

# **Harmony of the Gospels**

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## ***Schedule of Study (Tentative)***

(**Bolded** dates are Sundays)

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## ***Introduction***

### **Objectives**

- Understand what a “Harmony of the Gospels” is, how it is compiled, and its relative accuracy.
- Appreciate and be encouraged to use the interpretive value in harmonizing the Gospels.
- Gain a general overview of the life of Christ as presented by such a harmony.
- Enrich our faith and love for the one on whom the Gospels focus.
- Answer certain questions about the gospels (to be introduced at appropriate times throughout the study and presented in a review at the end of the course).

### **The “Gospels”**

“Gospel” = “good news” - Good news of the grace of God extended toward sinful man through Jesus Christ. Mt. 1:21, “Jesus” = Savior; Mk. 1:1...16:15,16; Ac 20:24; Ro 1:16,17; 1 Co 15:1-4

### **They present Jesus as the “Christ,” the “Anointed”**

- Prophet - through whom God revealed the true grace for mankind  
Jn. 1:17,18; 12:48-50 (“not...but” in John, e.g. Jn. 7:16)
- Priest - through whom man is reconciled to God  
Heb 7:26-27 (“offered up himself”...”for the sins of the people” - Jn. 3:16; 6:51)
- King - through whom God rules for man’s redemption  
Lk. 1:32-33,68-71...77

### **The gospels are intended to provide the information that will build FAITH in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God:**

Mt. 1:1...28:19-20

Mk. 1:1...16:15-16

Lk. 1:1-4

Jn. 20:30,31.

Ro 10:16,17

### **Portraits versus biographies**

They are not biographies in the sense that they intend to give all the details of the life of Christ, but are portraits of a person, a person lost men must come to trust in as their Savior. Understanding the nature of the gospels will encourage a proper use of them and explain supposed “discrepancies.” The following highlights this nature and purpose of these books.

**Percentage of the gospels covering the last week of Christ:**

	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>John</u>
Total verses (KJV)	1071	678	1151	879
Percentage				
• Chapters	29%	38%	23%	48%
• Pages	34%	39%	23%	47%
• Verses	36%	37%	25%	46%
Last week begins	21:1	11:1	19:28 (29)	12:1

Large portions of the life of Christ are omitted, e.g., first thirty years. John deals with only about 20 days of his life on earth, and chapters 13-19, 237 of 879 total verses in the book, 1/4 of the total book records events of but one day.

**Where the “gospels” begin**

<u>John</u>	<u>Luke</u>	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mark</u>
Eternity	Announcement of John's birth	Announcement..... 30 ..... of Jesus' birth	John's ministry
Jn. 1:1	Lk. 1:5	Mt. 1:18	Mk. 1:2

**“Harmony of the gospels”**

Studying the four gospels together (“harmony” of the gospels) provides the advantage of:

- Interpretive value of parallel accounts
- A fuller picture (one may record what another omits)
- Better overview of his life (rather than uncorrelated details; know what period in the progress of his ministry a certain incident occurs)

Many “Harmonies”

Tatian (tA'shan) wrote Diatessaron (DI eh TES eh ren) - “made of four” - in 2nd century.  
Today: McGarvey's, Robertson's, Davies, Foster's, etc.

**“Synoptic” Gospels**

Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called “synoptic” gospels because their accounts are parallel to one another, i.e., they take a generally similar (syn) view (optic) of Christ' life. John's gospel does not contradict the synoptics, but merely presents the life of Christ from a different standpoint.

The synoptic gospels can be divided into three basic divisions:

- **PREPARATION:** Events **before** the ministry of Christ
- **PROGRESS:** Events **during** the ministry of Christ
- **PINNACLE:** Events during the **last week** of the ministry of Christ, **plus the resurrection and ascension**

Following are four possibilities to reflect these three divisions ...

	<u>Matthew</u>	<u>Mark</u>	<u>Luke</u>
<b>Preparation</b>	Mt.. 1:1-4:11	Mk.. 1:1-13	Lk.. 1:1-4:13
<b>Progress</b>	Mt.. 4:12-20:34	Mk.. 1:14-10:52	Lk.. 4:14-19:27
<b>Pinnacle</b>	Mt.. 21:1-28:20	Mk.. 11:1-16:20	Lk.. 19:28-24:53
<b>Preparation</b>	Mt.. 1:1-3:17	Mk.. 1:1-11	Lk.. 1:1-3:38
<b>Progress</b>	Mt.. 4:1-20:34	Mk.. 1:12-10:52	Lk.. 4:1-19:27
<b>Pinnacle</b>	Mt.. 21:1-28:20	Mk.. 11:1-16:20	Lk.. 19:28-24:53
<b>Preparation</b>	Mt.. 1:1-3:12	Mk.. 1:1-8	Lk.. 1:1-3:20
<b>Progress</b>	Mt.. 3:13-20:34	Mk.. 1:9-10:52	Lk.. 3:21-19:27
<b>Pinnacle</b>	Mt.. 21:1-28:20	Mk.. 11:1-16:20	Lk.. 19:28-24:53
<b>Preparation</b>	Mt.. 1:1-2:23		Lk.. 1:1-2:52
<b>Progress</b>	Mt.. 3:1-20:34	Mk.. 1:1-10:52	Lk.. 3:1-19:27
<b>Pinnacle</b>	Mt.. 21:1-28:20	Mk.. 11:1-16:20	Lk.. 19:28-24:53

The first group begins Christ's ministry ("Progress") **after the temptation**.

