

THE GOSPELS

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King James Version

The Ministry of Jesus (28-30 CE)

The year when Jesus began his public ministry is revealed by the prophecy of the “seventy weeks” in Daniel, chapter 9, verses 24-27, which required that the “Most Holy” one who would confirm the covenant to Israel be anointed before the seventieth week ended on Pentecost in the year 28 CE. That coincides with the baptism and “cleansing of the Temple” that Jesus performed at the beginning of his ministry, the latter being an event that occurred during Passover week in the year 28 CE as shown in the previous section about Herod’s Temple. Thus, it can be said with absolute certainty that both the *Tanakh* and the *B’rit Hadashah* pinpoint 28 CE as the year when Jesus began his public ministry. Using the information given in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the ministry of Jesus can be seen to have continued for about twenty-seven months after his baptism, a time period that includes three Passovers, as follows:

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28 CE				
<i>Events</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus baptized by John the Baptist.	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-28	---
Jesus tempted by Satan for 40 days.	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	---
Jesus returns to Jordan R., Andrew hears John proclaim Jesus as the Lamb of God, two disciples follow him to Nazareth.	---	---	---	1:19-51
Jesus attends wedding at Cana, turns water to wine, the disciples believe.	---	---	---	2:1-11
Jesus visits Capernaum with his mother, brothers, and his (two) disciples.	---	---	---	2:12
PASSOVER #1 - March 28 to April 4, 28 CE start of sabbath year →				
Jesus goes to Jerusalem for the Passover, drives merchants and money changers out of Temple, challenged by Jewish leaders.	---	---	---	2:13-25
Nicodemus visits Jesus secretly at night and is told that he must be “born again.”	---	---	---	3:1-21
Jesus and disciples baptize in Judea, John the Baptist continues to baptize at Aenon near Salim as his ministry diminishes.	---	---	---	3:22-36
Day of Pentecost - May 17, 28 CE - end of the “Seventy Weeks”				
Jesus hears that John the Baptist has been imprisoned, Jesus and his disciples decide to leave Judea, depart for Galilee.	4:12	1:14	4:14	4:1-3

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus passes through Samaria with his disciples, talks with woman at well, says the time to harvest (souls) is now.	---	---	---	4:4-42
Jesus leaves Samaria, arrives in Galilee, welcomed by Galileans.	---	---	---	4:43-45
Jesus moves to Capernaum, preaches in area synagogues, proclaims the kingdom.	4:13-17	1:15	4:15	---
Jesus, while he is visiting Cana, heals son of royal official back in Capernaum.	---	---	---	4:46-54
Day of Atonement - September 16, 28 CE start of jubilee year →				
Jesus reads from scroll at the synagogue in Nazareth on the sabbath, proclaims start of the jubilee ("acceptable") year, people take him to cliff to throw him down, he passes through their midst unharmed.	---	---	4:16-30	---
Jesus attends Feast of Tabernacles.	<i>That visit to Jerusalem is not mentioned in the Gospels.</i>			
Jesus returns to Capernaum, teaches in synagogue with authority, heals demoniac man, fame spreads throughout area.	---	1:21-28	4:31-37	---
Jesus visits Simon's house, cures Simon's mother-in-law of fever, heals many people.	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41	---
Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James, John.	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11	---
Jesus preaches the kingdom and heals the sick in the synagogues of Galilee.	4:23-24	1:35-39	4:42-44	---
Jesus cleanses leper, crowds and reputation grow, often withdraws to wilderness to pray.	4:25 8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-16	---
Matthew, chapters 5, 6, and 7 - Jesus goes up a mountain, privately teaching his disciples about the kingdom and publicly preaching the kingdom to the multitudes coming to him to be healed, topics covered include: The Beatitudes, salt and light, fulfillment of the Law and prophets, anger and murder, adultery and divorce, swearing of oaths, "eye for eye" and love for enemies, giving in secret, praying in private, fasting with joy, laying up treasure in heaven, do not worry about tomorrow, do not judge, ask-seek-knock, the narrow gate, tree known by its fruit, not all will enter the kingdom, heed and do his words, house built on rock stands.				
Jesus forgives paralytic man let down through roof, then heals him to confirm his authority to forgive sins.	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	---
Jesus calls Matthew (aka Levi), dines with him, tells Pharisees that he is called to save sinners, God requires mercy not sacrifice, sick need physician, new wine put into new wineskins, he is bridegroom.	9:9-17	2:13-22	5:27-39	---

