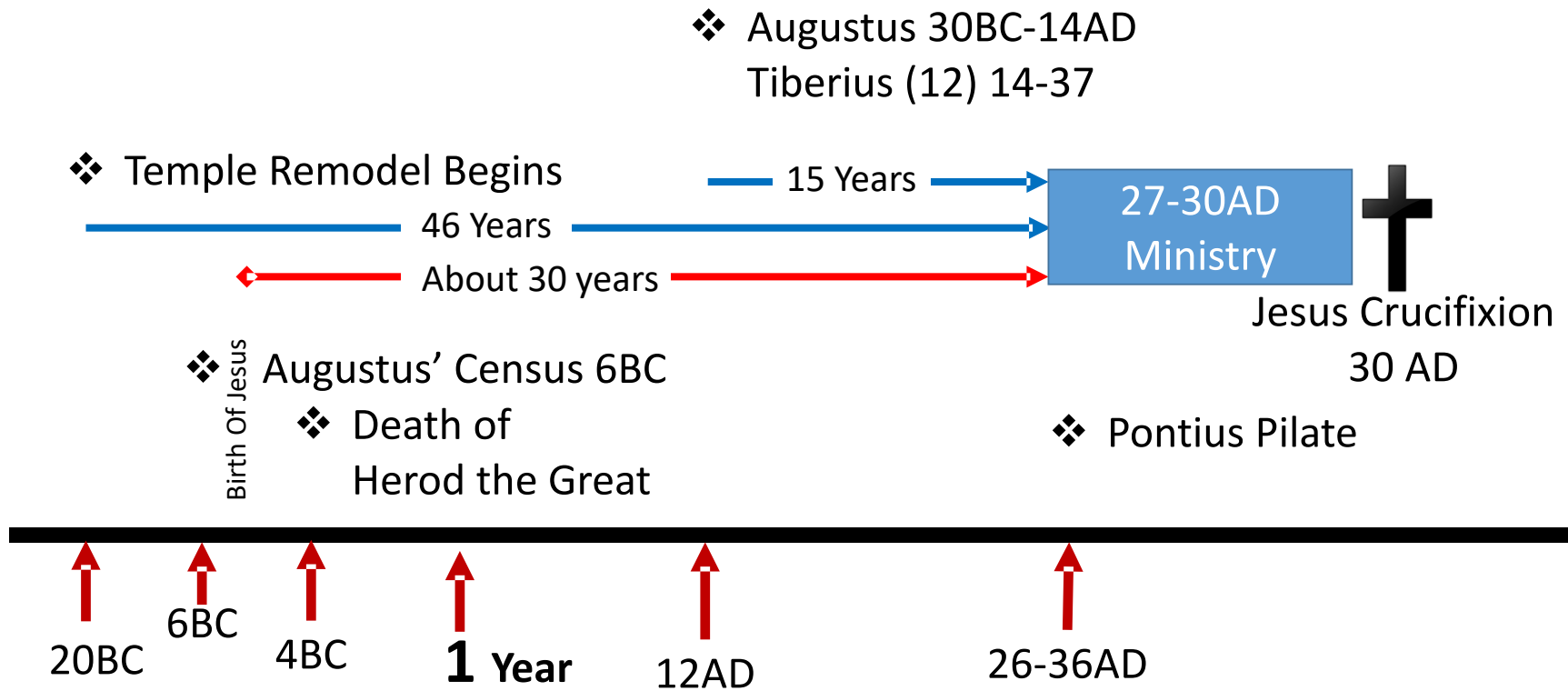

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When Does Jesus Ministry Begin?



John 2:20 Temple under remodel / construction for 46 years at this point. Temple is complete 64AD according to Josephus.