The second group begins the ministry **with the temptation** (after his baptism by John).

The third group begins the ministry **with his baptism by John** (after John's ministry).

The fourth group begins the ministry **with John's ministry**.

Other designations for the three groups:

- Commencement
- Continuation
- Culmination

Compare: Ac 1:22, "beg. with the bap. of John"; 10:37-38, "after the bap. which John proclaimed"; 1 Jn. 5:6-8, "by water and blood" - bap. & death

## Four Gospels

Matthew - for Jewish readers

Mark - for Roman readers

Luke - for Gentile readers

John - general

Note: This may be helpful, but cannot be established conclusively.

## Time Period

Ministry: c. 3 1/2 yrs. - Based on feasts in John.

Bap., temp., 40 days.... Jn. 2:13,23 ..... 5:1 ..... 6:4 ..... 12:1 ..... Resurr., 40 days

Feasts:                                    **1**                    **2**                    **3**                    **4**

Years:    **1**                    **2**                    **3**

(Taking 5:1 to be a Passover feast) (See outline section headings, esp. III-VII)

Life: 33+ years. Lk. 3:23

Dates: c. BC 4-AD 30

## ***Outline of Study***

### **I. The Period of Christ' Life Prior to His Ministry**

John 1:1-18

Matthew 1:1-2:23

Luke 1:1-2:52; 3:23-38

#### **A. John's prologue, 1:1-18**

#### **B. Luke's introduction, 1:1-4**

#### **C. Birth and early years**

1. Genealogies, Mt. 1:1-17; Lk. 3:23-38

2. Birth, Mt. 1:18-2:18; Lk. 1:5-2:38 (*Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Egypt*)

3. Early years, Mt. 2:19-23; Lk. 2:39-52 (*Egypt, Nazareth, Jerusalem*)

### **II. Beginning of John the Baptist' and Christ' Ministries to the First Passover**

Matthew 3:1-4:11

Mark 1:1-13

Luke 3:1-22; 4:1-13

John 1:19-2:12

**A. Beginning of John's ministry, Mt 3:1-12; Mk. 1:1-8; Lk. 3:1-18**  
(*Wilderness of Judea, Jordan River*)

**B. Jesus' baptism by John, Mt. 3:13-17; Mk. 1:9-11; Lk. 3:21-23**  
(*Jordan River*)

**C. Jesus' temptation, Mt. 4:1-11; Mk. 1:12-13; Lk. 4:1-13** (*Wilderness of Judea, Jerusalem*)

**D. John's 1<sup>st</sup> testimony, Jn. 1:19-24** (*Bethany beyond the Jordan*)

**E. Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> disciples, Jn. 1:35-51**

**F. Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> miracle, Jn. 2:1-12** (*Cana of Galilee*)

**III. First to Second Passover (1<sup>st</sup> full year)**

Matthew 4:12-25; 8:2-4; 9:2-9

Mark 1:14-2:14

Luke 4:14-5:28

John 2:13-4:54

**A. Early Judean ministry, Jn. 2:13-3:36**

1. Cleansing the temple, Jn. 2:13-22 (*Jerusalem*)
2. Signs in Jerusalem, Jn. 2:23-25
3. Nicodemus, Jn. 3:1-21 (*Jerusalem*)
4. 1<sup>st</sup> ministry in Judea; John's 2<sup>nd</sup> testimony, Jn. 3:22-36

**B. Samaria: Fields white for harvest, Jn. 4:1-42****C. Great Galilean ministry begins (Mt. 4:12; Mk. 1:14; Lk. 4:14; Jn. 4:43)**

Matthew 4:12-25; 8:2-4; 9:2-9

Mark 1:14-2:14

Luke 4:14-5:28

John 4:43-54

1. Second miracle at Cana, Jn. 4:46-54
2. Rejection at Nazareth, Lk. 4:16-30
3. Settle in Capernaum, Mt. 4:13-16; Lk. 4:31a
4. Calling four fishermen, Mt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Lk. 5:1-11
5. A day of healing, Mt. 8:14-17; Mk. 1:21-34; Lk. 4:31-41
6. First tour of Galilee, Mt. 4:23-25; 8:2-4; Mk. 1:35-45; Lk. 4:42-44; 5:12-16
7. Heal paralytic at Capernaum, Mt. 9:2-8; Mk. 2:1-12; Lk. 5:17-26
8. Call of Matthew, Mt. 9:9; Mk. 2:13,14; Lk. 5:27-28