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus and his disciples walk through a field picking wheat on sabbath, he says that Son of Man is Lord of the sabbath. ¹	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5	---
Jesus heals man with withered hand in a synagogue on sabbath, Pharisees plot with Herodians about how they can kill him.	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	---
<i>Feast of Dedication - November 29 to December 6, 28 CE</i>				
Jesus attends feast in Jerusalem, heals paralytic man at pool of Bethesda on the sabbath, Jewish leaders criticize the man for picking up his mat on the sabbath.	---	---	---	5:1-15
Jesus confirms his authority as the Son, says deeds and Moses testify about him, hostility of Jewish leaders increases.	---	---	---	5:16-47
Jesus leaves Jerusalem to avoid wrath of Jewish leaders and withdraws to the Sea of Galilee to preach and heal the people.	12:15-16	3:7-12	---	---
Jesus is presented by Matthew as the chosen servant who fulfills Isaiah 42:1-4, the one who will show judgement to the nations, and in whom they will trust.	12:17-21	---	---	---
Jesus ordains the Twelve Apostles to preach the kingdom and heal the sick.	---	3:13-19	6:12-16	---
Jesus delivers sermon (often called the Sermon on the Mount) on a coastal plain of Sea of Galilee at base of a mountain. ²	---	---	6:17-49	---
Jesus returns to Capernaum, heals a centurion's servant, marvels at centurion's display of faith not seen so far in Israel.	8:5-13	---	7:1-10	---
Jesus raises widow's son at Nain, people declare Jesus a prophet, report circulates through Judea and surrounding country.	---	---	7:11-17	---
John the Baptist sends his disciples to question Jesus about his identity after hearing reports of Jesus' ministry, Jesus confirms John is the herald of Messiah, thus confirming his own mission, says woe to cities that have rejected it.	11:2-24	---	7:18-35	---

¹ The year 28 CE was a sabbath/jubilee year, so grain would still be unharvested in early winter.

² The topics and the order of presentation in that sermon are almost identical to those recorded in Matthew, chapters 5-7. Some speculate that the two accounts are about the same event, but it is more likely that Jesus preached the same message, in whole or in part, on many occasions.

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus gives thanks to God for revealing him to the children, and for hiding him from the wise, gives invitation to weary.	11:25-30	---	---	---
Jesus dines with Pharisee, sinful woman anoints his feet with tears, wipes them with her hair, Jesus rebukes his host.	---	---	7:36-50	---
Jesus and his disciples go through towns and villages in the Galilee preaching and healing, women provide for them.	---	---	8:1-3	---
Jesus heals blind and mute man, crowd asks if Jesus is the Son of David, family says Jesus is deranged, Pharisees say Jesus is possessed by Beelzebub, Jesus warns about blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.	12:22-37 12:46-50	3:20-35	8:19-21	---
Pharisees ask for a sign of authority, Jesus replies that the only sign they will get will be the "sign of the prophet Jonas."	12:38-45	---	---	---
Jesus teaches mysteries of the kingdom, speaks to crowd in parables, explains the mysteries to his disciples in private, including parable of the Sower, parable of the Tares, parable of the Mustard Seed, parable of the Yeast in Three Measures, parable of the Sickle and Harvest, parable of the Lamp on a Lampstand, parables of the Kingdom of Heaven.	13:1-9 13:18-33 13:36-52	4:1-9 4:13-32	8:4-18	---
Jesus reveals the reason for using parables to teach the crowds.	13:10-17 13:34-35	4:10-12 4:33-34	---	---
Jesus sails to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, calms storm, disciples awed.	8:18 8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	---
Jesus heals demoniac man in region of the Gadarenes, sends demons into pigs, people urge Jesus to leave the region.	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39	---
Jesus returns to Capernaum, heals daughter of a synagogue official named Jairus, woman with issue of blood cured by touching the hem of his garment.	9:18-26	5:21-43	8:40-56	---
Jesus gives sight to two blind men, gives voice to a mute man, Pharisees attribute his power to the "prince of demons."	9:27-34	---	---	---
Jesus teaches in synagogues in Galilee.	9:35-38	6:6b	---	---

