

Life of Christ

The sources of the gospels

1. In the dedication, Luke explains his method of research. Lk 1:1-4

The pre-existence of Christ and his incarnation

2. In his introduction, John pictures Christ as the WORD. Jn 1:1-18

A. Eternally the same Heb 13:8

B. No beginning Heb 7:3

C. Activities are eternal Micah 5:2-4

D. He was before Abraham Jn 8:58

E. He was before creation Rev 1:4,8,11,17,18, Col 1:12-17, Jn 17:5,24

The two genealogies in Mt and Lk

3. Joseph's genealogy Mt 1:1-17 Mary's genealogy Lk 3:23-38

*Note: In Mt 1:16, the term "Jacob begat Joseph"; in Lk, it simply says "son of Heli". Joseph is the son-in-law of Heli and the real son of Jacob. This is a scriptural and sound way of using the term son, I Sam 24:16, 26:17. Some say that Jacob and Heli were stepbrothers, and that Jacob married Heli's widow. Thus, Jacob is the real father and Heli is the legal father. Mt gives the legal descent through Joseph and Lk gives the real genealogy through Mary.

The birth and childhood of John Baptist and of Jesus 7 BC- 7 AD

4. The annunciation of the birth of John to Zacharias Lk 1:5-25 The temple in Jerusalem

5. The annunciation of the birth of Jesus to the virgin Mary Lk 1:26-38 Nazareth

6. The song of Elizabeth to Mary upon her visit Lk 1:39-45 Judean hill country Jdgs 5:24

7. The Magnificat of Mary (Magnificat means chant or hymn taken from the Latin) Lk 1:46-56
Judean hill country

8. The birth and childhood of John Baptist and his desert life Lk 1:57-80 Judean hill country

9. The annunciation to Joseph of the birth of Jesus Mt 1:18-25 Nazareth

10. The birth of Jesus Lk 2:1-7 Probably 6-4 BC Bethlehem

*Note: You can know within a few years the birth of Jesus. Dan 9:24-25 from the commandment to build Jerusalem given in Ezra 1 or Neh 2. This is said to be 69 wks and in Gen 29:27, Num 14:34, Ezek 4:6 each day of the week can stand for a year which would give us 483 years. We know that the chief priests and scribes knew within two years of his birth, for Herod the Great had all the babies killed that were two and under.

*Note: Approximate month of the year he was born can be found by the Passovers in His life. There are four Passovers in John and a Passover is in march-April. The sheep were taken into the folds in November and kept until March. The sacred year began in March-April, whereas the civil year began in Sept-Oct.

11. The praise of the angels and the homage (reverence) of the shepherds Lk 2:8-20 Near Bethlehem
12. The circumcision of Jesus Lk 2:21 Bethlehem
13. The presentation in the temple with the homage of Simeon and Anna Lk 2:22-38 Jerusalem
14. Magi visits the new born king of the Jews Mt 2:1-12 Jerusalem and Bethlehem
15. The child Jesus carried to Egypt and the children at Bethlehem slain Mt 2:13-18
16. The child brought back to Nazareth Mt 2:19-23, Lk 2:39
17. The childhood of Jesus at Nazareth Lk 2:40
18. The visit of the boy Jesus to Jerusalem when twelve Lk 2:41-50
19. The eighteen years of silence Lk 2:51-52

The beginning of John Baptist's ministry 25 AD

20. The time of the beginning Mk 1:1, Lk 3:1-2 The wilderness of Judea and beside the Jordan

*Note: The Herods are of an Edomite line of kings from Idumea, who under Rome got control of Judea shortly before Christ, by Julius Caesar. Palestine was at this time under Roman rule. Herod the great 37BC-4BC (Mt 2:1), he was a ruthless murderer. He killed a brother in law, his wife's uncle, his wife, his mother in law, and three of his sons. As his struggle began, the kingdom split three ways. Herod Archelaus 4BC-6AD (Mt 2:22) was over Judea and Samaria. Herod Antipas 4BC-39AD (Lk 3:1) was over Galilee and Perea. He had John Baptist beheaded (Mk 6:14-28). Herod Phillip 4BC-34AD (Lk 3:1) was over Iturea and Trachonitis. Herod Agrippa I 37-44AD the kingdom was reunited under his reign, he later on had James killed (Acts 12:1). Herod Agrippa II 48-70AD he was the king who Paul was tried under (Acts 25:13-26).

