

Chronology of the Four Gospels

(Harmony of the Gospels)
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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	Early childhood			2:40		
	Visit to Jerusalem	12 years old (Luke 2:42)		2:41-51		
	Later childhood			2:52		

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, latter part of year 26 ²	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 ³	the next day				1:35-42
	Call of Philip and Nathanael	the next day				1:43-51
	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	
First Passover† of Jesus' Ministry	Jesus clears the temple	Jerusalem, almost Passover, April (year 27) ⁴			2:13-25	
	Jesus teaches Nicodemus				3:1-21	
	Jesus and John the Baptist baptize				3:22-24	
	John the Baptist tells about Jesus				3:25-36	
End of the year	Herod puts John in prison †	December? (year 27) (see John 4:35)	4:12a	1:14a	3:19-20	(3:24)
	Jesus leaves for Galilee	”				4:1-3
	The Samaritan woman	Sychar in Samaria (Jesus stays for 2 days)	”			4:4-42
Beginning of the Great Galilean Ministry	Jesus arrives in Galilee †	Galilee	4:12b	1:14b	4:14-15	4:43-45
	Jesus heals an official's son	Cana in Galilee				4:46-54
	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 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.

³ And possibly also John, who may have been the other disciple who is not named. See footnote 9. 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](#).

⁴ 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		
	Jesus heals others	Lake Gennesaret	12:15-21	3:7-12			1380
	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		
	Salt and light		5:13-16				1382
	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		
	The Christian life		6:1-34				1383-85
	Judging others		7:1-5		6:37-42		1385
	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		
	Jesus raises a widow’s son	Nain			7:11-17		1387
	Jesus and John the Baptist †	(John still in prison)	11:2-19		7:18-35		
	Jesus anointed by a sinful woman				7:36-50		1388
	Jesus travels about	Galilee			8:1-3		1389
	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		
Material that only Luke relates				11:33-13:17		1390-94	
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		
	A dead girl	Capernaum	9:18-19	5:21-24a	8:40-42		1399
	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				
	Conflict and sacrifice		10:34-39				1402
	“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)		
	Herod wonders about Jesus	Perea	14:1-2	6:14-16	9:7-9		1403

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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), 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) ⁵	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 ⁶					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	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	

⁵ 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).

⁶ 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.

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
	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
	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 1426
The Ministry in Perea	To Perea	Perea	19:1b-2	10:1b	10:40-42 1423, 1426
	Teaching and deeds			13:22-14:14	1427-28
	More parables			14:15-16:31	1428-31
	More teaching and parables			17:20-18:14	1431-32
	Parable of workers in vineyard		20:1-16		
Return to Judea to raise Lazarus	Jesus hears that Lazarus is sick	Perea			11:1-16 1433-34
	Jesus raises Lazarus	Bethany near Jerusalem			11:17-53 1434-35
	He withdraws again	Ephraim			11:54 1435
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 1436
	The rich young man		19:16-22	10:17-22	18:18-23 1437
	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 1438
	Heals blind Bartimaeus and another	"	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43
	Parable of the ten minas	"			19:11-27 1439
	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 ⁷	Bethany, 6 days before the Passover (Saturday) †	26:6-13	14:3-9	12:1-8
	The plan to kill Lazarus				12:9-11 1440

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 1441
	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 1442-43
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	1445
	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	1446
	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	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	

⁷ 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	
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			
Tuesday afternoon	Jesus predicts the crucifixion	Two days before Passover/Unleavened Bread †	26:1-2			
	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
	Preparations for the Lord's Supper	Afternoon, first day of Passover/ Unleavened Bread †	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
The Lord's Supper (Fourth Passover of Jesus' ministry)	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 ⁸					13:1-17
	Jesus talks about his betrayer		26:21	14:18	22:21-22	13:18-21
	They ask who it is ⁹		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 ¹⁰	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 ⁹		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

⁸ 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.

⁹ 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](#).

¹⁰ 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	
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" ¹¹				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" ⁹					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 ⁹					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 † Saturday †	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		

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 ⁹					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				

¹¹ These dark-green quotes are the "seven last words of Jesus on the cross".

	When and Where	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
	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
	The apostles receive authority				20:21-23
	He opens their minds to understand			24:44-48	
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 ⁹	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 (40 days after the resurrection)	Last instructions	Jerusalem?	1 Co. 15:7b		24:49
	The ascension	Bethany, near Jerusalem		16:19	24:50-51
	He will come back as he went				Acts 1:9
	They return to Jerusalem			24:52-53	Acts 1:10-11
Final Comments	Incomplete but selective record				20:30-31
	Incomplete record				21:25

Events that Occurred 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 the ascension ¹²			Acts 2:1-13
	Peter (and others) preach	9 a.m.		16:20	Acts 2:14-41

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 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.)

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. Other arrangements have been made 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.)
Bold and outlined	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.
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.

¹² 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.