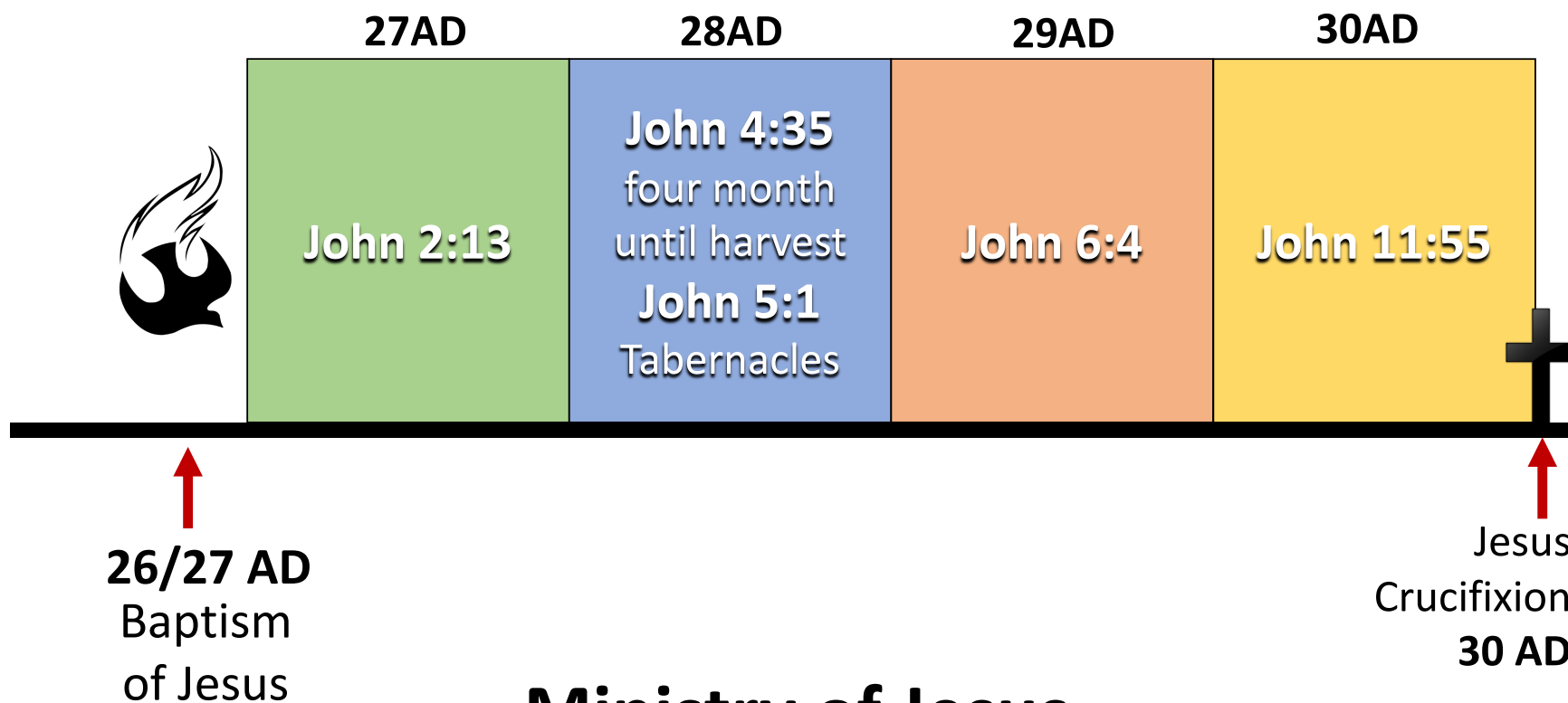
Luke 3:1 15th year of Tiberius which began with his co-regency in 12AD

Luke 3:23 Jesus was **about** 30 years old when His ministry began

Matthew 2:19 Death of Herod happened after Joseph and family fled to Egypt in 4BC

Matthew 2:16 After determining the time of Jesus birth from the magi Herod killed all babies in Bethlehem under 2 Years old which happens before 4BC when Herod dies

Luke 2:1 Joseph took Mary to Bethlehem to register for the census of Augustus which began 6BC



Ministry of Jesus

Four Passovers in John

Passover 27AD – John 2:13 Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover of 27AD the first of His ministry.

Passover 28AD – John 4:35 states Jesus is returning to Galilee four months before the harvest. The harvest began in May which would make it sometime in January 27AD. John 5:1 Says it was a feast of the Jews. Based on the content of what happens at the feast it appears to be the feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Booths Which falls somewhere between September/October 28AD. The second Feast of the Passover would fall in April 28AD, being skipped over in the narrative of John.

Passover 29AD – John 6:4 Passover the feast of the Jews was near.

Passover 30AD – John 11:55 Passover of the Jews was near. This is the Passover that Jesus was crucified before that falls on a Friday. This is one of two Passovers that fall on a Friday in the Governorship of Pontus Pilate.

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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Lesson 1				
Pre-existence of Christ				1:1-18
Genealogy of Jesus through Joseph	1:1-17			
Genealogy of Jesus through Mary			3:23-38	
Gabriel announces John's birth			1:1-25	
Gabriel visits Mary			1:26-38	
Mary visits Elizabeth, John's mother			1:39-56	
Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-80	
Angel visits Joseph in a dream	1:18-25			
Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem			2:1-7	
Shepherds visit Jesus			2:8-20	
Circumcision of Jesus			2:21	
Jesus presented in the Temple			2:22-38	
Wise men bring gifts	2:1-12			
Joseph's family escapes to Egypt	2:13-15			
Herod's wrath on Bethlehem's children	2:16-18			
Joseph's family settles in Nazareth	2:19-23		2:39	
Childhood of Jesus			2:40-52	
Lesson 2				
Ministry of John the Baptist	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-20	
John baptizes Jesus	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23	
Temptation of Jesus	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	
John's testimony about Christ				1:19-28
John recounts Christ's baptism				1:29-34
The 1st disciples				1:35-51
The 1st miracle - turning water to wine				2:1-12
The 1st temple cleansing				2:13-25
← Passover April 27 AD				
Nicodemus meets Jesus at night				3:1-21
Disciples baptize many in Judea				3:22-24
Disciples ask John about Jesus				3:25-36
Herod imprisons John the Baptist	4:12	1:14	(3:19-20)	
Jesus withdraws from Judea				4:1-3
Samaritan woman at Jacob's well				4:4-26
Disciples question Jesus				4:27-38
Samaritans come to Jesus				4:39-42
Jesus continues toward Galilee			4:14-15	4:43
The 1st rejection in Nazareth			4:16-30	
Arrival in Cana of Galilee				4:43-45
The 2nd miracle - Official's son healed				4:46-54
Jesus settles in Capernaum	4:13-17	1:14-15	4:31-32	
Fishermen called to be disciples	4:18-22	1:16-20		
Demoniac in Capernaum Synagogue		1:21-28	4:33-37	
Peter's mother-in-law healed	8:14-17	1:29-31	4:38-39	
Many healed at sunset		1:32-34	4:40-41	
Disciples seek Jesus		1:35-38	4:42-43	
Jesus preaches in the Synagogues	4:23-25	1:39	4:44	

