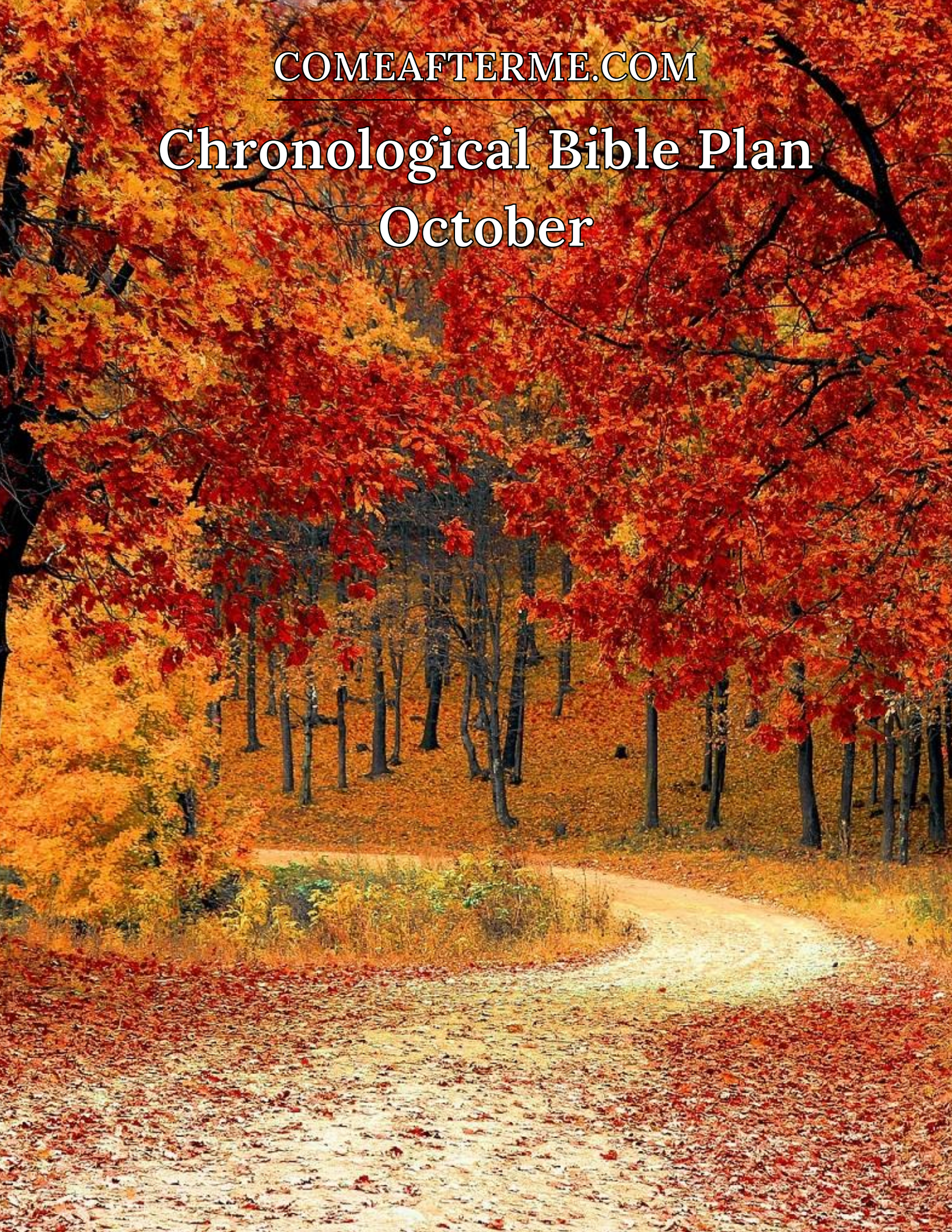


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# Chronological Bible Plan

## October





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**“Every day I will bless you and praise  
your name forever and ever” (Ps 145:2)**

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### Joseph's Dream (mid 3 BC)

Matthew 1:18–25a

- 18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.  
 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.  
 20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.  
 21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."  
 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet:  
 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." [Isa 7:14]  
 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,  
 25a but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son;

### The Birth of Jesus (late 3 or early 2 BC)

Luke 2:1–7

- 1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth.  
 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria.  
 3 And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city.  
 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David,  
 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.  
 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth.  
 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

### While Shepherds Watched (day of the birth)

Luke 2:8–20

- 8 In the same region there were *some* shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night.  
 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.  
 10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;  
 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.  
 12 This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."  
 13 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,  
 14 "Glory to God in the highest,  
 And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased."  
 15 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds *began* saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us."  
 16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.  
 17 When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child.  
 18 And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds.  
 19 But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart.  
 20 The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

### Jesus' Circumcision and Naming (8 days after birth)

Matthew 1:25b

Luke 2:21

25b and he [Joseph] called His name Jesus.