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus teaches in synagogue at Nazareth, has his disciples with him, the people are offended, Jesus does no miracles there.	13:53-58	6:1-6a	---	---
Jesus sends the twelve out two by two to preach the kingdom and heal the sick, gives them authority over demons.	10:1-11:1	6:7-13	9:1-6	---
Herod Antipas mistakes Jesus for John the Baptist, who he had earlier beheaded.	14:1-12	6:14-29	9:7-9	---
The twelve report back to Jesus.	---	6:30	9:10a	---
Jesus goes off privately by boat with his disciples to Bethsaida for rest (and mourn after hearing that John the Baptist is dead), crowds run ahead and meet them.	14:13-14	6:31-34	9:10b-11	6:1-3
Jesus has compassion on the crowd and heals the sick, then feeds 5,000 people (just before the week of the Passover).	14:15-21	6:35-44	9:12-17	6:4-13
People want to make Jesus king because of miraculous signs, Jesus sends crowds away, disciples wait below while Jesus goes up a mountainside to pray alone.	14:22-23	6:45-46	---	6:14-15
Jesus walks on the water of Sea of Galilee, startles disciples, Peter sinks and prays.	14:24-33	6:47-52	---	6:16-21
Jesus heals many people at Gennesaret.	14:34-36	6:53-56	---	---
Jesus is found in Capernaum by crowds seeking more bread, Jesus reveals that he is the true bread from heaven and that anyone who eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life.	---	---	---	6:22-59
Many disciples cannot accept Jesus' new "flesh and blood" teaching and depart.	---	---	---	6:60-65
Simon Peter says that he and the eleven believe that he is the Holy One of Israel, Jesus reveals one of them will betray him.	---	---	---	6:66-71
PASSOVER #2 - April 15-22, 29 CE <i>end of sabbath year</i> →				
Jesus disputes with Pharisees about their man-made tradition and the word of God, says defilement comes from the heart, not by what food is eaten, Jesus explains the parable of Defilement and afterwards he explains that all foods are clean.	15:1-20	7:1-23	---	---

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus decides to stay out of Judea to avoid being killed by Jewish leaders.	---	---	---	7:1
Jesus goes to Tyre, heals the demoniac daughter of a Syrophenician woman.	15:21-28	7:24-30	---	---
Jesus travels through Sidon to the region of the Decapolis on the Sea of Galilee, opens the ears and loosens the tongue of a man who could not hear or talk easily, people are astounded by his works.	15:29-31	7:31-37	---	---
Jesus has compassion on a crowd that has been listening to him for three days, feeds the crowd numbering about 4,000 men, plus women and children.	15:32-38	8:1-9	---	---
Jesus and his disciples go by boat to Dalmanutha, Pharisees ask Jesus for a sign of his authority, none is given.	15:39-16:4	8:10-12	---	---
Jesus and his disciples go back by boat across the Sea of Galilee, he warns the disciples to beware the leaven of the Pharisees (their man-made teachings).	16:5-12	8:13-21	---	---
Jesus and his disciples arrive at Bethsaida, Jesus heals a blind man, demonstrates that healing by him is always total, not partial.	---	8:22-26	---	---
Jesus and his disciples go to Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asks the disciples who people think he is, Simon (who is named Peter by Jesus) answers that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and Jesus says that on "this rock" his church will be built and it will have the keys of the kingdom.	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-21	---
Jesus reveals that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, be killed, and on the third day be raised, Peter objects, Jesus rebukes him. ¹	16:21-26	8:31-33	9:22-25	---
Jesus reveals that if anyone wants to save his life, he must lose it, predicts that some listening will not see death before they see the coming of the Son of Man in glory.	16:27-28	8:34-9:1	9:26-27	---

¹ That is the first time Jesus predicts that he will suffer abuse at the hands of Jewish authorities and be killed in Jerusalem. He repeats the prediction two more times, repeating the prophecy immediately prior to each subsequent pilgrimage festival.