21. The message and the messenger Mk 1:2-6, Mt 3:1-6, Lk 3:3-6
22. A sample of John's preaching Mt 3:7-10, Lk 3:7-14
23. The forerunners picture of the Messiah before seeing Him Mk 1:7-8, Mt 3:11-12, Lk 3:15-18

The beginning of Jesus' public ministry Approx. 26AD

24. Testimony of John to the priests and Levites Jn 1:19-28 Bethabara beyond Jordan
25. The baptism of Jesus by John in Jordan Mk 1:9-11, Mt 3:13-17, Lk 3:21-23 Beyond Jordan
26. John identifying Jesus as the Messiah Jn 1:29-42 Beyond Jordan
27. The temptation of Jesus Mk 1:12-13, Mt 4:1-11, Lk 4:1-13 The wilderness of Judea, probably Mt. Sinai
28. Jesus choosing his first disciples Jn 1:43-51
29. Jesus works his first miracle at Cana Jn 2:1-11 Cana in Galilee
30. Jesus' first abode Jn 2:12 Capernaum (later on this will become the center of his activities)

31. Jesus' first cleansing of the temple Jn 2:13-22 (Note the first Passover) Jerusalem
32. Jesus' dealing with Nicodemus Jn 2:23-3:21 Jerusalem
33. John's loyalty to Jesus and their ministry Jn 3:22-36 Judea and Samaria
34. Jesus leaves Judea Jn 4:1-4, Mk 1:14, Mt 4:12, Lk (3:19-20) 4:14
35. Jesus in Samaria Jn 4:5-42 Jacob's well in Sychar
36. Jesus arrives in Galilee Jn 4:43-45

The great Galilean ministry Fall of 27AD

37. Going to Galilee Mk 1:14-15, Mt 4:17, Lk 4:14-15
38. Healing at Cana of the son of a nobleman at Capernaum Jn 4:46-54
39. First rejection at Nazareth Lk 4:16-31
40. The new home in Capernaum Mt 4:13-16, Lk 4:31-32
41. Jesus finds four fishermen to fish for men Mk 1:16-20, Mt 4:18-22, Lk 5:1-11
- *Note: Two of these men were disciples in Jn 1 but are now called to leave their business and follow Jesus.
42. A man in the synagogue with an unclean spirit is healed Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:31-37
43. Peter's mother in law and others are healed Mk 1:29-34, Mt 8:14-22, Lk 4:38-41 Capernaum
44. First healing tour of Galilee with his disciples Mk 1:35-39, Mt 4:23-25 Lk 4:42-44
45. The leper healed Mk 1:40-45 Mt 8:2-4 Lk 5:12-16
46. A man sick with palsy is let down through a roof and healed Mk 2:1-12, Mt 9:1-8, Lk 5:17-26 Capernaum
47. The call of Matthew Mk 2:13-17, Mt 9:9-13, Lk 5:27-32 Capernaum
48. Fasting and the parable of the old and new garment and the wine and bottles Mk 2:18-22, Mt 9:14-17, Lk 5:33-39
49. The second Passover, healing at the pool of Bethesda, discourse on divinity Jn 5:1-47
50. Jesus and the sabbath Mk 2:23-28, Mt 12:1-8, Lk 6:1-5
51. Controversy over the sabbath when a man with a withered hand is healed Mk 3:1-6, Mt 12:9-14, Lk 6:6-11
52. Jesus teaches and heals many by the Sea of Galilee Mk 3:7-12, Mt 12:15-21
53. After a night of prayer, Jesus selects twelve apostles Mk 3:13-19, Lk 6:12-16, Mt 10:1-4
54. The beginning of the Sermon on the Mount Mt 5:1-12, Lk 6:17-26 (mountain near Capernaum). Mt 5-7 and Lk 6:17-49 ending with the parable of the wise and foolish builder.

*Note: The probable place is called “Horns of Hattin”, a small mountain about 1200 ft. high with two points. Also called “Tell Hattin (Kurun Hattin)”, it is located west of the Sea of Galilee according to Latin monks.