21 And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name *was then* called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.



## Jesus' Royal Jewish Lineage (8 days after birth)

Matthew 1:1–17

### Introduction

1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

### Abraham to David

2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.  
 3 Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, Perez was the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram.  
 4 Ram was the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon.  
 5 Salmon was the father of Boaz by Rahab, Boaz was the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse.  
 6a Jesse was the father of David the king. [cf. [1 Chr 2:3–15](#)]

### David to Exile (Jeconiah/Jehoiachin)

6b David was the father of Solomon by Bathsheba who had been the wife of Uriah.  
 7 Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asa.  
 8 Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah.  
 9 Uzziah was the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah.  
 10 Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, and Amon the father of Josiah.  
 11 Josiah became the father of Jeconiah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. [cf. [1 Chr 3:10–14](#)]

### Exile (Jeconiah/Jehoiachin) to Jesus

12 After the deportation to Babylon: Jeconiah became the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel.  
 13 Zerubbabel was the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor.  
 14 Azor was the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud.  
 15 Eliud was the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob.  
 16 Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

### Summary

17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

## Jesus' Human Lineage (8 days after birth)

Luke 3:23b–38

### Jesus to David

23b being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,  
 24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,  
 25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Hesli, the son of Naggai,  
 26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,  
 27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,  
 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,  
 29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,  
 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,  
 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

### David to Abraham

32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon,  
 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Admin, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah,  
 34a the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham,

### Abraham to Adam

34b the son of Terah, the son of Nahor,  
 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Heber, the son of Shelah,  
 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech,  
 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan,  
 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

## Mary's Purification Rite / Jesus' Presentation at the Temple (40 days after birth)

Luke 2:22–39a

### Jesus' Presentation

22 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord

23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "EVERY *firstborn* MALE THAT OPENS THE WOMB SHALL BE CALLED HOLY TO THE LORD"), [[Exod 13:2](#)]

24 and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord, "A PAIR OF TURTLEDOVES OR TWO YOUNG PIGEONS." [[Lev 12:8](#)]

### Simeon's Prophecy

25 And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

26 And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

27 And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law,

28 then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 "Now Lord, You are releasing Your bond-servant to depart in peace,  
According to Your word;

30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation,

31 Which You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

32 A LIGHT OF REVELATION TO THE GENTILES,  
And the glory of Your people Israel."

33 And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him.

34 And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed— [cf. [Isa 8:14–15](#)]

35 and a sword will pierce even your own soul—to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."

### Anna's Testimony

36 And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years and had lived with *her* husband seven years after her marriage,

37 and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, serving night and day with fastings and prayers.

38 At that very moment she came up and *began* giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

### Luke's Conclusion (he does not mention the Magi or the flight to Egypt)

39a When they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord,

## Visit of the Magi (2 BC)

Matthew 2:1–12

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH,  
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;  
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER  
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" [[Mic 5:2](#)]

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him."

9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.



11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

### Flight to Egypt / Massacre of the Innocents (2 BC)

Matthew 2:13–18

13 Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

14 So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt.

15 He remained there until the death of Herod. *This was* to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.” [[Hos 11:1](#)]

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

18 “A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,  
WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING,  
RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN;  
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,  
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE.” [[Jer 31:15](#)]

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#### Chronological Notes

- 1) For more detail on the historical accuracy of Luke’s chronological notation concerning Quirinius (Luke 2:2), see the following: Harold W. **Hoehner**, “Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ Part I: The Date of Christ’s Birth,” *BSac* 131:520 (Oct 1973): 338–351; Wayne **Brindle**, “The Census and Quirinius: Luke 2.2,” *JETS* 21.1 (March 1984): 43–52; Jared M. **Compton**, “Once More: Quirinius’s Census,” *DBSJ* 14 (2009): 45–54 and John H. **Rhoads**, “Josephus Misdated the Census of Quirinius,” *JETS* 54.1 (March 2011): 65–87.
- 2) Visit of the Magi.
  - A) It seems unlikely that Joseph and Mary would have returned to Nazareth immediately after Jesus’ birth, only to return to Jerusalem a month and a half later. The more likely scenario would be for them to have stayed with relatives in Bethlehem until the forty day purification period was completed (cf. Lev 12). However, the question remains: did the magi visit them before or after Jesus’ presentation at the temple? The answer is found in Luke 2:28 where it records that Joseph and Mary offered “a pair of doves or two young pigeons”—the offering prescribed for those who were poor (Lev 12:8). Had the Magi visited them before the presentation at the temple, Joseph and Mary, who were careful to observe the Law, could have afforded the more costly offering of a sheep (cf. Matt 2:11—the gift of “gold”).<sup>1</sup> Thus we conclude that the Magi’s visit to Bethlehem occurred just after Jesus’ presentation at the temple.
  - B) What of the star which the Magi reported seeing prior to their journey to Jerusalem? There have been many proposals which attempt to explain the astronomical phenomenon described by the Magi.<sup>2</sup> However, there is not enough data in Matthew’s account to determine definitively which proposal is correct. “At most we can say that the star could have appeared as early as 4 BC, no more than two years before Jesus’ birth.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Andrew E. Steinmann, *From Abraham to Paul*, 252–253.