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Day of Pentecost - June 4, 29 CE				
Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain where they witness his Transfiguration, see Moses and Elijah, hear the voice of God confirm Jesus as his Son. ¹	17:1-9	9:2-10	9:28-36	---
Jesus equates the ministry of John the Baptist with Elijah's coming, adding that the Son of Man will have to suffer at the hands of Jewish and Roman authorities.	17:10-13	9:11-13	---	---
Jesus heals a demoniac boy who the disciples could not heal, gives a discourse on faith, uses mustard seed as an example of the power of faith to move mountains.	17:14-21	9:14-29	9:37-43a	---
Jesus reveals for the second time that he will be betrayed, killed, and resurrected.	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:43b-45	---
Jesus and his disciples return to Capernaum, collectors of Temple tax come to Peter, Jesus sends him to find a coin in the mouth of a fish.	17:24-27	---	---	---
Jesus' disciples ask who will be greatest in the kingdom of heaven, Jesus tells them to become as little children.	18:1-5	9:33-37	9:46-48	---
Jesus warns about causing others to stumble, says not to stop others using his name since they are not against him.	18:6-14	9:38-50	9:49-50	---
Jesus teaches about kingdom conduct in this life, how to solve disputes among believers, the power of two or more praying together, application of forgiveness, then compares faith to mustard seed.	18:15-35	---	---	---
Jesus is taunted by his unbelieving brothers about going to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, he says he will remain in Galilee, they leave, afterward he goes to Jerusalem secretly.	---	---	---	7:2-10

¹ The Transfiguration is an event mirroring the events in Exodus 24, which describe Moses going up the mountain of God to receive the Mosaic covenant, with Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders allowed to watch from a distance. After Moses comes down, the people confirm that they will keep the covenant and are sprinkled with the blood of the covenant. Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and the seventy elders are then allowed to go back up the mountain to see God. Jesus takes his three disciples, Peter, James, and John, up the mountain to see his face shine (see Psalms 80: 19 in KJV) and to hear God address him as his Son, the one who confirms the new covenant of salvation through repentance and faith.

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Jesus sends seventy disciples to preach and heal ahead of him as goes through villages on his way to Jerusalem, many in a Samaritan village reject his message, he explains the cost of commitment to him.	---	---	9:51-62 10:1-16	---
The seventy disciples report back to Jesus that even the demons submit to his name, Jesus praises the Father for hiding things from the wise and making them known to the children, says disciples are blessed to see what prophets and kings longed to see.	---	---	10:17-24	---
<i>Feast of Tabernacles - October 9-16, 29 CE</i> <i>end of jubilee year</i> →				
Jesus returns to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, Jewish leaders are looking for him, on the third day of the feast Jesus publicly teaches in the Temple courts.	---	---	---	7:11 7:14
Midway through the feast (fourth day), Jesus again teaches in the Temple, woman caught in adultery is brought to him for judgement, he writes in dirt, says let he who is without sin cast the first stone. ¹	---	---	---	7:53-8:11
Reactions to Jesus are mixed, Jewish authorities are astounded at the depth of his knowledge, Jesus says that his teaching is from the one who sent him, accuses the people of not keeping Law of Moses and wanting to kill him, they say Jesus is possessed by a demon.	---	---	---	7:12-13 7:15-24
People in Jerusalem are puzzled about Jesus' identity, ask if Jewish leaders really know that he is the Messiah, many believe in him because of miracles, chief priests and Pharisees try to arrest him, Jesus says they cannot go where he is going.	---	---	---	7:25-36
On last day of feast, Jesus says that out of him will flow rivers of living water so that any who thirst can drink and be refreshed.	---	---	---	7:37-38

¹ That was a sabbath day. Jesus probably wrote the Pharisaical rule against picking up a stone on the sabbath (writing in dirt was not a sabbath violation because it was not permanent writing). Under the Law of Moses, a woman caught in adultery and accused by two witnesses should be stoned. However, the crowd would not violate the Pharisaical law against picking up a stone in order to uphold the Law of Moses. Jesus in that way was pointing out their hypocrisy. Since there were not enough witnesses, Jesus did not violate the Law of Moses by not stoning the woman.