\*\*\* *End of first FULL year of Jesus' ministry.*

#### **IV. Second to Third Passover, Great Galilean Ministry Continued (2<sup>nd</sup> full year)**

Matthew 5:1-8:1,5-13; 10:2-4; 11:2-14:36

Mark 2:15-6:56

Luke 5:29-9:17; 11:14-13:9

John 5:1-6:71

##### **A. Sabbath controversies**

1. Lame man healed on Sabbath, Jn. 5:1-47 (*Jerusalem*)
2. Disciples pick grain on Sabbath, Mt. 12:1-8; Mk. 2:23-28; Lk. 6:1-5
3. Heals withered hand on Sabbath, Mt. 12:9-14; Mk. 3:1-6; Lk. 6:6-11

##### **B. Healing by the sea, Mt. 12:15-21; Mk. 3:7-12**

##### **C. Twelve apostles selected, Mt. 10:2-4; Mk. 3:13-19; Lk. 6:12-16** (*Mountain near Capernaum*)

##### **D. The sermon on the mount, Mt. 5,6,7; Lk. 6:17-49** (*Mountain plateau near Capernaum*)

##### **E. Healing the centurion's servant, Mt. 8:1,5-13; Lk. 7:1-10** (*Capernaum*)

##### **F. Raising of the widow's son, Lk. 7:11-17** (*Nain*)

##### **G. John the Baptist sends disciples to Jesus, Mt. 11:2-19; Lk. 7:18-35**

##### **H. Jesus upbraids Capernaum, Mt. 11:20-30**

##### **I. Jesus' feet is anointed by a woman, Lk. 7:36-50**

##### **J. Second circuit of Galilee, Lk 8:1-3**

##### **K. A busy day!**

1. Heal blind and dumb by casting out demon. Pharisees blaspheme, Mt. 12:22-37; Mk. 3:20-30
2. Scribes and Pharisees seek a sign, Mt. 12:38-45
3. Jesus' disciples are his relatives, Mt. 12:46-50; Mk. 3:31-35; Lk. 8:19-21
4. Parables by seaside, Mt. 13:1-53; Mk. 4:1-34; Lk. 8:4-18



5. Stills the storm while crossing lake, Mt. 8:18-27; Mk. 4:35-41; Lk. 8:22-25
6. Heal Gergasene demoniac, Mt. 8:28-34; 9:1; Mk. 5:1-21; Lk. 8:26-40
7. Matthew's feast, Mt. 9:10-17; Mk. 2:15-22; Lk. 6:29-39 (*Capernaum*)
8. Heal Jarius' daughter and woman with issue of blood, Mt 9:18-26; Mk 5:22-43; Lk 8:41-56 (*Capernaum*)
9. Two blind men healed and dumb spirit cast out, Mt 9:27-34

**L. Second rejection at Nazareth, Mt. 13:54-58; Mk. 6:1-6**

**M. Third circuit of Galilee, Mk. 6:6**

**N. The twelve instructed and sent forth, Mt. 10:1,5-42; 11:1; Mk. 6:7-13; Lk. 9:1-6**

**O. John beheaded. Herod supposes Jesus to be John, Mt. 14:1-12; Mk. 6:14-29; Lk. 9:7-9**

**P. The twelve return, retirement to east shore of Galilee, 5000 men plus women and children fed, Mt. 14:13-21; Mk. 6:30-44; Lk. 9:10-17; Jn. 6:1-14**

**Q. Jesus walks on water, Mt. 14:22-36; Mk. 6:45-56; Jn. 6:15-21 (*Sea of Galilee*)**

**R. Discourse to multitudes on spiritual food, Jn 6:22-71 (*Capernaum*)**

**\*\*\* *End of second full year of Jesus' ministry. End of great Galilean ministry.***

**V. Third Passover to Arrival in Bethany (3<sup>rd</sup> full year less 1 week)**

Matthew 15:1-20:34

Mark 7:1-10:52

Luke 9:18-11:13; 13:10-19:28

John 7:1-11:54; 12:1

**A. Jesus and tradition (*Galilee*), Jn. 7:1; Mt. 15:1-20; Mk. 7:1-23****B. Withdraw to Tyre and Sidon in Phoenicia, Mt. 15:21-28; Mk. 7:24-30**  
Gentile woman's daughter healed**C. In region of Decapolis, Mt. 15:29-38; Mk. 7:31-8:9**