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2nd year of ministry

Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Lesson 3				
Jesus preaches in Simon's boat			5:1-3	
Miraculous catch of fish			5:4-11	
Jesus heals a leper	8:2-4	1:40-45	5:12-16	
Jesus cures a paralytic	9:2-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
Matthew (Levi) called to be a disciple	9:9	2:13-14	5:27-28	
Parables at Levi's reception	9:10-17	2:15-22	5:29-39	
Jesus in Jerusalem at the Feast of Booths	← Sept / Oct 28BC			5:1
Man healed at pools of Bethesda				5:2-15
Jesus challenged for healing on Sabbath				5:16-47
Disciples pick grain on the Sabbath	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5	
Man's hand healed on the Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
Jesus withdraws to the sea	12:14-21	3:7		
Many follow Jesus to be healed	4:23-25	3:7-12		
Jesus prays on a mountain			6:12	
Jesus selects 12 disciples		3:13-19	6:13-16	
Jesus descends and heals the multitude			6:17-19	
Jesus ascends to address the multitude	5:1			
Sermon on the Mount	5:1-8:1		6:20-49	
Lesson 4				
Jesus heals a Centurion's servant	8:5-13		7:1-10	
Widow of Nain's son is raised			7:11-17	
John sends 2 disciples to question Jesus	11:2-6		7:18-23	
Jesus commends John the Baptist	11:7-19		7:24-35	
Jesus rebukes 3 cities	11:20-30			
Jesus dines with Simon the Pharisee			7:36-50	
Generous women			8:1-3	
Jesus heals a demon-possessed man	12:22-23	3:20-22		
Pharisees rebuked	12:24-37	3:22-30		
The sign of Jonah	12:38-45			
Family seeks Jesus	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21	
Parables by the Sea	13:1-35	4:1-34	8:4-18	
Parables explained and told in private	13:36-53			
Orders to cross the Sea of Galilee	8:18	4:35	8:22	
Jesus calms a stormy sea	8:23-27	4:36-41	8:23-25	
Legion cast out of violent man	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39	
Jesus sails to Capernaum	9:1	5:21	8:40	
Jairus asks Jesus to heal his daughter	9:18-19	5:22-23	8:41-42	
Ill woman is healed by touching Jesus	9:20-22	5:24-34	8:42-48	
Daughter's death is reported to Jairus		5:35-36	8:49-50	
Jesus raises Jairus' daughter to life	9:23-26	5:37-43	8:51-56	
Lesson 5				
Jesus heals two blind men	9:27-31			
Jesus heals a mute demoniac	9:32-34			
The 2nd rejection in Nazareth	13:54-58	6:1-6		
12 sent out to preach	9:35-11:1	6:7-13	9:1-6	
Death of John the Baptist	14:1-12			
Herod fears John the Baptist has risen		6:14-29	9:7-9	
12 return and they withdraw	14:13	6:30-32	9:10	6:1
Jesus teaches and heals the multitude	14:14	6:33-34	9:11	6:2

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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus feeds 5,000	14:15-21	6:35-44	9:12-17	6:3-14
Jesus prays alone	Passover April 29AD			
Jesus walks on water	14:22-23	6:45-47		6:15
Peter walks on water, then sinks	14:24-27	6:48-52		6:16-21
Healings in Gennesaret	14:28-33			
Bread of Life discourse	14:34-36	6:53-56		
Traditions of men rebuked				6:22-7:1
Parable explained in private	15:1-11	7:1-16		
Gentile woman's faith	15:12-20	7:17-23		
Jesus heals a deaf man	15:21-28	7:24-30		
Jesus heals a deaf man		7:31-37		
Lesson 6				
Many healed on a mountain	15:29-31			
Jesus feeds 4,000	15:32-39	8:1-10		
Pharisees seek a sign	16:1-4	8:11-13		
Leaven of the Pharisees	16:5-12	8:13-21		
Blind man cured in Bethsaida		8:22-26		
Peter confesses that Jesus is the Christ	16:13-20	8:27-30		
Jesus rebukes Peter	16:21-28	8:31-9:1	9:18-27	
The Transfiguration	17:1-8	9:2-8	9:28-36	
Elijah discussed while descending	17:9-13	9:9-13		
Demon is cast out of boy	17:14-18	9:14-27	9:37-43	
Disciples ask about the miracle	17:19-21	9:28-29		
Jesus discusses his death	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:44-45	
Jesus pays Temple tax with a miracle	17:24-27			
Disciples argue about who is the greatest	18:1-6	9:33-37	9:46-48	
John's zeal without understanding		9:38-42	9:49-50	
Warnings about stumbling blocks	18:7-11	9:43-50		
Parable about the lost sheep	18:12-14			
Instructions on church discipline	18:15-20			
Peter's question about forgiveness	18:21-35			
Feast of Booths at hand	Sept/Oct 29AD			7:2
Brothers advise Jesus to go to Judea				7:3-8
Jesus stays in Galilee				7:9
Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem		Luke 9:51-62 wrong placement see next page	9:51	7:10
Messengers sent to Samaria to prepare way			9:52-53	
James and John rebuked for attitude			9:54-56	
Unfit followers	8:19-22		9:57-62	
People afraid to speak publicly of Jesus				7:11-13
Jesus in the temple mid-feast				7:14-15
Jesus says some seek to kill him				7:16-19
Defense for healing on Sabbath				7:20-24
Jesus cries out in the temple				7:25-30
Multitudes amazed at Signs				7:31
Pharisees seek to sieze Jesus				7:32-36
Last day of Feast				7:37
Rivers of living water				7:37-39
Division among the people				7:40-44
Pharisees question officers				7:45-47
Judgement of Nicodemus				7:48-53