55. Centurion’s servant healed at Capernaum Mt 8:5-13, Lk 7:1-10 In Matthew, it seems like the centurion comes in person, but in Luke it seems like he sends elders. What one does by means of another, he does himself. Jn 19:1, Mk 10:35/Mt 20:20

56. The widow’s son raised at Nain Lk 7:11-17 One of the most dramatic miracles to this point.

57. John asking if Jesus is the one and Jesus talking of John Mt 11:2-19, Lk 7:18-35 Machaerus, according to Josephus

58. Woes upon Chorazin and Bethsaida Mt 11:20-30

59. Anointing of Christ’s feet, and the two debtors Lk 7:36-50

60. Second tour of Galilee Lk 8:1-3

61. The demoniac healed and the blasphemous calling of Beelzebub Mk 3:20-30, Mt 12:22-37 Galilee (The one in Luke 11 occurs later)

62. Signs and Jonah Mt 12:38-45 Galilee

63. Discourse on brother and sister Mk 3:31-35, Mt 12:46-50, Lk 8:19-21 Galilee

64. The first group of parables, instructing to the group Mk 4:1-2, Mt 13:1-3, Lk 8:4 Galilee

A. Parable of the sower Mk 4:3-25, Mt 13:3-23, Lk 8:5-18

B. Parable of the seed growing of itself Mk 4:26-29 (K of God)

C. Parable of the tares Mt 13:24-30

D. Explanation of parable of the tares Mt 13:36-43

E. Parable of the mustard seed Mk 4:30-32, Mt 13:31-32 (K of H) Lk 13:18-19 (K of G)

F. Parable of leaven Lk 13:21-22, Mt 13:33-35

G. Parable of the hidden treasure Mt 13:44

H. Parable of the pearl of great price Mt 13:45-46

I. Parable of the net Mt 13:47-50

J. Parable of the householder Mt 13:51-53

65. Crossing the lake and stilling the tempest Mk 4:35-41, Mt 8:18,23-27, Lk 8:22-25

66. Beyond the lake, Jesus heals the demoniac in the country of the Gadarenes Mk 5:1-20, Mt 8:28-34, Lk 8:26-39

67. The healing of Jarius’ daughter and the woman touching his garment Mk 5:21-43, Mt 9:18-26, Lk 8:40-56

68. Two blind men and a dumb man healed Mt 9:27-34

69. The last visit to Nazareth and the rejection Mk 6:1-6, Mt 13:54-58
70. The third tour of Galilee and instructing and sending the disciples out Mk 6:7-13, Mt 9:35-11:1, Lk 9:1-6
71. The account of John Baptist's death Mk 6:14-29, Mt 14:1-12, Lk 9:7-9

The special training of the twelve in districts around Galilee

72. The first retirement, the twelve return, the feeding of the five thousand Mk 6:30-44, Mt 14:13-21, Lk 9:10-17, Jn 6:1-13
73. Jesus withdraws to a mountain Mk 6:45-46, Mt 14:22-23, Jn 6:14-15
74. The twelve in a storm, Jesus walking on the sea, and Peter walking on the sea Mk 6:47-52, Mt 14:24-33, Jn 6:16-21
75. The reception at Gennesaret Mk 6:53-56, Mt 14:34-36
76. Discourse on the bread of life, some disciples turn back, Peter's confession Jn 6:22-71
77. Tradition and the rebuking of the Pharisees Mk 7:1-23, Mt 15:1-20, Jn 7:1
78. The second withdrawal, the healing of the Syrophenician woman Mk 7:24-30, Mt 15:21-28
79. The third withdrawal, the healing of a deaf man and a dumb man, feeding the 4000 Mk 7:31-8:9, Mt 15:29-38
80. A brief visit to Magdala and an attack by the Pharisees and Sadducees Mk 8:10-12, Mt 15:39-16:4 Also, Dalmanutha (west of Gennewaret lake or Chinnereth Sea)
81. The fourth retirement to Bethsaida, rebuke to the disciples, healing a blind man Mk 8:13-26, Mt 16:5-12
82. Near Caesarea Philippi, Jesus tests the twelve disciples on who he is Mk 8:27-30, Mt 16:13-20, Lk 9:18-21
83. Jesus foretells that he will be rejected, killed, and will rise the third day Mk 8:31-37, Mt 16:21-26, Lk 9:22-25
84. The coming of the Son of Man in that generation Mk 8:38-9:1, Mt 16:27-28, Lk 9:26-27
85. The transfiguration of Jesus on a mountain (most say Mt. Hermon but maybe Sinai Ex 9:16) Mk 9:2-8, Mt 17:1-8, Lk 9:28-36 (after six, about eight)
86. Puzzling of the disciples about the resurrection and about Elijah Mk 9:9-13, Mt 17:9-13, Lk 9:36
87. Demoniac boy who the disciples could not heal Mk 9:14-29, Mt 17:14-20, Lk 9:37-43
88. Jesus returns to Galilee and foretells his death and resurrection Mk 9:30-32, Mt 17:22-23, Lk 9:43-45
89. Jesus, the tribute money, and the miracle of getting it Mt 17:24-27