1. Deaf man with impediment in speech healed, Mt. 15:29-31; Mk. 7:31-37
2. 4,000 fed, Mt. 15:32-38; Mk. 8:1-9

**D. Region of Magdala (*Magadan*)/district of Dalmanutha, Mt. 15:39,16:1-4; Mk. 8:10-12.**

Jews require a sign

**E. Across the sea toward Bethsaida, Mt. 16:4-12; Mk. 8:13-21**

Disciples warned of the leaven of the Pharisees

**F. At Bethsaida, blind man healed (in two steps), Mk. 8:22-26****G. Region of Caesarea Philippi**

1. Peter's great confession, Mt. 16:13-20; Mk. 8:27-30; Lk. 9:18-21
2. Passion foretold, Mt. 16:21-28; Mk. 8:31-38; 9:1; Lk. 9:22-27
3. Transfiguration (*a high mountain*), Mt. 17:1-13; Mk. 9:2-13; Lk. 9:28-36
4. Heal demoniac boy (*descent of mountain*), Mt. 17:14-21; Mk. 9:14-29; Lk. 9:37-43

**H. Back to Capernaum**

1. *On the way*, foretells death and resurrection, Mt. 17:22-23; Mk. 9:30-32; Lk. 9:43-45
2. Tribute money paid (*Capernaum*) Mt. 17:24-27
3. Lessons on humility, forgiving sin, forbearance (*Capernaum*) Mt. 18:1-35; Mk. 9:33-50; Lk. 9:46-50
4. Going to the Feast of Tabernacles, Jn. 7:2-9; Lk. 9:51-62

**I. Later Judean Ministry (c. 3 months, Oct. – Dec., Feast of Tabernacles – Feast of Dedication)**

1. At the Feast of Tabernacles (*Jerusalem, Sept.–Oct.*), Jn. 7:10-8:1

2. The woman taken in adultery (*Jerusalem*), Jn. 8:2-11
3. Further teaching. Attempt to stone. Jn. 8:12-59
4. Man born blind made to see (near or at the feast) - Jn. 9:1-41
5. Jesus the good shepherd - Jn. 10:1-21
6. Mission and return of the seventy, Lk. 10:1-24
7. Parable of the good Samaritan, Lk. 10:25-37
8. Jesus visits Mary and Martha (*Bethany*), Lk. 10:38-42
9. Disciples taught to pray, Lk. 11:1-13
10. Heal dumb by casting out demon, Lk. 11:14-28
11. Wicked generation seeks a sign, Lk. 11:29-36
12. Dines with a Pharisee, Lk. 11:37-54
13. Further teaching, Lk. 12:1-59; 13:1-9
14. Sabbath healing; parables, Lk. 13:10-21
15. At Feast of Dedication (*Jerusalem*, Dec.)

Attempt to stone, Jn. 10:22-39

\*\*\* *At this point the Lord's crucifixion is about four months away.*

#### **J. Perea Ministry** (c. 3 1/2 months)

While most of these events are in Perea, note that Jesus was called back to Bethany due to Lazarus illness, and then toward the end of this period went to Jericho and Ephraim.

1. Jn. 10:40-42 - Jesus goes to *Perea*
2. Lk. 13:22-17:10. Possibly *Perea*
  - a) The straight gate, Lk. 13:22-30
  - b) Warning against Herod; Jerusalem's doom, Lk 13:31-35
  - c) Dining with a Pharisee on a Sabbath, Lk. 14:1-24
  - d) What discipleship demands, Lk. 14:25-35

- e) Parables and other teaching, Lk. 15:1-17:10
- 3. *Bethany*, Lazarus raised, Jn. 11:1-53
- 4. To *Ephraim*, Jn. 11:54
- 5. Journey to Jerusalem. *Borders of Samaria and Galilee. (Perea)*
  - a) Lk. 17:11-18:14
    - (1) Ten lepers, Lk. 17:11-19
    - (2) Concerning the kingdom, Lk. 17:20-21
    - (3) Destruction of Jerusalem, “one of the days of the Son of Man,” Lk. 17:22-37
    - (4) Two parables on prayer, Lk. 18:1-14
  - b) Mt. 19:1-20:28; Mk. 10:1-45; Lk. 18:15-34
    - (1) Lawful to divorce? Mt. 19:1-12; Mk. 10:1-12
    - (2) Blessing the children, Mt. 19:13-15; Mk. 10:13-16; Lk. 18:15-17
    - (3) Rich young man, Mt. 19:16-20; Mk. 10:17-31; Lk. 18:18-30
    - (4) Parable of laborers in the vineyard, Mt. 20:1-16
    - (5) Foretells death; James and John’s request, Mt. 20:17-28; Mk. 10:32-45; Lk. 18:31-34
- 6. *Jericho*
  - a) Bartimaeus - Mt. 20:29-34; Mk. 10:46-52; Lk. 18:35-43
  - b) Zachaeus - Lk. 19:1-10
  - c) Parable of the ten pounds, Lk. 19:11-27
- 7. Travel to *Bethany*, Jn. 11:55-57; 12:1; Lk. 19:28