3rd year of ministry

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3rd year of ministry

Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Lesson 7				
Jesus goes to the Mount of Olives				8:1
Teaches at temple in the morning				8:2
Adulterous woman brought to Jesus				8:3-11
Light of the world - Taught in temple treasury				8:12-20
Sent by the Father				8:21-30
Temple debate about father Abraham				8:31-59
Jesus leaves the temple				8:59
Jesus heals a man born blind				9:1-7
Neighbors question the former blind man				9:8-12
Pharisees question the man and his parents				9:13-34
Jesus finds the man				9:35-39
Pharisees ask if they are blind				9:40-10:6
Jesus explains he is the Good Shepherd				10:7-18
Division among the Jews				10:19-21
Seventy sent out				
Seventy return				
Jesus rejoices				
Jesus privately blesses the 12				
Lawyer tests Jesus				
Parable of the Good Samaritan				
Martha prepares while Mary listens				
Jesus teaches the disciples how to pray				
Blasphemy and teachings on demons				
A woman blesses Mary				
Sign of Jonah				
The lamp of the body				
Lunch with a Pharisee				
Jesus does not wash his hands				
Jesus pronounces woes on the Pharisees				
Jesus pronounces woes on the Lawyers				
Jesus leaves, and they plot against him.				
Lesson 8				
Jesus teaches a great crowd				
Jesus warns against greed				
Parables about being ready				
Peter's question				
More parables				
Fate of Galileans reported to Jesus				
Parable of the fig tree				
Woman healed on the Sabbath				
Synagogue official opposes Jesus				
Parables of mustard seed and leaven				
Feast of Dedication in the temple				
Jews confront Christ				
Jesus goes to Aenon near Salim				
Jesus travels toward Jerusalem				
How many will be saved?				
Pharisees warn Jesus about Herod				
In a Pharisee's house on the Sabbath				
Man with dropsy healed				

Luke 9:51-62 belongs here



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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Parable of the guests			14:7-11	
Parable to the host of the feast			14:12-14	
Parable of the dinner			14:15-24	
Great multitudes travel with Jesus			14:25	
The cost of discipleship			14:25-35	
Eats with tax collectors and sinners			15:1-2	
Lost sheep, coin, and son			15:3-32	
Parable of the unrighteous steward			16:1-13	
Pharisees scoff. Teaching on divorce.			16:14-18	
The rich man and Lazarus			16:19-31	
Jesus instructs disciples			17:1-10	
Lesson 9				
Lazarus of Bethany reported sick				11:1-6
Jesus delays for 2 days				11:6
Jesus prepares 12 to go to Judea				11:7-16
Arrives near Bethany, 2 days later				11:17-18
Martha meets Jesus				11:19-29
Mary comes to Jesus				11:30-37
Jesus comes to the tomb				11:38
Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead				11:39-44
Unbelievers report to Pharisees				11:45-46
Conspiracy to kill Jesus				11:47-53
Jesus goes to Ephraim				11:54
Ten lepers are cleansed			17:11-14	
Samaritan returns to thank Jesus			17:15-19	
Pharisees ask about the Kingdom			17:20-21	
Jesus warns disciples about the future			17:22-37	
Parable of the unjust judge			18:1-8	
Parable of the Pharisee and tax collector			18:9-14	
Jesus goes to Judea by the Jordan	19:1	10:1		
Multitudes follow Jesus	19:2			
Pharisees question Jesus about divorce	19:3-9	10:2-9		
Disciples question Jesus about divorce	19:10-12	10:10-12		
Jesus blesses little children	19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17	
Rich young ruler	19:16-26	10:17-27	18:18-27	
Disciples reward	19:27-30	10:28-31	18:28-30	
First shall be last discourse	20:1-16			
Jesus predicts death on road to Jerusalem	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	
Request for James and John	20:20-24	10:35-41		
Relationship of disciples to each other	20:25-28	10:42-45		
Blind men healed near Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
Zaccheus is converted near Jericho			19:1-10	
Jesus is near Jerusalem			19:11	
Blind men healed near Jericho			19:12-27	
Journey toward Jerusalem for Passover				11:54
Jesus discussed by Jews and Priests				11:55-57
Jesus in Bethany				12:1
Mary anoints Jesus in Simon's house				12:2-8
Mary's deed recounted	26:6-13	14:3-9		
Crowds come to see Jesus and Lazarus				12:9
Chief priests conspire to kill Lazarus				12:10-11

