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## Bible & Christian History



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400 BC

300 BC

200 BC

100 BC

AD 1

AD 10

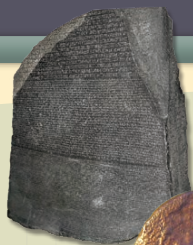
AD 20

Intertestamental Period

Life of Jesus

# Bible History

The Rosetta Stone (which dates to 196 BC but was not discovered until AD 1799) contains the same inscription honoring Ptolemy I written in three languages: Egyptian hieroglyphics, Egyptian Demotic, and Koine Greek. This discovery allowed scholars to decode Egyptian characters.



Hasmonean coin from the reign of Alexander Jannaeus (c. 103–76 BC)

- Oral commentaries on the Hebrew Scriptures begin to develop. (Later compiled as the Mishnah.) c. 400
- Gauls sack Rome and burn the city. 390
- Plato founds a philosophical school in Athens known as the Academy. 387
- Aristotle, Greek philosopher 384–322
- Meng Zi (Mencius), "Second Sage of Confucianism," emphasizes human goodness and urges kings to rule benevolently. c. 372–289
- Etruscan actors present the first theatrical performance in Rome. 364



Alexander the Great conquered most of the Middle East before his death at age thirty-two.

- Alexander the Great of Macedonia 356–323
- Aristotle forms the beginnings of Western musical theory. c. 335
- Alexander conquers much of the Middle East. Persian Empire collapses and Hellenization (spread of Greek culture) begins. 334–323
- Alexander dies, and his empire divides between his generals, including Ptolemy and Seleucus. 323
- Ptolemaic Empire in Judea 323–198
- Ptolemy attacks Jerusalem on the Sabbath. 320

- Museum and library of Alexandria are formed. c. 300
- Zeno, Phoenician philosopher, begins the Stoic school of philosophy in Athens. c. 300
- Early Dead Sea Scrolls (copies of Hebrew Scriptures) written. c. 300
- Parisii tribe founds a small fishing village on an island in the Seine River (beginnings of the city of Paris). c. 259

- Construction of a "Great Wall" begins in China. 287
- Archimedes, Greek mathematician and scientist 287–212
- Lighthouse of Alexandria built in Egypt, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. 275
- First gladiator competitions in Rome 264

**Punic Wars:** The wars end with the Romans destroying the city of Carthage. 264–146

- Ashoka the Great of India, in remorse after a bloody civil war, dedicates himself to spreading Buddhism in Asia. c. 260
- Septuagint (Hebrew Scriptures translated into Greek) is completed in Alexandria. c. 255
- Parchment (animal skins for writing) made at Pergamum. c. 250

- Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, collapses in an earthquake. 226
- Qin Shi Huang, first emperor, unites China and suppresses opposition with book burnings and executions. 221–210
- Western (Early) Han Dynasty in China 206 BC–AD 9



About 15,000 Dead Sea Scroll manuscript fragments were found in Cave 4.



Caesar Augustus (also known as Octavian) was the emperor of Rome when Jesus was born. He was a brilliant and capable leader, and the nephew of Julius Caesar.

- Herod captures Judea with Rome's help. 37 BC
- Herod the Great rules Judea. 37–4 BC

- Herod the Great begins a massive expansion of the Jerusalem temple complex. 20 BC
- Herod the Great dies. 4 BC
- Herod Archelaus rules Judea. 4 BC–AD 6
- Herod Antipas rules Galilee and Perea. 4 BC–AD 39



Birth of Jesus

- Judea becomes a Roman province ruled by a governor. 6–41, 44–46

- Gladiator Spartacus leads a slave revolt in Italy but is defeated. 73–71
- Virgil, Roman poet 70–19
- Oldest existing amphitheater built at Pompeii, Italy. c. 70