## **VI. Last Week of Ministry, Fourth Passover, Crucifixion (1 week)**

Matthew 21:1-27:66

Mark 11:1-15:47

Luke 19:28-23:56

John 12:2-19:42

### **A. 9<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Friday 6 pm – Saturday 6 pm**

Jesus arrives (Friday eve. - ?) and is feasted at Bethany (Sat. eve. - ?), Jn. 12:2-11; Mt. 26:6-13; Mk. 14:3-9

### **B. 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Saturday 6 pm – Sunday 6 pm**

Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Mt. 21:1-11,14-17; Mk. 11:1-11; Lk. 19:29-44; Jn. 12:12-19

### **C. 11<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Sunday 6 pm – Monday 6 pm**

1. Barren fig-tree, Mt. 21:18,19; Mk. 11:12-14
2. Temple cleansed, Mt. 21:12,13; Mk. 11:15-19; Lk. 19:45-48

### **D. 12<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Monday 6 pm – Tuesday 6 pm**

Mt. 21:20-25:46; Mk. 11:19-13:37; Lk. 20:1-21:38; Jn. 12:20-50

1. Finding the fig-tree withered (on the road from Bethany to Jerusalem), Mt. 21:20-22; Mk. 11:20-26
2. Group of parables when Jesus' authority questioned, Mt. 21:28-22:14; Mk. 12:1-12; Lk. 20:9-19
  - a) Two sons, Mt. 21:28-32
  - b) Wicked vine-growers, Mt. 21:33-46; Mk. 12:1-12; Lk. 20:9-19
  - c) Marriage of the king's son, Mt. 22:1-14
3. Jewish rulers seek to ensnare Jesus (Temple)
  - a) Pharisees and Sadducees - tribute money, Mt. 22:15-22; Mk. 12:13-17; Lk. 20:20-26
  - b) Sadducees - resurrection, Mt. 22:23-33; Mk. 12:18-27; Lk. 20:27-40
  - c) Lawyer - greatest commandment, Mt. 23:34-40; Mk. 12:28-34

- d) Jesus' question - David's Lord, Mt. 23:41-46; Mk. 12:35-37; Lk. 20:41-44
- 4. Last public discourse (Temple), Mt. 23:1-39; Mk. 12:38-40; Lk. 20:45-47
- 5. Observing the treasury (Temple) - the widow's small contribution, Mk. 12:41-44; Lk. 21:1-4
- 6. Greeks seek Jesus. He foretells his death. Unbelief of the Jews. (Temple), Jn. 12:20-50
- 7. Destruction of Jerusalem foretold. Lessons on preparedness. Mt. 24:1-25:46; Mk. 13:1-37; Lk. 21:25-38

**E. 13<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Tuesday 6 pm – Wednesday 6 pm**

Rulers plot to kill Jesus. Judas agrees to betray.  
Mt. 26:1-5,14-16; Mk. 14:1-2,10-11; Lk. 22:1-6

**F. 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Wednesday 6 pm – Thursday 6 pm**

Preparation for the Passover  
Mt. 26:17-19; Mk. 14:12-16; Lk. 22:7-13

**G. 15<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Thursday 6 pm – Friday 6 pm**

- 1. Passover meal, Mt. 26:20-35; Mk. 14:17-31; Lk. 22:14-38; Jn. 13-16
  - a) Lord's Supper instituted, Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:14-20
  - b) Jesus discusses apostolic mission with them, Jn. 13:1-16:33
- 2. The Lord's prayer, Jn. 17:1-26
- 3. Agony in Gethsemane - Mt. 26:30,36-46; Mk. 14:26,32-42; Lk. 22:39-46; Jn. 18:1
- 4. Jesus betrayed, arrested, and forsaken, Mt. 26:47-56; Mk. 14:43-52; Lk. 22:47-53; Jn. 18:2-12
- 5. Three stages of Jewish trial
  - a) Before Annas, Jn. 18:12-14,19-23
  - b) Before Caiphas, Mt. 26:57,59-68; Mk. 14:53,55-65; Lk. 22:54,63-65; Jn. 18:24
    - Peter's denial: Mt. 26:58,69-75; Mk. 14:54,66-72; Lk. 22:54-62; Jn. 18:15-18,25-27
  - c) Before Sanhedrin, Mt. 27:1-2; Mk. 15:1; Lk. 22:66-23:1