90. The twelve contend as to who is the greatest, and the must of becoming a little child Mk 9:33-37, Mt 18:1-6, Lk 9:46-48

91. The mistaken zeal of John over others casting our devils, offences coming Mk 9:38-50, Mt 18:7-14, Lk 9:49-50

92. The right treatment of a brother who has sinned against another and the duty to forgive Mt 18:15-35

93. The Messiah's followers must give up all to follow Mt 8:18-22, Lk 9:57-62

94. Trying to get Jesus to go to Judea Jn 7:2-9

95. Jesus goes privately to Jerusalem Lk 9:51-56, Jn 7:10

The later Judean ministry (This ministry is given by John and Luke)

96. Jesus at the feast of tabernacles, the people divided over who Jesus is Jn 7:11-52 Jerusalem

97. The woman taken in adultery (this passage is attacked in many new versions) Jn 7:53-8:11

98. In the temple claiming to be the light of the world Jn 8:12-20

99. Jesus exposes the sinfulness of the Pharisees and they try to stone him Jn 8:21-59

100. Jesus heals the man who was born blind Jn 9:1-41

101. The parables of Jesus as the door and the shepherd of the sheep Jn 10:1-21

102. The mission of the seventy and judgment on the cities Lk 10:1-24 Probably in Judea, maybe in Samaria because of Lk 10:13-15, but no real proof.

103. Jesus answers a lawyer with the parable of the good Samaritan Lk 10:25-37 Probably in Judea, maybe in Samaria, same as #102, but no real proof.

104. Jesus is the guest of Mary and Martha Lk 10:38-42

105. Jesus tells the disciples how to pray, parables of the importunate friend and father Lk 11:1-13 Probably Judea

106. Jesus called Beelzebub, worthlessness of self-reformation, sign of Jonas, the candle Lk 11:14-36

107. Jesus, while eating with a Pharisee, denounces them and the lawyers Lk 11:37-54 Probably Judea

108. Jesus warns of the leaven of the Pharisees, parable of the rich fool, the second coming Lk 12:1-59 Judea

109. Repent or perish, parable of the barren fig tree Lk 13:1-9 Judea

110. The bowed woman healed Lk 13:10-17

111. The feast of dedication, Jesus' sheep, Jesus and the Father are one Jn 10:22-39 Jerusalem

The later Perea ministry

112. Jesus withdraws beyond Jordan where John baptized Jn 10:40-42
113. Teaching on the way to Jerusalem, lamenting over Jerusalem Lk 13:22-35
114. Healing on the sabbath while with a Pharisee, parable of an ambitious guest and supper Lk 14:1-24 Probably in Perea
115. Discipleship and counting the cost Lk 14:25-35 Perea
116. The Pharisees murmur, parables the lost sheep, the lost coin, the lost son Lk 15:1-32 Perea
117. The parables of the unjust steward, the rich man and Lazarus, the unprofitable servants Lk 16:1-17:10 Perea
118. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead Jn 11:1-44 Bethany from Perea
119. The Pharisees plot to kill Jesus Jn 11:45-54 Jerusalem and Ephraim in Judea
120. Jesus starts on his last journey to Jerusalem, ten lepers healed, the kingdom, and the second coming Lk 17:11-37 Samaria and Galilee
121. Prayer and the parables of the importunate widow, the pharisee and publican Lk 18:1-14
122. Jesus, going from Galilee to Judea, teaches on divorce and remarriage Mk 10:1-12, Mt 19:1-12
123. Christ and the little children Mk 10:13-16, Mt 19:13-15, Lk 18:15-17 Perea
124. The rich young ruler, the apostles' place in the kingdom, the parable of the vineyard Mk 10:17-31, Mt 19:16-20:16, Lk 18:18-30 Perea
125. Jesus foretells his death and resurrection, James' and John's mother makes a request Mk 10:32-45, Mt 20:17-28 Probably Perea
126. Blind Bartimaeus and his companion healed Mk 10:46-52, Mt 20:29-34, Lk 18:35-43 Jericho
127. Zacchaeus, parable of the pounds, heads of Jerusalem Lk 19:1-28 Jericho