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Many people believe Jesus is the Prophet or the Messiah, others doubt his identity because he is from Galilee, Jewish leaders want to send Temple guards to arrest him, but Nicodemus reminds them that Jesus must be heard before the council.	---	---	---	7:39-52
An expert in the Law asks what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus questions him, approves the expert's response that he must love God and his neighbor, then tells the parable of The Good Samaritan.	8:19-22	---	10:25-37	---
Jesus visits in home of Martha and her sister Mary, rebukes Martha for worrying about details while he is still with them.	---	---	10:38-42	---
Jesus proclaims himself the Light of the World just prior to the Feast of Lights (Dedication), then reveals that he is not of this world, predicts that they will know him when they lift him up, many people believe in him as the Messiah.	---	---	---	8:12-30
Jesus promises that those who follow his teachings will not die, calls the Judeans children of the devil, they say he is possessed by a demon, Jesus equates himself with the Father by claiming he predates Abraham, the people pick up stones to stone him, Jesus leaves Temple.	---	---	---	8:31-59
Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, assures them that if men know to give their children good gifts, the Father will give the Holy Spirit even more so.	---	---	11:1-13	---
Jesus cures a mute man, crowds are amazed, some say Jesus is using the power of the prince of darkness Beelzebub, Jesus teaches that a guarded house cannot be invaded, that an unclean spirit will leave and, if it returns to an empty house, will bring seven unclean spirits with it.	---	---	11:14-28	---
Jesus says that a wicked generation seeks after a sign, but will get no sign but that of Jonah, adds that his teachings and works are greater than the teachings and works of both Solomon and Jonah.	---	---	11:29-32	---

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus teaches that no one who has a lamp puts it under a basket but on a lampstand, that the eye is the light of the body, and urges people to empty their body of its darkness so that it can reflect light.	---	---	11:33-36	---
Jesus dines with a Pharisee who criticizes him for not washing his hands, Jesus rebukes him for hypocrisy, experts in the law takes offense, Jesus says woe to the experts as well, Jewish religious leaders try to trap Jesus into saying something that can used to condemn him.	---	---	11:37-54	---
On sabbath Jesus heals a man born blind, Jewish leaders skeptical, Jesus says that he has come into the world so that those who cannot see can see and those who claim to see can be seen to be blind.	---	---	---	9:1-39
Jesus points out the guilt of the Pharisees who say they are not spiritually blind.	---	---	---	9:40-41
Jesus is asked about salvation, stresses the need for repentance, tells the parable of the Fig Tree that was cultivated to see if it would bear fruit in the third year.	---	---	13:1-9	---
Jesus tells the story of the Good Shepherd, explains the parable to his disciples.	---	---	---	10:1-18
Jesus heals woman infirmed for eighteen years, synagogue official objects to Jesus healing on the sabbath, tells people that they should not seek sabbath healing.	---	---	13:10-17	---
Some say Jesus is possessed by a demon, others ask how he can cast out demons and heal the sick if that is so, opinion is divided about his words and deeds.	---	---	---	10:19-21
Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed that grows into a tree, and to leaven in three measures of bread, says that the door to the kingdom is narrow, and that some who are last will be first.	---	---	13:18-30	---
Some Pharisees warn Jesus to leave Jerusalem because Herod wants to kill him, Jesus replies that a prophet cannot be killed outside of Jerusalem, then he laments over Jerusalem.	---	---	13:31-35	---

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<i>Feast of Dedication - December 17-24, 29 CE</i>				
Jesus teaches crowd of thousands in Jerusalem during the Feast of Dedication, discussing various topics (see below).	---	---	12:1-59	10:22-23
Topics taught during the feast: Gives warning against the yeast of the Pharisees (which is equated with hypocrisy), says that there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed, says that all words spoken in darkness will eventually be revealed by the light, gives promise that those who acknowledge him before men in this life will one day be acknowledged before the angels of God, gives strict warning about speaking against the Holy Spirit, tells the parable of the Rich Landowner, gives exhortation not to worry about daily needs but to pursue the kingdom and all needed things will be provided by God, instructs believers to be ever ready for service when the master returns because the Son of Man will come when he is not expected, reveals that he will not bring peace but division, laments that the people cannot read the signs of the times, urges people to make peace with their accusers.				
Jesus dines with a Pharisee in Jerusalem on the sabbath, Pharisees are watching him intently, Jesus heals man with dropsy, asks the Pharisees present who would not save their son or an ox if either fell into a well, Pharisees refuse to answer him.	---	---	14:1-6	---
Jesus tells parable of the Honored Guest, which says to seek an humble seat and let the master of the house move one to a place of honor as he sees fit, that when you give a banquet, invite the poor, not those from whom you expect a return.	---	---	14:7-14	---
Jesus tells the parable of the Banquet, which says to accept the invitation and go to the banquet without excuses or delay since the host will eventually close the door to those who refuse the invitation.	---	---	14:15-24	---
Jesus warns those who want to follow him to count the cost of discipleship, that salt that has lost its flavor is of no value.	---	---	14:25-35	---
Jesus tells parables to show how the Father rejoices over all who return, that riches have no eternal value, that those who are faithful in little will be given much; parable of the Lost Sheep and Lost Coin, parable of the Prodigal Son and Forgiving Father, parable of the Clever Steward.	---	---	15:1-16:15	---
Jesus says that the Law was in effect until John the Baptist, that it will not pass away.	---	---	16:16-17	---