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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus ascends toward Jerusalem	21:1	11:1	19:28	
Two disciples get a colt	21:1-7	11:1-7	19:29-35	
Triumphal entry into Jerusalem	21:8-11	11:7-10	19:35-38	12:12-18
Pharisees reaction			19:39-40	12:19
Jesus weeps for Jerusalem			19:41-44	
Lesson 10				
Jesus enters Jerusalem then goes to Bethany		11:11		
Jesus curses a fig tree		11:12-14		
The 2nd temple cleansing	21:12-13	11:15-17	19:45-46	
Jesus heals many in the temple	21:14			
Jewish leaders seek to destroy Jesus	21:15-16	11:18	19:47-48	
Jesus leaves Jerusalem	21:17	11:19		
The withered fig tree (next morning)	21:18-22	11:20-26		
Authority challenged in the Temple	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
Parable of the two sons	21:28-32			
Parable of the vine growers	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-18	
Parable of the wedding feast	22:1-14			
Jews question on paying taxes	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:19-26	
Sadducees question the resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
Scribes and Pharisees question Jesus	22:34-40	12:28-34		
Jesus questions them about baptism	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
Warnings about Scribes and Pharisees	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	
The widow's mite		12:41-44	21:1-4	
Disciples admire the temple	24:1-2	13:1-2	21:5-6	
4 fishermen question Jesus	24:3	13:3-4	21:7	
Jesus warns disciples of persecution	24:4-14	13:5-13	21:8-19	
Jesus predicts the fall of Jerusalem	24:15-28	13:14-23	21:20-24	
Jesus teaches about the 2nd coming	24:29-31	13:24-27	21:25-28	
Parable of the fig tree	24:32-33	13:28-29	21:29-31	
Warnings to be alert	24:34-51	13:30-37	21:32-36	
Parable of the 10 virgins	25:1-13			
Parable of the talents	25:14-30			
Warnings about the Judgment	25:31-46			
Jesus predicts day of crucifixion	26:1-2			
Lesson 11				
People come early to hear Jesus teach			21:37-38	
Greeks seek Jesus				12:20-22
Final public appeals to unbelievers				12:23-50
Plot to kill Jesus	26:3-5	14:1-2	22:1-2	
Judas bargains to betray Jesus	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6	
Peter & John sent to prepare for Passover	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
Fellowship in the upper room	26:20	14:17	22:14	
Jesus washes the disciples' feet				13:1-20
The Lord's Supper	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:14-20	I Cor 11:23-29
Jesus predicts his betrayal	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-26
Judas leaves				13:27-30
A new commandment				13:31-35
Dispute about the greatest disciple			22:24-30	
Jesus predicts the disciples' denial	26:31-32	14:27-28		
Jesus tells Simon he prayed for him			22:31-32	

Jesus Last Week

Jesus Last Night

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Jesus Trial and crucifixion

Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus predicts Peter's denials	26:33-35	14:29-31	22:33-34	13:36-38
Jesus warns the disciples to be prepared			22:35-38	
Jesus comforts the disciples				14:1-4
Jesus responds to Thomas				14:5-7
Jesus responds to Philip				14:8-21
Jesus responds to Judas not Iscariot				14:22-31
They sing a hymn and leave	26:30	14:26		14:31
The farewell discourse				15:1-16:33
Jesus prays for his disciples				17:1-26
Lesson 12				
The fellowship enters Gethsemane	26:36	14:32	22:39-40	18:1
Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:40-46	
Mob comes to arrest Jesus	26:47	14:43		18:2-3
Judas betrays Jesus with a kiss	26:48-50	14:44-45	22:47-48	
Jesus answers the mob with authority				18:4-9
Peter severs the ear of Malchus	26:50-54	14:46-47	22:49-50	18:10-11
Jesus heals the high priest's servant			22:51	
Jesus is arrested. The disciples flee.	26:55-56	14:48-52	22:52-54	18:12
Jesus lead to high priest's house	26:57	14:53	22:54	18:13-14
Peter follows at a distance	26:58	14:54	22:54	18:15-16
Peter's 1st denial - doorkeeping girl	26:69-70	14:66-68	22:55-57	18:17-18
Annas questions Jesus				18:19-24
Peter's 2nd denial - by the fire	26:71-72	14:69-70	22:58	18:25
Peter's 3rd denial - relative of Malchus	26:73-75	14:70-72	22:59-62	18:26-27
Guards beat Jesus			22:63-65	
False witnesses testify	26:59-61	14:55-59		
Caiaphas condemns Jesus	26:62-66	14:60-64	22:66-71	
Sanhedrin beats Jesus	26:67-68	14:65		
Jesus lead from Caiaphas to Praetorium				18:28
Remorse of Judas	27:1-10		Acts 1:16-20	
Jesus before Pilate	27:1-14		23:1-7	18:29-38
Jesus before Herod			23:8-10	
Herod's soldiers mock Jesus		15:1-5	23:11-12	
Pilate releases Barabbas	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:38-40
Pilate's soldiers crown and mock Jesus	27:27-30	15:16-20		19:1-3
Pilate tries to release Jesus				19:4-7
Pilate questions Jesus again				19:8-11
Pilate tries to release Jesus again				19:12
Pilate sentences Jesus				19:13-15
Pilate delivers Jesus to be crucified				19:16
Jesus carries the cross				19:17
Lesson 13				
Simon of Cyrene bears the cross	27:31-32	15:20-21	23:26	
Jesus speaks to weeping women			23:27-32	
Jesus is brought to Golgotha	27:33	15:22	23:32-33	19:17
Soldiers offer Jesus sour wine mix	27:34	15:23		
He is crucified on the 3rd hour		15:25		
2 robbers are crucified with Jesus	27:38	15:27-28	23:33	19:18
Inscription written by Pilate	27:37	15:26	23:38	19:19-22
"Forgive them..."			23:34	