6. Remorse and suicide of Judas, Mt. 27:3-10; Ac 1:18,19
7. Three stages of Roman trial
  - a) Before Pilate, Mt. 27:11-14; Mk. 15:2-5; Lk. 23:2-5; Jn. 18:28-38
  - b) Before Herod, Lk. 23:6-12
  - c) Before Pilate, Mt. 27:15-31; Mk. 15:6-20; Lk. 23:13-25; Jn. 18:39-19:16
8. The Crucifixion
  - a) On the way to the cross, Mt. 27:31-34; Mk. 15:20-23; Lk. 23:26-32; Jn. 19:17
  - b) Jesus crucified and reviled. His three sayings during the first three hours (Friday morning, 9 am till noon) Mt. 27:35-44; Mk. 15:24-32; Lk. 23:33-43; Jn. 19:18-27
  - c) Darkness three hours. After four more sayings Jesus dies. Strange events attending his death. (Friday, noon till 3 pm) Mt. 27:45-56; Mk. 15:33-41; Lk. 23:44-49; Jn. 19:28-30
  - d) Jesus found to be dead. His body buried and guarded in the tomb. Mt. 27:57-66; Mk. 15:42-47; Lk. 23:50-56; Jn. 19:31-42

#### **H. 16<sup>th</sup> of Nisan. Friday 6 pm – Saturday 6 pm**

Jesus body rests in the tomb.

### **VII. Resurrection, Great Commission, Ascension (40 days)**

Matthew 28:1-20

Mark 16:1-20

Luke 24:1-53

John 20:1-21:25

Acts 1:1-11

1 Cor. 15:1-7

#### **A. Angels announce the resurrection to certain women. Peter & John enter the empty tomb.**

(*Garden. Early Sunday morning.*) Mt 28:1-8; Mk 16:1-8; Lk 24:1-8,12; Jn 20:1-10

**B. FIRST APPEARANCE = Mary Magdalene. Mk 16:9-11; Jn 20:11-18**  
(Jerusalem. Sunday morning)

**C. SECOND APPEARANCE = The other women who had went to the tomb. Mt 28:9-10; Lk 24:9-11**  
(Jerusalem., Sunday morning)

**D. Some of the guard report to the Jewish rulers**  
Mt 28:11-15

**E. THIRD APPEARANCE = Peter. Lk 24:34; 1 Cor 15:5 (Sun., early afternoon?)**

First appearance to a male disciple.

**F. FOURTH APPEARANCE = Two on the road to Emmaus. Mk 16:12-13; Lk 24:13-35.**

(On the road to and in Emmaus. *Sunday, afternoon and evening*, vv 29. It was seven miles from Emmaus to Jer. At three mph it would take over two hours to walk the distance; at four mph [15 min. mile] it would still take 1 hr., 45 min.)

Note: "On the first day of the week...that very day...it is the third day..." vv. 1,13,21. Compare Mt. 16:21; 17:23; 20:19; 27:64 - "third day."

**G. FIFTH APPEARANCE = To the eleven while reclining at table (Mk 16:14),**  
(Jerusalem, Sunday evening)

**H. SIXTH APPEARANCE = The eleven INCLUDING Thomas, one week later. Jn 20:26-31.**  
(Sunday, one week after the resurrection.)

Note Thomas' attitude and Jesus' "Blessed..." v 29. Note vv. 30-31.

**I. SEVENTH APPEARANCE = To seven disciples at the Sea of Galilee, or, Tiberius. Jn. 21:1-14**

Jn 21:1-25. The seven are: Peter, Thomas, Nathanael, James, John, and two others, Jn 21:2. This is the THIRD time he was manifested TO THE DISCIPLES, Jn 21:14.

(Sea of Galilee)

**J. EIGHTH APPEARANCE = Eleven disciples in a mountain in Galilee. Mt 28:16,17; 1 Cor 15:6 (?).**  
(A mountain in Galilee.)



**The Great Commission given:** Mt 18:18-20; Mk 16:15-18; Lk 24:46,47 (All accounts given together here for comparison, even though these may represent different occasions.)

**K. NINTH APPEARANCE = James, 1 Cor 15:7. No details given of this appearance.**

*Chronological notes:* This before last meeting with all the apostles, 1 Cor 15:7.

**L. TENTH APPEARANCE = All the apostles at ascension. Lk 24:44-49; Ac 1:3-8.**

*(Jerusalem)*

The Ascension (Olivet, between Jer and Bethany)