The last public ministry in Jerusalem

128. Jesus arrives at Bethany near Jerusalem Jn 11:55-12:11
129. Triumphal entry into Jerusalem as the Messiah Mk 11:1-11, Mt 21:1-11, 14-17, Lk 19:29-44, Jn 12:12-19
130. The barren fig tree cursed, cleansing of the temple (the second one: one as he begins and one as he closes his ministry) Mk 11:12-18, Mt 21:18,19,12,13, Lk 19:45-48 Bethany and Jerusalem
131. Desire of the Greeks to see Jesus, tells of his death Jn 12:20-50 Jerusalem
132. The barren fig tree found to have withered Mk 11:19-25, Mt 21:19-22, Lk 21:37,38 Between Bethany and Jerusalem

133. Jesus' authority challenged, parable of the vineyard and the heir, the marriage feast Mk 11:27-12:12, Mt 21:23-22:14, Lk 20:1-19

134. The Pharisees and Herodians try to ensnare Jesus about paying tribute Mk 12:13-17, Mt 22:15-22, Lk 20:20-26

135. The Sadducees ask him a question about the resurrection Mk 12:18-27, Mt 22:23-33, Lk 20:27-40 In the court of the temple, Tuesday (In Mark, we get the order of the days. All agree that Palm Sunday is Mk 11:11, Monday is Mk 11:12, Monday evening is Mk 11:19, Tuesday morning is Mk 11:20, after two days would be Thursday Mk 14:1)

136. The Pharisees now have a scribe ask Jesus a question about which is the greatest commandment Mk 12:28-34, Mt 22:34-40 Court of the temple, Tuesday

137. Jesus silences his questioners with a question about David Mk 12:35-37, Mt 22:41-46, Lk 20:41-44 Court of the temple, Tuesday

138. Jesus' last trip to the temple, and last public message until the trial and crucifixion Mk 12:38-40, Mt 23:1-39, Lk 20:45-47

139. Jesus observes giving and the widow's mite Mk 12:41-44, Lk 21:1-4 The last occurrence in Jesus' public ministry

The end of his public ministry, he begins to deal mainly with his disciples

140. The Mt of Olives discourse (Great Eschatological Discourse), Second coming Mk 13:1-37, Mt 24,25, Lk 21:5-36

141. Jesus predicts his crucifixion Mk 14:1-2, Mt 26:1-5, Lk 22:1-2 Bethany? Tuesday evening

142. Mary at the house of Simon in Bethany anoints Jesus Mk 14:3-9, Mt 26:6-13, Jn 12: ? Bethany

143. Judas agrees to betray Jesus Mk 14:10,11, Mt 26:14-16, Lk 22:3-6

144. The preparation of the Passover Mk 14:12-16, Mt 26:17-19, Lk 22:7-13

145. Jesus and the twelve at the last supper Mk 14:17, Mt 26:20, Lk 22:14-16,24-30 Jerusalem

146. Jesus washes the disciples' feet Jn 13:1-20

147. At the meal, Jesus points out Judas as the betrayer Mk 14:18-21, Mt 26:21-25, Lk 22:21-23, Jn 13:21-30

148. Jesus talks of the Son of Man being glorified, and all being offended Mk 14:27-31, Mt 26:31-35, Lk 22:31-38, Jn 13:31-38 Jerusalem, evening before

149. Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper as a memorial Mk 14:22-25, Mt 26:26-29, Lk 22:17-20, I Cor 11:23-26