<sup>2</sup> See the extensive discussion in Finegan, *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*, 306–320.

<sup>3</sup> Steinmann, 249–251.

### Return to Nazareth (late 1 BC or early AD 1)

Matthew 2:19–23

Luke 2:39b

19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,  
 20 “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”  
 21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel.  
 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned *by God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee,  
 23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth.  
*This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”* [cf. [Ps 22:6–8](#)]

39b they returned to Galilee, to their own city of Nazareth.

### John’s Childhood (1 BC – AD 10)

Luke 1:80a

80a And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit,

### Jesus’ Childhood (1 BC – AD 10)

Luke 2:40

40 The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

### In My Father’s House (Nisan [April] 11)

Luke 2:41–51

41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.  
 42 And when He became twelve, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast;  
 43 and as they were returning, after spending the full number of days, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But His parents were unaware of it,  
 44 but supposed Him to be in the caravan, and went a day’s journey; and they *began* looking for Him among their relatives and acquaintances.  
 45 When they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him.  
 46 Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.  
 47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.  
 48 When they saw Him, they were astonished; and His mother said to Him, “Son, why have You treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You.”  
 49 And He said to them, “Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s *house*?”  
 50 But they did not understand the statement which He had made to them.  
 51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart.

### John’s Adolescence and Early Manhood (11–29)

Luke 1:80b

80b and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

### Jesus’ Adolescence and Early Manhood (11–29)

Luke 2:52

52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.



### The Gospel—Mark’s Preface (Spring 29)

Mark 1:1

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

### John’s Public Ministry—Historical Setting (Spring 29)

Luke 3:1–2

1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene,  
2 in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness.

### John’s Public Ministry—The Messiah’s Messenger (Spring 29)

Matthew 3:1–6

Mark 1:2–6

Luke 3:3–6

1 Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying,  
2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”  
3 For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said,  
  
“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!’”

4 John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.  
  
2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; [[Mal 3:1](#); [Exod 23:20](#)]  
3 THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.’”

3 And he came into all the district around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;  
  
4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,  
  
“THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS,  
‘MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD,  
MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.  
5 ‘EVERY RAVINE WILL BE FILLED, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL WILL BE BROUGHT LOW; THE CROOKED WILL BECOME STRAIGHT, AND THE ROUGH ROADS SMOOTH;  
6 AND ALL FLESH WILL SEE THE SALVATION OF GOD.’” [[Isa 40:3–5](#)]

4 Now John himself had a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey.  
5 Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan;  
6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins.

6 John was clothed with camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey.  
5 And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem;  
and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

### John’s Public Ministry—John’s Preaching (Spring 29)

Matthew 3:7–10

Luke 3:7–14

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?  
8 Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;  
9 and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father’; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.  
10 The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

7 So he began saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?  
8 Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham for our father,’ for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.  
9 Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”  
10 And the crowds were questioning him, saying, “Then what

	<p>shall we do?”</p> <p>11 And he would answer and say to them, “The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.”</p> <p>12 And <i>some</i> tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”</p> <p>13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than what you have been ordered to.”</p> <p>14 <i>Some</i> soldiers were questioning him, saying, “And <i>what about</i> us, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse <i>anyone</i> falsely, and be content with your wages.”</p>
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### John’s Public Ministry—Concerning the Christ (Spring 29)

Matthew 3:11–12	Mark 1:7–8	Luke 3:15–18
<p>11 As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.</p> <p>12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” <a href="#">[Isa 66:24]</a></p>	<p>7a And he was preaching, and saying, 8a “I baptized you with water;</p> <p>7b After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. 8b but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”</p>	<p>15 Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ, 16 John answered and said to them all, “As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” 18 So with many other exhortations he preached the gospel to the people.</p>