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Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Soldiers divide the garments of Jesus	27:35-36	15:24	23:34	19:23-24
"Behold your mother."				19:25-27
Multitudes mock Jesus	27:39-43	15:29-32	23:35-37	
Robbers mock Jesus	27:44	15:32	23:39	
One robber rebukes the other			23:40-41	
"...you will be with me in Paradise."			23:43	
Darkness from 6th to 9th hour	27:45	15:33	23:44-45	
"Eloi, Eloi, Lamma, Sabachthani"	27:46	15:34		
"I thirst."				19:28
Jesus is offered sour wine on a reed.	27:47-49	15:35-36		19:29-30
"It is finished."				19:30
Jesus cries out	27:50	15:37	23:46	
"Into Thy hands I commit my spirit."			23:46	
Jesus bows his head and dies	27:50	15:37	23:46	19:30
Temple veil torn from top to bottom	27:51	15:38	23:45	
Earthquake	27:51			
Saints rise, after Christ's resurrection	27:52-53			
Centurion glorifies God	27:54	15:39	23:47	
Multitude leaves grieving			23:48	
Women watch from a distance	27:55-56	15:40	23:49	
Request that legs be broken				19:31-32
Soldier pierces Jesus' side				19:33-34
Fulfilment of prophecy				19:35-37
Joseph requests body from Pilate	27:57-58	15:42-43	23:50-52	19:38
Centurion reports that Jesus is dead		15:44-45		
Joseph takes the body		15:45		19:38
Nicodemus and Joseph prepare the body				19:39-40
Body placed in new garden tomb	27:59-60	15:46	23:53	19:41-42
Two Mary's watch the burial	27:61	15:47	23:54-55	
Roman soldiers guard the tomb	27:62-66			
Two Mary's prepare spices and then rest			23:56	
Angel rolls stone	28:2-4			
Women bring spices to tomb at dawn	28:1	16:1-4	24:1-3	20:1
Angels appear to women	28:5-7	16:5-7	24:4-8	
Women run to tell disciples	28:8	16:8	24:9-11	20:2
Peter and John inspect the empty tomb			24:12	20:3-9
Peter and John go home			24:12	20:10
Mary Magdalene stands weeping				20:11
Mary sees two angels				20:12-13
Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene		16:9		20:14-17
Jesus appears to the other women	28:9-10			
Women report to the disciples		16:10-11		20:18
Guards report to the priests	28:11-15			
Jesus meets 2 on road to Emmaus		16:12-13	24:13-32	
Jesus appears to Simon Peter	1st Cor 15:5		24:34	
Two report to disciples in Jerusalem			24:33-35	
Jesus appears to disciples without Thomas			24:36-43	20:19-24
Disciples report to Thomas				20:25
Jesus appears to disciples and Thomas		16:14		20:26-29
Jesus appears to seven by the sea				21:1-14
Jesus questions Peter 3 times				21:15-23

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Resurrection & Ascension

Event	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Jesus appears to 500 bretheren	1st Cor 15:6			
Jesus appears to James	1st Cor 15:7			
Jesus commissions the apostles	28:16-20	16:15-18	24:44-49	
Jesus is received into Heaven		16:19-20	24:50-53	
John's first testimony				20:30-31
John's second testimony				21:24-25
Luke summarizes the 40 day appearances			Acts 1:4-11	

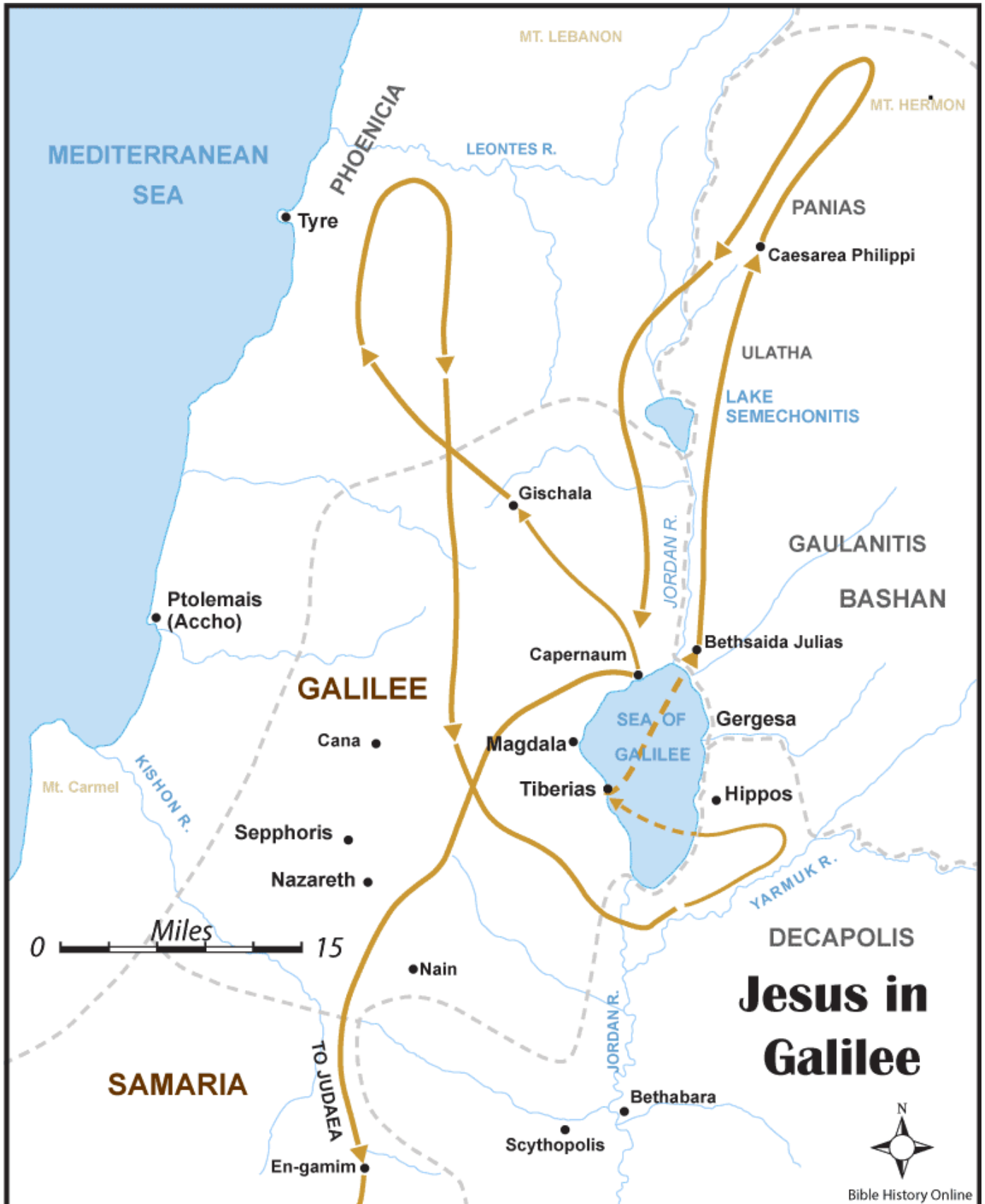
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TIMELINE AND JOURNEYING OF JESUS DURING HIS MINISTRY