- Roman general Pompey conquers Jerusalem, ending the Hasmonean Dynasty. 63
- First Triumvirate, an alliance between Julius Caesar, Crassus, and Pompey, formed. 60–59
- Julius Caesar conquers Britain. 54
- Crassus dies in battle with the Parthians and the First Triumvirate collapses. 53
- Cleopatra VII, Queen of Egypt 51–30
- Glassblowing develops in Syria. c. 50
- Julius Caesar defies the Senate and crosses the Rubicon. He defeats Pompey and is made dictator of Rome. 49–48
- Library of Alexandria destroyed by fire; volumes of ancient literature lost forever. 48
- Julian calendar of 365 days put in use; leap year introduced. 46
- Julius Caesar is assassinated by Brutus and Cassius. 44
- Battle of Philippi: Octavian and Mark Antony defeat Brutus and Cassius. 42

- Battle of Actium;** Rome controls Egypt; Mark Antony and Cleopatra commit suicide. 31–30
- Hillel and Shammai are the leading rabbis in Judea. 30 BC–AD 10
- Augustus (Octavian) becomes the first Roman emperor. 27

- Philo of Alexandria, Hellenistic Jewish philosopher 20 BC–AD 50
- First year in Christian calendar (AD=Anno Domini, the year of the Lord) 1
- Roman poet Ovid writes *Metamorphoses*. 8
- Xin Dynasty in China 9–23



Cleopatra was the last ruler of the Ptolemaic Empire in Egypt.

# World History

- Book of the Bible
- Key Event
- Key Person
- Church Council
- Time Span
- c. circa (approximate date)



The Lighthouse of Alexandria reached 350 feet (110 m) tall and remained standing until the 14th century when it was destroyed in an earthquake.

Zhou Dynasty in China c. 1046–256

Plato, Greek philosopher 427–347

## ALEXANDRIAN EMPIRE

- Alexander the Great 336–323
- Ptolemy 323–285
- Seleucus 312–280

## PERSIAN EMPIRE

- Artaxerxes II 404–359
- Artaxerxes III 358–337

## PTOLEMIES OF EGYPT

- Ptolemy II 285–246
- Ptolemy III 246–221

## SELEUCIDS OF SYRIA

- Antiochus III ends Ptolemaic rule in Judea. 198
- Seleucus IV 187–175
- Antiochus IV 175–163
- Antiochus V 163–162
- Demetrius 162–150
- Alexander 150–145
- Demetrius II 145–140
- Antiochus VI 145–142
- Antiochus VII 138–129
- Demetrius II 129–125
- Antiochus VIII 125–96
- Antiochus IX 116–95

