months</b> before the birth of Jesus			<b>1:5-25</b>		1356
	An angel appears to Mary	Nazareth, <b>9 months</b> before the birth of Jesus			<b>1:26-38</b>		1357
	Mary visits Elizabeth	Judea ( <a href="#">Luke 1:39</a> ) <a href="#">↑ Luke 1:31,36</a>			<b>1:39-56</b>		1358
	Birth of John the Baptist	Judea, <b>6 months</b> before the birth of Jesus			<b>1:57-80</b>		1359
	Joseph finds out Mary is pregnant	Nazareth, after the return of Mary	<b>1:18-25a</b>				1360
	Birth of Jesus	Bethlehem, <b>between 6 and 4 B.C.?</b>			<b>2:1-20</b>		1361-62
	Circumcision of Jesus	<b>8 days old</b>	1:25b		<b>2:21</b>		1363
	Presented in the temple	Jerusalem, <b>40 days old</b> (Lev. 12:4)			<b>2:22-39a</b>		
	Visit of the wise men	Jerusalem, Bethlehem	<b>2:1-12</b>				
	Flight to Egypt	Egypt	<b>2:13-15</b>				
	Massacre of the Infant Boys	Bethlehem	<b>2:16-18</b>				
	<b>Return to Nazareth †</b>	Nazareth, <b>4 B.C.?</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>2:19-23</b>		2:39b		
<b>Jesus' childhood</b>	Early childhood				<b>2:40</b>		
	Visit to Jerusalem	<b>12 years old</b> (Luke 2:42)			<b>2:41-51</b>		
	Later childhood				<b>2:52</b>		

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

<b>The start of the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus</b>	<b>John begins his ministry †</b>	By the river Jordan, <b>latter part of year 26</b> <sup>2</sup>	<b>3:1-12</b>	1:2-8	<b>3:1-18</b>		1364
	Baptism of Jesus	( <a href="#">Luke 3:23</a> : “Jesus...was about thirty years of age”)	<b>3:13-17</b>	1:9-11	<b>3:21-23a</b>	(1:32-34)	1365
	Temptation of Jesus	In the desert for <b>40 days</b>	<b>4:1-11</b>	<b>1:12-13</b>	<b>4:1-13</b>		1366
	John explains his ministry	Bethany on the other side of the Jordan ( <b>early 27?</b> )				<b>1:19-28</b>	1367
	John proclaims Jesus	<b>the next day</b>				<b>1:29-34</b>	1368
	Initial call of Peter and Andrew <sup>3</sup>	<b>the next day</b>				<b>1:35-42</b>	1369
	Call of Philip and Nathanael	<b>the next day</b>				<b>1:43-51</b>	1370
	Jesus changes water into wine	Cana in Galilee, <b>3 days later</b> (after a 3-day walk)				<b>2:1-11</b>	1371
<b>First Passover† of Jesus' Ministry</b>	They all go to Capernaum	“After this... they stayed there for a few days”				<b>2:12</b>	1372
	Jesus clears the temple	Jerusalem, <b>almost Passover, April (year 27)</b> <sup>4</sup>				<b>2:13-25</b>	1373
	Jesus teaches Nicodemus					<b>3:1-21</b>	1374
	Jesus and John the Baptist baptize					<b>3:22-24</b>	1375
<b>End of the year</b>	John the Baptist tells about Jesus					<b>3:25-36</b>	1376
	<b>Herod puts John in prison †</b>	<b>December? (year 27) (see John 4:35)</b>	<b>4:12a</b>	<b>1:14a</b>	<b>3:19-20</b>	<b>(3:24)</b>	1377
	Jesus leaves for Galilee	”				<b>4:1-3</b>	1378
<b>Beginning of the Great Galilean Ministry</b>	The Samaritan woman	Sychar in Samaria ( <b>Jesus stays for 2 days</b> )	”			<b>4:4-42</b>	1379
	<b>Jesus arrives in Galilee †</b>	Galilee	”	4:12b	1:14b	<b>4:14-15</b>	1380
	Jesus heals an official's son	Cana in Galilee				<b>4:43-45</b>	1381
	Jesus settles in Capernaum	Capernaum ( <b>early 28?</b> )	<b>4:13-16</b>			<b>4:46-54</b>	1382
	He begins preaching the kingdom		<b>4:17</b>	1:14c-15			1383
	Rejection in Nazareth	Nazareth, <b>a Sabbath</b>				<b>4:16-30</b>	1384
	“Official” call of the 4 fishermen	Lake Gennesaret	4:18-22	1:16-20	<b>5:1-11</b>		1385
	He heals man with unclean spirit	Capernaum, <b>a Sabbath</b>		<b>1:21-28</b>	4:31-37		1386
	Heals Peter's mother-in-law, others	Capernaum, <b>same day</b>	<b>8:14-17</b>	<b>1:29-34</b>	4:38-41		1387
	Jesus prays in a solitary place	<b>The next day</b> , a solitary place		<b>1:35-38</b>	4:42-43		1388
	Jesus travels throughout Galilee	The villages of Galilee (Mark 1:38)	<b>4:23-25</b>	1:39	4:44		1389
	He heals a leper	“one of the towns” (Luke 5:12)	<b>8:1-4</b>	1:40-45	5:12-16		1390
	He heals a paralytic	Capernaum, <b>a few days later</b> (Mark 2:1)	<b>9:1-8</b>	2:1-12	5:17-26		1391
	Jesus calls Matthew (Levi)	Lake Gennesaret	<b>9:9-17</b>	2:13-22	5:27-39		1392