- Jesus Begins His Ministry
 - Bethany E (beyond the Jordan) – Jesus is baptized
 - Temptations of Jesus – Judean wilderness, Jerusalem
 - Bethany E – Jn 1:19-28 John the Baptist give testimony about Jesus
 - Cana – Jn. 2:1-11
 - Capernaum – Jn. 2:12
 - Jerusalem – Jn. 2:13 Passover 27 AD (April)
- Early/ 1st Judean Ministry – Passover 27 AD (April) – Jan/ Feb 28 AD – 8 Months
 - Jan/ Feb 28 – Jn 4:35 Four months then harvest (harvest was in May)
 - Nicodemus Jn. 3
 - Jesus and John the Baptist are teaching at the same time
- 1st Galilean Ministry – Jan/Feb 28 – Booths 28 (Sept./ Oct.) – 8 Months
 - Samaria – Jn. 4:4, 43-45
 - Cana – Jn. 4:46, 54 Official from Capernaum's son is healed
 - Nazareth – Lk. 4:15-30 Jesus is rejected in hometown
 - Capernaum – Mt. 4:12 Jesus' home city
 - Many Cities – Lk. 4:42-44
- 2nd Galilean Ministry – Booths 28 (Sept./ Oct) – Passover 29 (April) – 8 Months
 - Jerusalem – Jn. 5:1 – Booths
 - Galilean Region – Mk. 3:7 Nain, Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum, Magdala, Gennesaret, Nazareth
 - Jesus Chose the 12, John the Baptist beheaded, Feeds 5000
- 1st & 2nd Northern Journeys – Passover 29AD (April) – Booths 29 AD (Sept./Oct) – 5 Months
 - Tyre & Sidon – Mk. 7:24, 31
 - Galilee: Decapolis Mk. 7:31
 - Feed 4000
 - Heal Deaf Man
 - Caesarea Philippi – Mt 16:13-20
 - Peters Confession
 - Jesus is transfigured
 - Capernaum – Mt. 17:22,24
- Peraean Ministry – Booths 29 AD (Sept./Oct) – Feast of Dedication 29 AD (Dec.)
 - Jerusalem – Booths 29 (Sept./Oct) Jn. 7-10:21
 - Galilee (Last time in region)
 - Mt. 19:1, Mk. 10:1, Lk. 9:51
 - Peraean Region (Judea beyond Jordan) Mk. 10:1
 - Bethany W (near Jerusalem) Lk. 10:38-42
 - Mary, Martha, Lazarus house for dinner
- N. Judean Ministry – Feast of Dedication 29 AD – Passover 30 AD (April) – 5 Months
 - Jerusalem – Jn. 10:22-42 Feast of Dedication
 - Bethany E (beyond Jordan) Jn. 10:40-42
 - Bethany W – Jn. 11 Raising Lazarus (a couple of days in Bethany E before returning to Bethany W)
 - N. Judean Region – Jn. 11:54 Ephraim

JESUS' JOURNEYS DURING HIS MINISTRY



INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPELS

THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Synoptic means to give a general view of the whole.

Comprising the biblical books Matthew, Mark, and Luke. They distinguish themselves from the book of John in content, order, and wording. Study of their literary interrelationship plays a key role in New Testament scholarship.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

DATE OF WRITING SOMETIME BEFORE 70AD

Jewish Witness of Christ – It is a testament or eyewitness account of the life and ministry of Jesus to a Jewish audience. Unlike the other gospels, Matthew gives not explanation of Jewish traditions and Aramaic terms.

The nature of the King and the Kingdom – Matthew gives a definition and description of Jesus as the promised King of the Jews. He is not the king they expected but with the use of Jewish scriptures Matthew depicts Jesus as the certain fulfillment of the promises of God through scripture. Matthew also testifies to how Jesus describes the kingdom of God in His teaching and parables. The kingdom was not a geo-political powerhouse that would rule the world but a spiritual kingdom that embodies the perfect concepts of a kingdom of holiness.