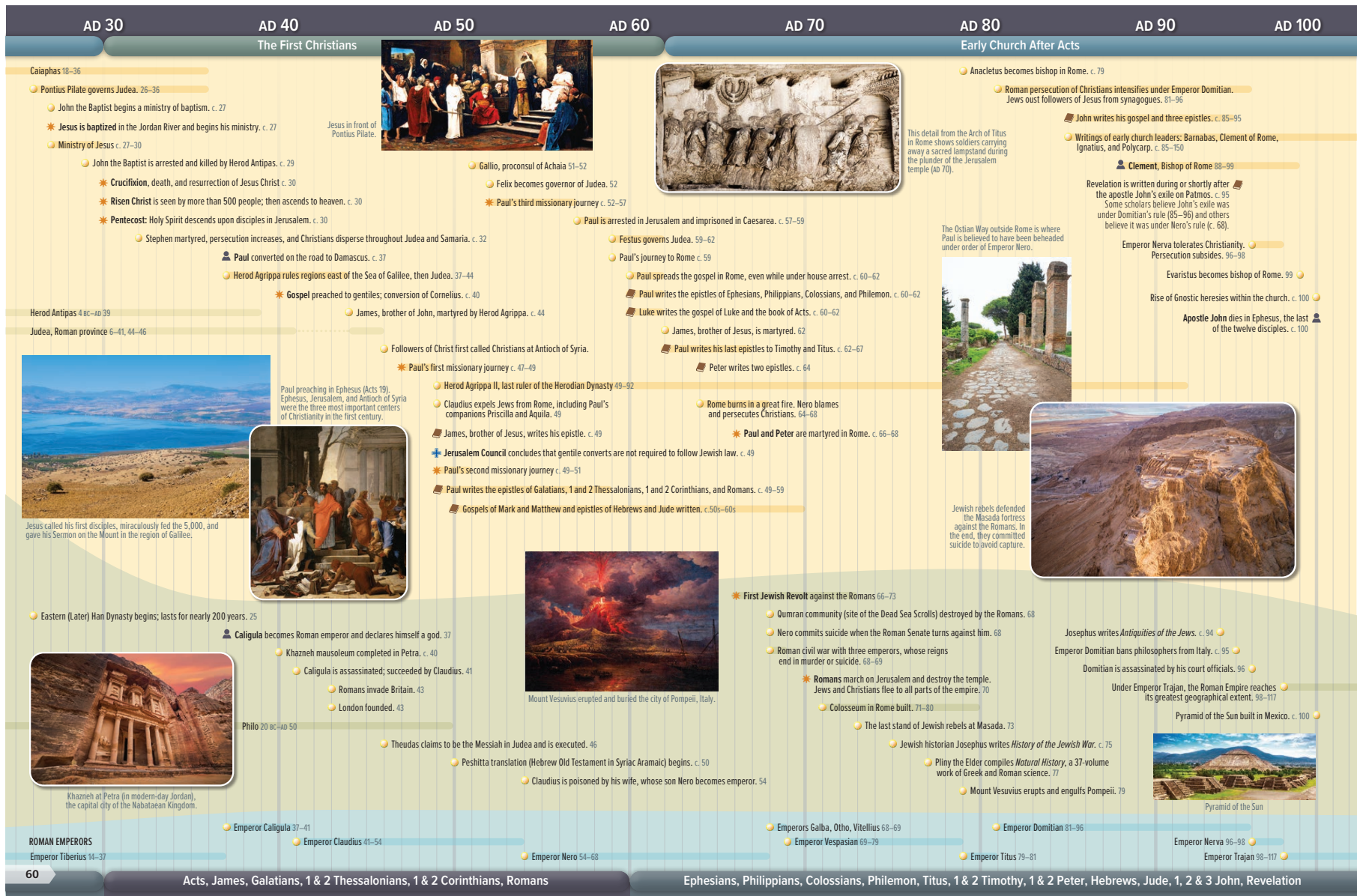
## ROMAN EMPERORS

- Caesar Augustus (Octavian) 27 BC–AD 14
- Emperor Tiberius 14–37

Between the Old and New Testaments

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John





# NEW TESTAMENT OVERVIEW

ERA	DATES	KEY PEOPLE AND EVENTS	BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
<b>Intertestamental Period</b>	400–4 BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall of the Persian Empire</li> <li>• Rise of the Greek Empire</li> <li>• Alexander the Great</li> <li>• Maccabean Revolt</li> <li>• Hasmonean Dynasty</li> <li>• Pharisees and Sadducees</li> <li>• Roman Empire</li> <li>• Julius Caesar and Augustus</li> </ul>	The 66 books of the Bible do not cover this time period.
<b>Life of Jesus</b>	4 BC–AD 30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary and the Birth of Jesus Christ</li> <li>• Herod the Great</li> <li>• Emperors Augustus and Tiberius</li> <li>• John the Baptist</li> <li>• Jesus’s Ministry of Healing, Miracles, and Teaching in Galilee, Judea, and Perea</li> <li>• Christ’s Crucifixion, Death, and Burial in Jerusalem</li> <li>• Christ’s Resurrection and Ascension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matthew</li> <li>• Mark</li> <li>• Luke</li> <li>• John</li> </ul>
<b>The First Christians</b>	AD 30–60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Spirit at Pentecost</li> <li>• Beginning of the Church</li> <li>• Apostles Peter and John</li> <li>• Stephen and James Martyred</li> <li>• Apostle Paul</li> <li>• Spread of the Gospel to Gentiles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acts</li> <li>• James</li> <li>• Galatians</li> <li>• 1 and 2 Thessalonians</li> <li>• 1 and 2 Corinthians</li> <li>• Romans</li> </ul>
<b>Early Church After the Book of Acts</b>	AD 60–100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emperors Caligula, Nero, and Domitian</li> <li>• Peter and Paul Martyred</li> <li>• Persecution of Christians</li> <li>• Jewish Revolt against Rome</li> <li>• Destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem</li> <li>• Writings of Josephus</li> <li>• Clement of Rome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ephesians</li> <li>• Philippians</li> <li>• Colossians</li> <li>• Philemon</li> <li>• Titus</li> <li>• 1 and 2 Timothy</li> <li>• 1 and 2 Peter</li> <li>• Hebrews</li> <li>• Jude</li> <li>• 1, 2, and 3 John</li> <li>• Revelation</li> </ul>