150. Farewell discourse to his disciples Jn 14

151. Discourse on the way to Gethsemane Jn 15-16

152. Jesus' intercessory prayer Jn 17

153. Going forth to Gethsemane, Jesus suffers alone Mk 14:26,32-42, Mt 26:30,36-46, Lk 22:39-46, Jn 18:1

The arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus

154. Jesus is betrayed, arrested, and forsaken Mk 14:43-52, Mt 26:47-56, Lk 22:47-53, Jn 18:2-12 (Judas knows the real place, they fall backwards) Gethsemane

155. Jesus is first examined by Annas Jn 18:13-14,19-23

156. Jesus is hurriedly tried and condemned by Caiaphas Mk 14:53,55-65, Mt 26:57,59-68, Lk 22:54,63-65, Jn 18:24

157. Peter denies Christ three times Mk 14:54,66-72, Mt 26:58,69-75, Lk 22:54-62, Jn 18:15-18,25-27 Court of the High Priest's residence

158. Jesus is formally condemned by the Sanhedrin Mk 15:1, Mt 27:1, Lk 22:66-71 Wednesday

159. Remorse and suicide of Judas Mt 27:3-10, Acts 1:18,19 Jerusalem

160. Jesus before Pilate the first time Mk 15:1-5, Mt 27:2,11-14, Lk 23:1-5, Jn 18:28-38 Jerusalem

161. Jesus before Herod Lk 23:5-12

162. Jesus' second time before Pilate Mk 15:6-15, Mt 27:15-26, Lk 23:13-25, Jn 18:38-19:10

163. The Roman soldiers mock Jesus Mk 15:16-19, Mt 27:27-30

164. Jesus on the way to the cross Mk 15:20-23, Mt 27:31-34, Lk 23:26-33, Jn 19:16,17

165. The first hours on the cross, the three saying of Jesus, the soldiers gambling for his garment, inscription on the cross, scoffing by the multitude, and others Mk 15:24-32, Mt 27:35-44, Lk 23:33-43, Jn 19:18-27

166. The three hours of darkness from noon until three Mk 15:33-37, Mt 27:45-50, Lk 23:44-46, Jn 19:28-30

167. The phenomena accompanying the death of Christ Mk 15:38-41, Mt 27:51-56, Lk 23:45,47-49

168. The burial of the body of Jesus Mk 15:42-46, Mt 27:57-60, Lk 23:50-54, Jn 19:31-42

169. The watch of the women by the tomb of Jesus Mk 15:47, Mt 27:61-66, Lk 23:55-56

The resurrection, appearances, and ascension of Christ

170. The visit of the women to the tomb of Jesus Mk 16:1, Mt 28:1

171. Earthquake, rolling away of the stone by the angel, the fright of the Roman watchers Mt 28:2-4

172. Women visit the tomb, and the message of the angels Mk 16:2-8, Mt 28:5-8, Lk 24:1-8, Jn 20:1

173. Mary and the woman report to the apostles, and Peter and John visit the tomb Lk 24:9-12, Jn 20:2-10

174. The appearance of Jesus to Mary, and his message to the disciples Mk 16:9-11, Jn 20:11-18
175. Appearance to the women Mt 28:9-10
176. Some of the guards report to the Jewish rulers Mt 28:11-15
177. Appearance to two disciples on the way to Emmaus Mk 16:12-13, Lk 24:13-32
178. The report of two disciples, news of the appearance to Simon Peter Lk 24:33-35, I Cor 15:5
179. Appearance to the astonished disciples while Thomas was absent Mk 16:14, Lk 24:36-43, Jn 20:19-25
180. Jesus appears to the disciples and convinces Thomas Jn 20:26-31, I Cor 15:5
181. Appearance to seven disciples beside the Sea of Galilee, and the miracle of the fish Jn 21
182. Appearance to five hundred, and the commission given Mk 16:15-18, Mt 28:16-20, I Cor 15:6
183. Appearance to James I Cor 15:7
184. Appearance to the disciples with more commission Lk 24:44-49, Acts 1:3-8
185. The last appearance and ascension Mk 16:19-20, Lk 24:50-53, Acts 1:9-12

Seven Sayings on the Cross

1. Father forgive Lk 23:34
2. Today thou shalt Lk 23:43
3. Woman, behold Jn 19:26-27
4. Eli, Eli Mt 27:46
5. I thirst Jn 19:28
6. It is finished Jn 19:30
7. Father, into Lk 23:46