Mk 16:19,20; Lk 24:50-53; Ac 1:9-12

*Note Ac 1:3*

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b><i>The Period of Christ' Life Prior to His Ministry</i></b>				
John's prologue				1:1-18
Luke's introduction			1:1-4	
Birth and early years				
Genealogies	1:1-17		3:23-28	
Birth	1:18-2:18		1:5-2:38	
Early years	2:19-23		2:39-52	
<b><i>Beginning of John the Baptist' and Christ' Ministries to the First Passover</i></b>				
Beginning of John's ministry	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1-18	
Jesus' baptism by John	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23	
Jesus' temptation	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	
John's 1 <sup>st</sup> testimony				1:19-24
Jesus' 1 <sup>st</sup> disciples				1:35-51
Jesus' 1 <sup>st</sup> miracle				2:1-12
<b><i>First to Second Passover (1st full year)</i></b>				
Early Judean Ministry				
Cleansing the temple				2:13-22
Signs in Jerusalem				2:23-25
Nicodemus				3:1-21
1 <sup>st</sup> ministry in Judea; John's 2 <sup>nd</sup> testimony				3:22-36
Samaria: Fields white for harvest				4:1-42
Great Galilean ministry begins				
Second miracle at Cana				4:46-54
Rejection at Nazareth			4:16-30	
Settle in Capernaum	4:13-16		4:31a	
Calling four fishermen	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11	
A day of healing	8:14-17	1:21-34	4:31-41	
First tour of Galilee	4:23-25; 8:2-4	1:35-45	4:42-44; 5:12-16	
Heal paralytic at Capernaum	9:2-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
Call of Matthew	9:9	2:13,14	5:27-28	
<b><i>***End of first FULL year of Jesus' ministry</i></b>				

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
<b><i>Second to Third Passover, Great Galilean Ministry Continued (2nd full year)</i></b>				
Sabbath Controversies				
Lame man healed on Sabbath				5:1-47
Disciples pick grain on Sabbath	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5	
Heals withered hand on Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
Healing by the sea	12:15-21	3:7-12		
Twelve apostles selected	10:2-4	3:13-19	6:12-16	
The sermon on the mount	5, 6, 7		6:17-49	
Healing the centurion's servant	8:1,5-13		7:1-10	
Raising the widow's son			7:11-17	
John the Baptist sends disciples to Jesus	11:2-19		7:18-35	
Jesus upbraids Capernaum	11:20-30			
Jesus' feet is anointed by a woman			7:36-50	
Second circuit of Galilee			8:1-3	
A busy day!				
Heal blind and dumb by casting out demon	12:22-37	3:20-30		
Scribes and Pharisees seek a sign	12:38-45			
Jesus' disciples are his relatives	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21	
Parables by the seaside	13:1-53	4:1-34	8:4-18	
Stills storm while crossing lake	8:18-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	
Heal Gergasene demoniac	8:28-34; 9:1	5:1-21	8:26-40	
Matthew's feast	9:10-17	2:15-22	6:29-39	
Heal Jarius' daughter and women with issue of blood	9:18-26	5:22-43	8:41-56	
Two blind men healed and dumb spirit cast out	9:27-34			
Second rejection at Nazareth	13:54-58	6:1-6		
Third circuit of Galilee		6:6		
The twelve instructed and sent forth	10:1,5-42; 11:1	6:7-13	9:1-6	

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
John beheaded. Herod supposes Jesus to be John.	14:1-12	6:14-29	9:7-9	
The twelve return, retirement [#1] to east shore of Galilee, 5000 men plus women and children fed	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-14
Jesus walks on water	14:22-36	6:45-56		6:15-21
Discourse to multitudes on spiritual food				6:22-71
<b>***End of second full year of Jesus' ministry. End of great Galilean ministry.</b>				
<b>Third Passover to Arrival in Bethany (3rd full year less 1 week)</b>				
Jesus and tradition	15:1-20	7:1-23		7:1
Withdraw to Tyre and Sidon in Phoenicia [#2]	15:21-28	7:24-30		
In region of Decapolis [#3]				
Deaf man with impediment in speech healed	15:29-31	7:31-37		
4,000 fed	15:32-38	8:1-9		
Region of Magdala; Jews require a sign	15:39; 16:1-4	8:10-12		
Across the sea toward Bethsaida; disciples warned of leaven of the Pharisees	16:4-12	8:13-21		
At Bethsaida [#4], blind man healed (in two steps)		8:22-26		
Region of Caesarea Philippi [#4 cont. or #5]				
Peter's great confession	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-21	
Passion foretold	16:21-28	8:31-38; 9:1	9:22-27	
Transfiguration	17:1-13	9:2-13	9:28-36	
Heal demoniac boy	17:14-21	9:14-29	9:37-43	
Back to Capernaum				
On the way, foretells death and resurrection	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:43-45	
Tribute money paid	17:24-27			
Lessons on humility, forgiving sin, forbearance	18:1-35	9:33-50	9:46-50	
Going to the Feast of Tabernacles			9:51-62	7:2-9