Dates are approximate.

# LIFE OF JESUS



## ANNUNCIATION

The angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will bear a son through the Holy Spirit. Luke 1:26–38



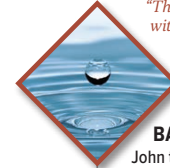
## BIRTH OF CHRIST

Jesus is born in Bethlehem. Luke 2:1–7

4 BC

At the temple, Jesus is recognized as the Messiah. Luke 2:21–38

Joseph, Mary, and Jesus flee to Egypt to escape King Herod. They return to Nazareth after Herod's death. Matt. 2:13–23



## BAPTISM

John the Baptist baptizes Jesus in the Jordan River. Matt. 3:13–17; Mark 1:9–11; Luke 3:21–22

Age 30; AD 27

*"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."* —Matthew 3:17

John mentions four Passovers (John 2:13; 5:1; 6:4; 13:1); the first one very early in Jesus's ministry and the last one in Jesus's final week in Jerusalem. (The festival in John 5:1 is believed to be either Passover itself or another festival near the Passover season.) This means that Jesus's ministry continued for at least three years.

### BIRTH & CHILDHOOD

### EARLY MINISTRY



The angel Gabriel tells Joseph to take Mary as his wife. Matt. 1:18–25

*"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born."* —Luke 2:11

Shepherds visit Jesus lying in the manger. Luke 2:8–20

Magi from the east visit Jesus. Matt. 2:1–12



Age 12

Jesus amazes teachers at the temple. Luke 2:41–52

Jesus resists Satan's temptations in the wilderness. Matt. 4:1–11; Mark 1:12–13; Luke 4:1–13



*"You must be born again."* —John 3:7



## FIRST MIRACLE

Jesus turns water into wine at a wedding in Cana. John 2:1–12

In Jerusalem, Nicodemus and Jesus converse about the kingdom of God. John 3:1–21

In Cana, Jesus heals an official's son from a distance. John 4:46–54

In Capernaum, Jesus heals and forgives a paralyzed man. Matt. 9:1–8; Mark 2:1–12; Luke 5:17–26

Jesus heals a man at the pool of Bethesda. John 5:1–47



Passover #2

### MINISTRY PRIMARILY IN GALILEE



Passover #1

Jesus cleanses the temple. John 2:13–25

Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at a well in Sychar. John 4:1–42



Beside the Sea of Galilee, Jesus calls his disciples. Matt. 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11