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Jesus comments on divorce and adultery.	---	---	16:18	---
Jesus tells parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, says that if Israel will not believe Moses and the Prophets, they will not believe if one comes back from the dead.	---	---	16:19-31	---
Jesus warns against being a stumbling block, teaches on forgiveness.	---	---	17:1-6	---
Jesus teaches that a servant should not expect praise or reward from his master for doing what he is commanded to do.	---	---	17:7-10	---
Jesus heads to Jerusalem, passing through Samaria he heals ten lepers, one returns.	---	---	17:11-19	---
Jewish leaders try to get Jesus to say that he is the Messiah, he says that they have seen his deeds and that the deeds identify him, that his sheep hear his voice, reveals that the kingdom will not come with signs but is already in their midst, Jesus adds that he and the Father are one, Pharisees attempt to stone him for blasphemy.	---	---	17:20-21	10:24-39
Jesus reveals that the days are coming when they will desire to see the coming of the Son of Man but that first he must suffer many things.	---	---	17:22-37	---
Jesus tells two parables about prayer: parable of the Persistent Widow, parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector.	---	---	18:1-14	---
Jesus teaches about divorce, changes the terms of divorce specified by Moses.	19:1-12	10:1-12	---	---
Jesus leaves Jerusalem and goes across the Jordan to the place where John the Baptist formerly baptized (Bethany in Perea).	---	---	---	10:40
Many people come to Jesus in Bethany, some bring their children to be blessed, the disciples try to stop them but Jesus says that of such is the kingdom of God.	19:13-15	10:13-16	18:15-17	10:41-42
Jesus tells young man to sell everything, give it to the poor, and follow him, then observes that it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.	19:16-26	10:17-27	18:18-27	---

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
The disciples ask about their reward, Jesus says they will inherit eternal life and sit on twelve thrones judging the tribes of Israel.	19:27-30	10:28-31	18:28-30	---
Jesus tells the parable of the Owner of a Vineyard, a story about a man who hired workers throughout the day, then paid all the same amount no matter how long they worked, says that the last shall be first and the first shall be last in the kingdom.	20:1-16	---	---	---
On the journey back to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to the Jewish and Roman authorities to be condemned, flogged, and killed, but will rise again on the third day.	20:17-19	10:32-34	18:31-34	---
The mother of James and John seek to gain favor for her sons, Jesus says that such positions are not his to give, that to be great one must be a servant.	20:20-28	10:35-45	---	---
Approaching Jericho on the way from Perea, Jesus heals blind Bartemaueus; leaving Jericho to go up to Jerusalem, Jesus heals two more blind men.	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	---
Passing through Jericho, Jesus dines with the tax collector Zacchaeus, who believes.	---	---	19:1-10	---
Nearing Jerusalem, the people following Jesus expect that the kingdom of God will appear immediately upon his arrival, Jesus tells the parable of the Nobleman Who Goes to a Far Country to receive a kingdom, entrusting money to his three servants to use while he is gone, then comes back to settle accounts.	---	---	19:11-28	---
Jesus returns to Bethany four days after Lazarus is buried, raises Lazarus from the dead, many believe, some tell Pharisees.	---	---	---	11:1-46
Passover near, Sanhedrin discuss Jesus, decide to have him killed, so Jesus and his disciples withdraw to Ephraim.	---	---	---	11:47-57
<i>Six days before Passover</i>				
Jesus comes back to Bethany before the start of the sabbath day at sunset.	---	---	---	12:1