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> See [this page](#), [this page](#), and [this page](#) for why the time frame mentioned in Luke 3:1 for the start of John's ministry would have occurred in the latter part of 26 A.D.

<sup>3</sup> And possibly also John, who may have been the other disciple who is not named. See footnote 11. 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](#).

<sup>4</sup> According to John 2:20 this occurred 46 years after Herod the Great began reconstructing the temple, which occurred in the [18<sup>th</sup> 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”)

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

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

<b>Miracles and Multitudes (Third Passover† of Jesus’ ministry)</b>	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), near Passover, April (year 29)	14:14	6:34	9:11b	6:3-4	
	He feeds the five thousand	Towards evening, “green grass” (Mark 6:39) <sup>5</sup>	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			
	End of Great Galilean Ministry <sup>6</sup>					7:1	1408
<b>Travels throughout Galilee and surrounding regions</b>	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
<b>Preparation of the apostles for the end</b>	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		
	Deeds in the name of Jesus <sup>7</sup>			9:38-41	9:49-50		1414
	Causing a child to sin		18:6	9:42	17:2-3a		1415
	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
	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				
<b>In Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles†</b>	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

<sup>5</sup> In the climate of Israel the grass was only green and fresh during the springtime, mainly April. In the winter it would freeze, and in the hot, dry summer it would dry out. This confirms John’s statement that it was near the Passover, and his statement that there was “plenty of grass” (John 6:10).

<sup>6</sup> Before 10-Sep.-2019 I had placed the end of the Great Galilean Ministry later, at Mark 10:1a, but multiple commentators place it here, including *Baker’s New Testament Commentary*. Jesus does return to Galilee after this, but his ministry is more private from this point on.

<sup>7</sup> In October, 2019, I moved this line up to follow Mark’s order, since this is the only time *The Narrated Bible* does not follow Mark except when there is a conflict with John’s order. (See the discussion at [Yellow background](#) on the last page.)

		When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b>Ministry while traveling from Galilee to Judea</b>	Jesus leaves Galilee		19:1a	10:1a	9:51	
	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	
	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	
	Teaching on Prayer	"a certain place", probably still around Jerusalem			11:1-13	
<b>In Jerusalem</b>	<b>Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) †</b>	Jerusalem, <b>November or December (year 29)</b>				10:22-39
<b>The Ministry in Perea</b>	To Perea	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			
<b>Return to Judea to raise Lazarus</b>	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
<b>The final journey</b>	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, <b>April, shortly before the Passover (year 30)</b>				11:55-57