*"Come, follow me."* —Matthew 4:19

Jesus dines with "sinners." Matt. 9:9–13; Mark 2:13–17; Luke 5:27–32

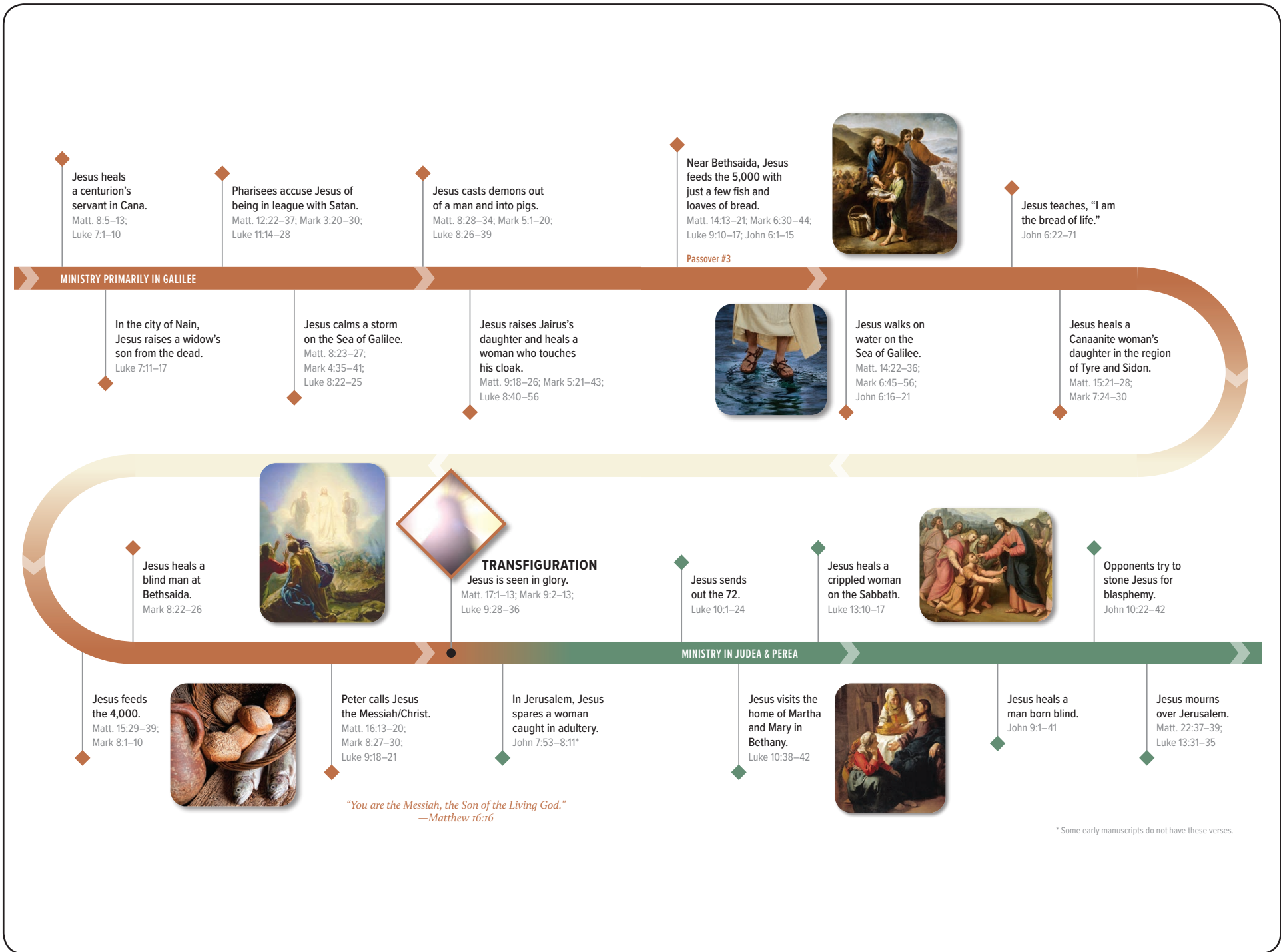


## SERMON ON THE MOUNT

From a hillside in Galilee, Jesus teaches with authority. Matt. 5:1–7:29; Luke 6:20–49; 11:1–13; 16:16–17

Though Bible scholars differ about the precise sequence of events in the life of Jesus, we have tried to ensure that the material presented here is consistent with widely held interpretations of the basic chronology in the gospels.

Dates are approximate. Dates for the birth of Christ range from 6 to 4 BC. This timeline follows the 4 BC date.