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<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Sabbath Day				
After sunset, Jesus eats a sabbath meal at the home of Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.	26:6	14:3a	---	12:2
Mary anoints Jesus' feet with oil of nard, Judas objects, Jesus says her deed will be remembered wherever gospel is heard.	26:7-13	14:3b-9	---	12:3-8
Crowds come from Jerusalem to see Jesus and Lazarus, Jewish leaders plot to kill both.	---	---	---	12:9-11
THE CONFIRMATION WEEK - March 31-April 7, 30 CE <i>See Diagram 7.2 on page 119; Synoptic days reckoned sunset to sunset, Johannine days sunrise to sunrise.</i>				
1st Day of the Week - 10th of Nisan¹ - Saturday/Sunday				
Jesus sends disciples from Bethphage to secure a donkey and foal.	21:1-6	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:12-19
Jesus enters Jerusalem as king seated on a donkey, ² with the people rejoicing and the Pharisees telling him to stop them.	21:7-11	---	---	---
Jesus drives money changers from Temple, ³ heals blind/lame, Jewish leaders indignant.	21:12-17	11:15-19	19:45-48	---
Greeks seek to talk with Jesus, who reveals that the Son of Man is about to be glorified, says that a grain of wheat must die to produce much grain, prays that the Father will glorify his own name, a voice answers that it will be so, Jesus tells crowd that he will be lifted up, they ask how it is that the Son of Man will die.	---	---	---	12:20-36
Many believe but are afraid to say so because of fear of the Pharisees, Jesus says those who believe will receive eternal life.	---	---	---	12:37-50
2nd Day of the Week - 11th of Nisan - Sunday/Monday				
Jesus curses the barren fig tree as he and the disciples go into Jerusalem, disciples are amazed, Jesus teaches on faith.	21:18-22	11:12-14 11:20-26	---	---
Jesus' authority is challenged by Jewish leaders, in return he asks them by whose authority John the Baptist did his works, they say that they do not know.	21:23-27	11:27-33	20:1-8	---

¹ The 10th of Nisan was the traditional day for selecting the Paschal lamb.

² That was done in fulfillment of Zechariah 9:9, as noted in the Gospels of Matthew and John.

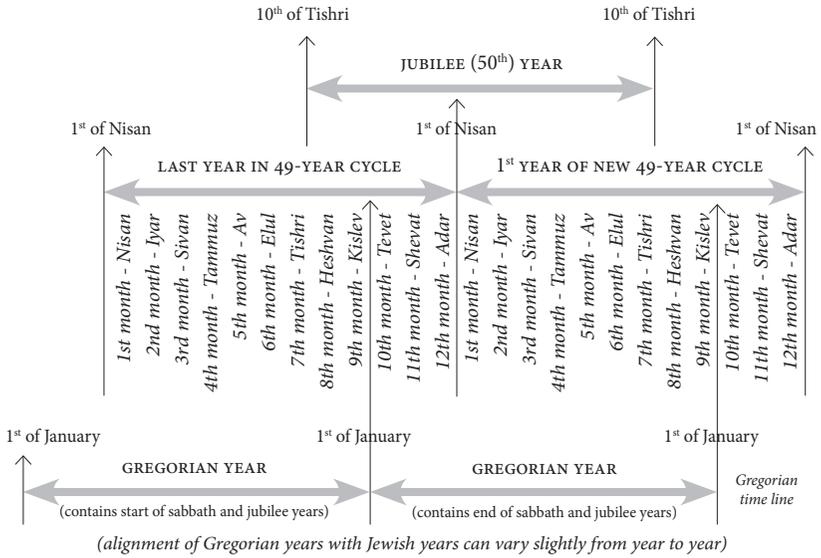
³ According to Deuteronomy 16:3-4, having leaven in the house during Passover was prohibited, so Jesus was cleaning his Father's house of leaven (manmade "laws") before Passover.