## The Last Week of the Ministry of Jesus

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<b>Saturday†</b>	Mary anoints Jesus <sup>8</sup>	Bethany, <b>6 days before the Passover (Saturday) †</b>	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:1-8
	The plan to kill Lazarus					12:9-11
<b>Palm Sunday†</b>	The people come out to meet Jesus	<b>Palm Sunday</b>				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		
<b>Monday†</b>	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			
	<b>They go out of the city</b>	<b>To where??</b>		11:19		
	<b>daily plan, morning and evening</b>				(21:37-38)	
<b>Tuesday morning†</b>	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	

<sup>8</sup> This appears to be the only case of a serious change of order on the part of Mark, in which he takes a time out from his account of the events of Tuesday afternoon to relate an event that evidently occurred three days earlier, on Saturday. John clearly places this event on Saturday, and the three accounts must refer to the same event, since so many of the details match. Why both Matthew and Mark place this event in this context is not totally clear, but many commentators confirm that this is what they have done, including *Baker's New Testament Commentary*.

			When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	
	Whose son is the Christ?			22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44		1447
	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		1448
<b>Teaching About the End of the Age</b>	The temple will be destroyed	Leaving the temple		24:1-2	13:1-2	21:5-6		1449
	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			1451
	Keep watch			24:45-51	13:34-37	21:34-36		
	Parable of the ten virgins			25:1-13				1452
	Parable of the talents			25:14-30				1453
	The sheep and the goats			25:31-46				
<b>Tuesday afternoon</b>	Jesus again predicts his death <sup>9</sup>						12:20-36a	1442
	Completion of his public ministry <sup>9</sup>						12:36b	1243
	He reminds disciples of crucifixion	Two days before Passover/Unleavened Bread †		26:1-2				1454
	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		
<b>Summary of Ministry<sup>9</sup></b>	Unbelief of the Jews						12:37-43	1456
	Summary of Jesus' message						12:44-50	
<b>Wednesday<sup>9</sup></b>	(Jesus rests?)							
<b>Thursday<sup>9</sup></b>	Preparations for the Lord's Supper	first day of Passover/ Unleavened Bread †		26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13		1457
<b>The Lord's Supper (Fourth Passover of Jesus' ministry)</b>	They recline at the table	The upper room, night †		26:20	14:17	22:14		1458
	The importance of this supper					22:15-16		
	Jesus washes his disciples' feet <sup>10</sup>						13:1-17	
	Jesus talks about his betrayer			26:21	14:18	22:21-22	13:18-21	1459
	They ask who it is <sup>11</sup>			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	1458
	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	1460
	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		1461
	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	1462-64
<b>In Gethsemane</b>	They arrive at Gethsemane	Gethsemane		26:36-38	14:32-34	22:40	18:1	1465
	Jesus prays in agony			26:39	14:35-36	22:41-45		1466
	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		1467
	Jesus is arrested, disciples flee			26:56b	14:50		18:12	
	A young man flees naked (Mark??)				14:51-52			

<sup>9</sup> Tradition has always said that the Lord's supper took place on Thursday of Holy Week and that Jesus was crucified on Friday and was resurrected on Sunday. This necessarily means that Wednesday is not mentioned, presumably as a rest day for Jesus. However, in Matthew 12:40 Jesus says, "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth." This has led some interpreters, including F. LaGard Smith in *The Narrated Bible*, on which I have based most of my chronology, to say that Jesus must have been crucified on Thursday. However, I find that most commentators, including the *Wycliffe Bible Commentary*, *Baker's New Testament Commentary*, and most of [these commentators](#), adhere to the traditional view, and give good arguments for this view, but I do not have space to include their arguments here. Up until October, 2019 I had partially followed F. LaGard Smith in his interpretation; at that time I rearranged or simplified a number of items, mostly following the *Wycliffe Bible Commentary* and *Baker's New Testament Commentary*, all adjustments marked with this footnote number <sup>9</sup>.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

<sup>11</sup> 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](#).