Jesus dines with Pharisees and heals a man with dropsy.  
Luke 14:1–24

The Sanhedrin plots to kill Jesus.  
John 11:45–57

*"All things are possible with God."  
—Mark 10:27*

In Jericho, Jesus heals Bartimaeus and another blind man.  
Matt. 20:29–34; Mark 10:46–52; Luke 18:35–43

In Bethany, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with perfume.  
Matt. 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; John 12:1–8



Jesus cleanses the temple.  
Matt. 21:12–16; Mark 11:15–19; Luke 19:45–46



MINISTRY IN JUDEA & PEREA

JESUS'S LAST WEEK

In Bethany, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.  
John 11:1–44

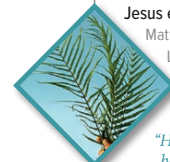


A rich young ruler and Jesus converse about eternal life.  
Matt. 19:16–30; Mark 10:17–31; Luke 18:18–30

Jesus visits Zacchaeus, a tax collector in Jericho.  
Luke 19:1–27

AD 30  
TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Jesus enters Jerusalem.  
Matt. 21:1–11; Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–44; John 12:12–19



*"Hosanna in the highest heaven!" —Mark 11:10*



Pharisees and Jesus dispute in the temple courts.  
Matt. 22:15–45; Mark 12:13–27, 35–40; Luke 20:20–47

Jesus commends the widow's offering.  
Mark 12:41–44; Luke 21:1–4

Judas Iscariot agrees to betray Jesus.  
Matt. 26:1–5, 14–16; Mark 14:1–2, 10–11; Luke 22:1–6

WEDNESDAY\*



THURSDAY



LAST SUPPER  
Jesus and his disciples share a final meal in an upper room in Jerusalem.  
Matt. 26:17–30; Mark 14:12–26; Luke 22:7–30; John 13:18–30

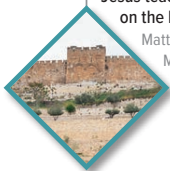
*"This cup is the new covenant in my blood." —Luke 22:20*

Jesus prays in the garden of Gethsemane.  
Matt. 26:36–46; Mark 14:32–42; Luke 22:39–46

Jesus stands trial before Annas, Caiaphas, and the Sanhedrin.  
Matt. 26:57–68; Mark 14:53–65; Luke 22:54; John 18:13–14, 19–24

FRIDAY

OLIVET DISCOURSE  
Jesus teaches his disciples on the Mount of Olives.  
Matt. 24:1–25:46; Mark 13:1–37; Luke 21:5–38



Passover #4  
Jesus washes his disciples' feet.  
John 13:1–17

Jesus predicts Peter's denials.  
Matt. 26:31–35; Mark 14:27–31; Luke 22:31–38; John 13:31–38

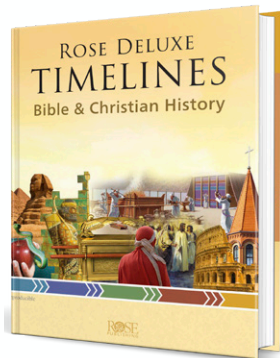
Midnight  
While still in Gethsemane, Jesus is arrested when Judas betrays him.  
Matt. 26:47–56; Mark 14:43–52; Luke 22:47–53; John 18:1–12



*"Not my will, but yours be done."  
—Luke 22:42*

\* The gospels do not mention Wednesday specifically, but Luke 21:37–38 suggests that Jesus taught in the temple courts on this day. Judas and the religious leaders may have plotted together on this day.





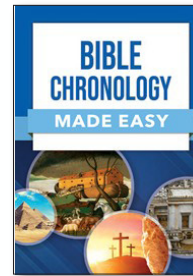
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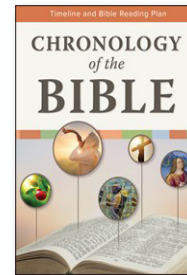


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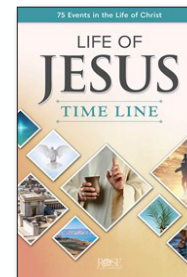


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