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30 CE				
<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
Jesus focuses on Israel's failure to be a nation of priests, warns that kingdom will be taken from them and given to a people who will produce fruit; parable of the Two Sons, parable of the Wicked Tenants, Parable of the Marriage of the King's Son.	21:28-44 22:1-14	12:1-11	20:9-18	---
Chief priests and Pharisees want to arrest Jesus but fear the crowds, who think he is a prophet.	21:45-46	12:12	20:19	---
Jewish authorities question Jesus about tribute to Caesar, resurrection, and which is the greatest commandment.	22:15-40	12:13-34	20:20-40	---
Jesus asks question about the Messiah, Jewish leaders cannot answer.	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44	---
Jesus specifies the eight woes, indicating what will befall the scribes and Pharisees.	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47	---
Jesus comments on the widow's mites.		12:41-44	21:1-4	---
<i>3rd Day of the Week - 12th of Nisan - Monday/Tuesday</i>				
Jesus foretells destruction of the Temple.	24:1-2	13:1-2	21:5-6	---
Jesus gives the Olivet Discourse, tells his disciples about things to come; turmoil among nations, famines, earthquakes, persecution of disciples, great suffering, false messiahs, lightning from east and west, sun and moon darkened, all tribes mourn, Son of Man appears in clouds of heaven with power and glory, angels will be sent forth to gather elect; parable of Sprouting Fig Tree, parable of Faithful and Wise Servant, parable of the Ten Virgins, parable of the Talents.	24:3-25:30	13:3-37	21:7-38	---
Jesus explains the Last Judgement.	25:31-46	---	---	---
Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to the chief priests, Jewish elders meet in Caiphus' house to plan how to have Jesus arrested, but do not want him killed during the Passover festival.	26:1-5	14:1-2	22:1-2	---
<i>4th Day of the Week - 13th of Nisan - Tuesday/Wednesday</i>				
Judas goes to the chief priests and agrees to betray Jesus, begins looking for a way.	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6	---
Disciples make preparations for Passover (and 1st Day of Feast of Unleavened Bread).	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13	---

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30 CE				
<i>Events (cont.)</i>	<i>Matthew</i>	<i>Mark</i>	<i>Luke</i>	<i>John</i>
PASSOVER #3 - 5th Day of the Week - 14th of Nisan - Wednesday/Thursday				
Jesus and disciples eat meal in upper room after sunset (<i>same day Paschal lambs slain</i>).	26:20-35	14:17-31	22:14-38	13:1-17:26
Topics taught in the upper room: Jesus washes the disciples feet, names Judas as his betrayer, institutes the Lord's Supper (changing the focus of the Passover from deliverance out of Egypt to deliverance from death, says that his blood confirms the new covenant), foretells the denials by Peter, says that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life, promises to send the Comforter (the Holy Spirit), tells the parable of the Vine and Branches, reveals his going and his return, prays for the disciples and then prays for all who will believe after his resurrection.				
Jesus prays in Gethsemane.	26:36-46	14:32-42	22:39-46	18:1
Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested.	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-12
Jesus tried before Annas and Sanhedrin, Peter denies Jesus at daybreak, Sanhedrin condemns Jesus for blasphemy, delivers him to Romans for execution.	26:57-75 27:1-2	14:53-72	22:54-71	18:13-27
Judas hangs himself.	27:3-10	---	---	---
Jesus is tried before Roman officials, first Pilate, then Herod Antipas, then back to Pilate who condemns him to be crucified.	27:11-31	15:1-20	23:1-25	18:28-19:16
Jesus crucified at noon, dies at 3pm while Paschal lambs are being slain until sunset.	27:32-56	15:21-41	23:26-49	19:17-37
Before sunset, Jesus' body is removed from the cross, placed in tomb by Joseph of Arimathea.	27:57-61	15:42-47	23:50-56	19:38-42
6th Day of the Week - 15th of Nisan - Thursday/Friday 1st Day of the Feast of Weeks (First Fruits) for Pharisees (see page 119)				
After sunset, the Paschal lambs are eaten by Jews to commemorate the Exodus, and by the disciples in remembrance of Jesus.	<i>That event is not mentioned in the Gospels, but Passover was kept by all observant Jews, and the eleven disciples would have been no exception.</i>			
Jewish leaders go to Pilate and demand a Roman guard be placed on Jesus' tomb.	27:62-66	---	---	---
Sabbath Day - 16th of Nisan - Friday/Saturday 1st Day of the Feast of Weeks (First Fruits) for Sadducees (see page 119)				
Jesus' dead body lays in tomb	---	---	---	---
1st Day of the Week - 17th of Nisan - Saturday/Sunday				
After sabbath ends at sunset, women purchase and prepare burial spices.	---	16:1	---	---
Jesus' body resurrected to life after three days and three nights; during the next 40 days, Jesus appears to many witnesses as proof of his resurrection to life.	28:1-20	16:2-20	24:1-53	20:1-21:24



Relationship of Sabbath, Jubilee, and Gregorian Years