Fulfillment of the promises to Israel – Matthew makes a point of showing how Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies in scripture by quoting scripture. Matthew quotes or cites scripture more frequently than any other gospel. (Allusions and echoes are possible reference to scripture but they are inexact in repeating scripture)

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Quote	14	8	4	1
Citation	37	12	22	17
Allusions	114	67	147	95
Echoes	96	23	81	29
Total	261	110	254	142

External evidence - External evidence strongly supports the view that the Apostle Matthew wrote the Gospel that bears his name. Many early church fathers cited Matthew as its author, including Pseudo Barnabas, Clement of Rome, Polycarp, Justin Martyr, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, and Origen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

DATE OF WRITING SOMETIME BEFORE 70AD

Theme Verse:

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark 10:45 The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many

Apostolic Witness of Christ as the true “God Man” – Jesus is presented in this gospel as a man of action, purpose, and vitality. The word “immediately” appears in the book 40 times giving the impression of Jesus as a man of action, living out His mission to serve God and man with alacrity. These qualities would appeal to Rome’s sense of what a God man would be like because they had their own version of a god man in their emperor (although the emperor of Rome was a sorry excuse for deity and the son of a dead god, the emperor who came before him) Jesus was the powerful and active “Son of the living God” **Matthew 16:16**

The gospel of Mark also shows Jesus as having authority as the Son of God, being a Man of Action, and a Servant of God and man.

Picturesque description/ Eyewitness telling of the Christ – Mark in his gospel gives us a description in a picturesque way of an aspect of life we are familiar with, that we know how we would act in that circumstance then puts Jesus in the situation and lets us see how He handles the all too familiar challenge. In doing this we see how Christ lived and learn how to live like Him.

Purpose: A gospel written to a gentile audience that depicts Jesus as the Son of God, God in the flesh, a man of action, purpose, authority, and power.

Authorship – The Gospel does not tell us who the author is, but tradition assigns the authorship to John Mark. It is supposed based on the internal evidence that the gospel relates the witness of Peter as recorded by John Mark as Peter’s companion. There are details of Mark that make the pictures vivid and real, that only an eyewitness testimony could supply such as: Mk 9:36 taking the child set him before them and took him into his arms; Mk. 10:13-16 Took children into his arms and blessed them; Mk. 6:39-40 green grass, 100’s & 50’s ; Mk. 10:32 Jesus was walking alone; Mk 4:38 Jesus was asleep on the cushion in the middle of a storm

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

DATE OF WRITING 62AD

Theme Verse:

Luke 1:4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

Gentile witness for Jesus being the Christ – Luke, in the introduction to his gospel, says “it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning to write it out for you in consecutive order” (Luke 1:3) Luke in his investigation presents the truth about Jesus in a format that meets the “Gentiles” or Roman legal standard for truth. The facts are presented and checked for accuracy in an acceptable way for a truth-seeking Gentile (Roman) to understand that Jesus is the son of God.

In **Acts 1:19** (also authored by Luke) it talks about a field being named “in **their own language**”. This indicates that Luke is a Gentile, writing to Gentiles about something that happened among the Jewish people.

Purpose: The gospel of Luke is written to tell that all can come to Christ, both Jew and gentile, through repentance, faith, and obedience.

- Purpose: Luke 1:1-4 So that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught
- Exact truth – NT803 stability, firmness, certainty, undoubted truth
- Having Investigated – NT3877 Trace out, follow near, follow close as always at one’s side
- Carefully – NT199 Diligently, exactly, accurately
- From the beginning (until the end) Acts 1:1-2
- In consecutive order -NT2517 One after another
- This combination leads Nolland (1989–93, vol. 1, xxxiif: see p. 241) to argue that the ‘ideal reader’ for Luke would be a god fearer, Gentile by birth but drawn into the group around the edge of a synagogue, attracted to the Jewish belief in one true God. There are prominent god fearers who become believers (e.g., Cornelius, Acts 10), which would encourage such people that they, too, could be followers of Jesus.¹

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

DATE OF WRITING SOMETIME BEFORE 70AD (SOME WOULD PUT A DATE AS LATE AS 98)

Theme Verse:

John 20:31 but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.

Apostolic Witness - Jesus is God who was a man, The foretold prophet of Moses, The shepherd of Israel, King of the Jews, Creator of the world, Lamb of God. John opens his gospel by presenting Jesus by the name “the word” or Greek word “Logos” a word which has significant implication to a Jewish audience as well as a Greek. The idea of Logos, both to Jew or Gentile, is a bridge between the divine and mundane i.e., between God and man. Jesus is the bridge between God and man. John claims that, “The word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory” which was the glory of God. This is a grand claim to make that God took on the form of a man and lived as Jesus of Nazareth. John also presented Jesus as the “Prophet” that comes after Moses as described in Deuteronomy 18:15-22. As the prophet Israel had an obligation to listen to Him and obey Him or answer to the terrible judgement of God. John, throughout his gospel, backs up every claim he makes about Jesus with “the testimony of two or three witnesses”. John also through his writing demonstrates his mastery of teaching through his prolific use of pneumatic devices.

Purpose: John 20:31 declares “there are many other things Jesus did” but these were written that you might believe. The purpose of the gospel of John is to lead the reader into faith in Jesus that leads to a lifelong commitment to following the good shepherd of God.

¹ David Wenham and Steve Walton, [*Exploring the New Testament: The Gospels and Acts*](#), vol. 1 (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2001), 294.

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