		When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Trial before the Jewish Authorities	To Annas' and Caiaphas' house <sup>12</sup>	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 <sup>11</sup>		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	"A little later" (Luke 22:58)	26:71b-72	14:69-70a	22:58	18:25
	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	
Friday†, <sup>9</sup> early morning	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	
	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" <sup>13</sup>				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" <sup>11</sup>					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 <sup>11</sup>					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	
Saturday† <sup>9</sup>	The guard before the tomb		27:62-66			
	The women rest				23:56b	
	The women buy more spices	After the Sabbath. † Saturday evening?		16:1		

<sup>12</sup> 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](#).

<sup>13</sup> These **dark-green** quotes are the "seven last words of Jesus on the cross".

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
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## The 40 Days From the Resurrection to the Ascension

<b>The resurrection of Jesus Christ (Sunday)†</b>	The women go to the tomb	Mary Magdalena, Mary mother of James, Salome; still dark	28:1	16:2-3	24:1	20:1a	1478
	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			
	At first they say nothing out of fear			16:8			
	Then they run to tell his disciples		28:8a				
	Mary M. runs ahead, unbelieving					20:2a	
	Mary M. tells Peter and John <sup>11</sup>					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				1479
	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		1480
	They return to Jerusalem	(2-hour walk back)		16:13	24:33-35		
<b>Later</b>	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	
<b>The next Sunday</b>	He opens their minds to understand				24:44-48		
	Incredulity of Thomas					20:24-25	1481
<b>Later</b>	Jesus appears to Thomas	same house, one week after his resurrection †				20:26-29	
	Jesus appears to seven disciples <sup>11</sup>	Galilee, Sea of Tiberias				21:1-24	
	Appearance to the Eleven in Galilee	a mountain in Galilee	28:16-17				1482
	The Great Commission		28:18-20	16:15-16			
	Signs			16:17-18			
	Appearance to the 500	when?	1 Co. 15:6				
	Appearance to James	when?	1 Co. 15:7a				
<b>The ascension (40 days after the resurrection)</b>	Summary of his appearances	over a period of 40 days †				Acts 1:3	
	Last instructions	Jerusalem?	1 Co. 15:7b		24:49	Acts 1:4-8	1483
	The ascension	Bethany, near Jerusalem		16:19	24:50-51	Acts 1:9	
	He will come back as he went					Acts 1:10-11	
<b>Final Comments</b>	They return to Jerusalem				24:52-53	Acts 1:12-14	
	Incomplete but selective record					20:30-31	1484
	Incomplete record					21:25	

## Events that Occurred Shortly After the Ascension

	Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas	“In those days”				Acts 1:15-26	1485
	The Coming of the Holy Spirit	Pentecost Sunday, 10 days after the ascension <sup>14</sup>				Acts 2:1-13	1486
	Peter (and others) preach	9 a.m.		16:20		Acts 2:14-41	

<sup>14</sup> According to [this page](#) and many others, and general church tradition, Jesus rose from the dead on the Feast of Firstfruits, and the Day of Pentecost occurred 50 days after the Feast of Firstfruits, leaving 10 days from the ascension to Pentecost.

# Background Information

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](http://Aschmann.net/BibleChronology/#Sources) for more information.) The page numbers in the last column of the table are from that book. (When I have significantly changed the order these are marked in green.)

This chronology should not be viewed as authoritative or inspired, but only as a helpful arrangement of the four gospels to show their relative chronology, using the key events marked with †, as shown below. Others have also made arrangements that are equally well thought through. However, the 3½-year framework seems to be the general consensus (see [this page](#)), as well as many of the details included here (see [this page](#)).

## 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.)
<b>Bold and outlined</b>	The most complete or key passage, or a passage with important additional information.
Blue outline	Passages outside the four gospels that provide further information within the context of the four gospels.
Yellow background	Passages that are not in chronological order in one of the gospels (or at least that <i>The Narrated Bible</i> organized in a different order). Mark and John seem to be almost entirely chronological, but often Matthew is not, and sometimes Luke is not. (In each case when Mark and John do not agree, a choice has been made to follow one or the other. However, these conflicts only occur in <b>The Last Week of the Ministry of Jesus</b> , and mostly represent quite minor variations, except where clarified by a footnote.)
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 <b>synoptic gospels</b> (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.