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Later Judean Ministry				
At the Feast of Tabernacles				7:10-8:1
The woman taken in adultery				8:2-11
Further teaching. Attempt to stone.				8:12-59
Man born blind healed				9:1-41
Jesus the good shepherd				10:1-21
Mission and return of the seventy			10:1-24	
Parable of the good Samaritan			10:25-37	
Jesus visits Mary and Martha			10:38-42	
Disciples taught to pray			11:1-13	
Heal dumb by casting out demon			11:14-28	
Wicked generation seeks a sign			11:29-36	
Dines with a Pharisee			11:37-54	
Further teaching			12:1-59; 13:1-9	
Sabbath healing; parables			13:10-21	
Feast of Dedication (Dec.)				10:22-39
<b>***At this point the Lord's crucifixion is about four months away</b>				
Perean Ministry				
Jesus goes to Perea				10:40-42
The straight gate			13:22-30	
Warning against Herod. Jerusalem's doom.			13:31-35	
Dining with a Pharisee on a Sabbath			14:1-24	
What discipleship demands			14:25-35	
Parables and other teaching			15:1-17:10	
Lazarus raised (Bethany)				11:1-53
Withdraws to Ephraim				11:54
To Jerusalem via Samaria and Galilee			17:11	
Ten lepers			17:12-19	

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Concerning the kingdom			17:20-21	
Destruction of Jerusalem			17:22-37	
Two parables on prayer			18:1-14	
Lawful to divorce?	19:1-12	10:1-12		
Blessing the children	19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17	
Rich young man	19:16-30	10:17-31	18:18-30	
Parable of laborers in vineyard	20:1-16			
Foretells death; James and John's request	20:17-28	10:32-45	18:31-34	
Jericho				
Bartimaeus	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
Zachaeus			19:1-10	
Parable of the ten pounds			19:11-27	
Travel to Bethany			19:28	11:54-57; 12:1
<b>Last Week of Ministry, Fourth Passover, Crucifixion (1 week)</b>				
9 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Fri. 6pm–Sat. 6pm				
Jesus arrives and is feasted at Bethany	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:2-11
10 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Sat. 6pm–Sun. 6pm				
Triumphal entry into Jerusalem	21:1-11,14-17	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
11 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Sun. 6pm–Mon. 6pm				
Barren fig-tree	21:18,19	11:12-14		
Temple cleansed	21:12,13	11:15-19	19:45-48	
12 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Mon. 6pm–Tue. 6pm				
Finding the fig-tree withered	21:20-22	11:20-26		
Jesus' authority questioned	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	
Parable of two sons	21:28-32			
Parable of wicked vine-growers	21:33-46	12:1-12	20:9-19	
Parable of marriage of the king's son	22:1-14			
Pharisees and Sadducees - tribute money	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Sadducees - resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
Lawyer - greatest commandment	22:34-40	12:28-34		
Jesus' question - David's Lord	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	
Last public discourse	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	
Observing the treasury		21:41-44	21:1-4	
Greeks seek Jesus. He foretells his death. Unbelief of the Jews.				12:20-50
Destruction of Jerusalem foretold. Lessons on preparedness.	Mt. 24:1-25:46	Mk. 13:1-37	Lk. 21:25-38	
13 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Tue. 6 pm–Wed. 6 pm				
Rulers plot to kill Jesus. Judas agrees to betray him.	26:1-5,14-16	14:1-2,10-11	22:1-6	
14 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Wed. 6 pm–Thu. 6 pm				
Preparation for Passover	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	
15 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Thu. 6 pm–Fri. 6 pm				
Passover meal, Lord's supper instituted.	26:20-35	14:17-31	22:14-38	
Jesus discusses apostolic mission with them				13:1-16:33
The Lord's prayer				17:1-26
Agony in Gethsemane	26:30,36-46	14:26,32-42	22:39-46	18:1
Jesus' betrayed, arrested, forsaken	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-12
Three stages of Jewish trial				
• Before Annas				18:12-14,19-23
• Before Caiaphas	26:57,59-68	14:53,55-65	22:54,63-65	18:24
--- Peter's denial	26:58,69-75	14:54,66-72	22:54-62	18:15-18,25-27
• Before Sanhedrin	27:1-2	15:1	22:66-23:1	
Remorse and suicide of Judas	27:3-10			
Three stages of Roman trial				
• Before Pilate	27:11-14	15:2-5	23:2-5	18:28-38

	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
• Before Herod			23:6-12	
• Before Pilate	27:15-31	15:6-20	23:13-25	18:39-19:16
The Crucifixion				
• On the way to the cross	27:31-34	15:20-23	23:26-32	19:17
• Jesus crucified and reviled. His three sayings the first three hours.	27:35-44	15:24-32	23:33-43	19:18-27
• Darkness three hours. After four more sayings Jesus dies. Strange events attending his death.	27:45-56	15:33-41	23:44-49	19:28-30
• Jesus found to be dead and he is buried.	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:31-42
16 <sup>th</sup> of Nisan, Fri. 6 pm–Sat. 6 pm Jesus body rests in the tomb.				
Guard set over the tomb.	27:62-66			
<b><i>Resurrection, Great Commission, Ascension (40 days)</i></b>				
	28:1-20	16:1-20	24:1-53	20:1-21:25
	Acts 1:1-11; 1 Cor. 15:1-7			