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#### Chronological Notes

##### 1) Jesus’ Public Ministry.

- A) Luke 3:1 places Jesus’ baptism in the “fifteenth year of Tiberius.” Most historians and many biblical scholars put Tiberius’ 15<sup>th</sup> year in AD 29.<sup>1</sup> “Because of the difficulty of fitting the entire ministry of Jesus into a one and one-half year period, from ancient times the most favored view is that Jesus had a 3½ year ministry. The Gospel of John explicitly mentions a number of feasts, including three Passovers (first: John 2:13, 23; second: 6:4; third: 11:55 [twice]; 12:1; 13:1; 18:39; 19:14), Tabernacles (John 7:2), Dedication (John 10:22) and an unnamed feast, which must be either Tabernacles or Pentecost (John 5:1). In addition, the Synoptic Gospels report the disciples plucking grain near the beginning of Jesus’ Galilean ministry when John is silent about a Passover. This implies a fourth Passover during Jesus’ ministry (Matt 12:1; Mark 2:23; Luke 6:1). Since Jesus’ baptism took place before the first Passover mentioned in John (John 1:32), Jesus’ ministry began some months

<sup>1</sup> See the extensive discussion in Finegan, *Handbook of Biblical Chronology*, 329–49. Note Finegan’s conclusion on p. 340, #583, which I follow in this synopsis. Also see Brian Messner, “‘In the Fifteenth Year’ Reconsidered: A Study of Luke 3:1,” *Stone-Campbell Journal* 1 (Fall 1998): 201–211.

before. Therefore, the Gospel of John implies a 3½ year ministry.”<sup>2</sup>

2) Order of events.

- A) The synoptic gospels—Matthew, Mark and Luke—all have the same general order of events for Jesus’ life and ministry. While the Synoptics disagree on the order of events within certain time periods (e.g., Galilean Ministry), overall the order is chronological: Jesus’ birth, John’s ministry, Jesus’ ministry, the Passion Week, the Resurrection and the Ascension. In cases of disagreement on ordering, my synopsis will be following Mark’s order of events. This is in keeping with the majority of harmonies available today (e.g., A. T. Robertson, R. L. Thomas & S. Gundry, Kurt Aland, Floyd Jones, S. L. Cox & K. H. Easley, Orville Daniel, Ralph D. Heim, George W. Knight, E. Burton & E. J. Goodspeed, J. F. Carter, Mark A. Fahling, Burton H. Throckmorton, E. Robinson & Riddle, John MacArthur, F. R. Coulter).<sup>3</sup> One notable exception is Bernard Orchard, whose *A Synopsis of the Four Gospels in Greek* is the only implementation of the Two-Gospel Hypothesis (2GH) of which I am aware (following Matthean priority).

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<sup>2</sup> Steinmann, 260–61.

<sup>3</sup> This is due to the fact that most scholars believe that Mark was written first (known as Markan priority). See the discussions in D. A. Carson & Douglas J. Moo, *An Introduction to the New Testament*, Second Ed., (Zondervan, 2005): 77–104 and Andreas J. Kostenberger, L. Scott Kellum, Charles L. Quarles, *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown*, (B&H Academic, 2009): 158–175.

### John's Public Ministry—Jesus' Baptism (Summer 29)

Matthew 3:13–17	Mark 1:9–11	Luke 3:21–23a
<p>13 Then</p> <p>Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan <i>coming</i> to John, to be baptized by him.</p> <p>14 But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”</p> <p>15 But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit <i>it</i> at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him.</p> <p>16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove <i>and</i> lighting on Him,</p> <p>17 and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”</p>	<p>9 In those days</p> <p>Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.</p> <p>10 Immediately coming up out of the water,</p> <p>He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him;</p> <p>11 and a voice came out of the heavens: “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”</p>	<p>21 Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized,</p> <p>and while He was praying, heaven was opened,</p> <p>22 and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.”</p> <p>23a When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age,</p>

### Jesus' Temptations in the Wilderness (Summer/Autumn 29 – 40 days)

Matthew 4:1–11	Mark 1:12–13	Luke 4:1–13
<p>1 Then Jesus</p> <p>was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness</p> <p>to be tempted by the devil.</p> <p>2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.</p> <p>3 And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”</p> <p>4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’” <a href="#">[Deut 8:3]</a></p> <p>5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,</p> <p>6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON <i>their</i> HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’”</p> <p>7 Jesus said to him,</p>	<p>12 Immediately</p> <p>the Spirit impelled Him <i>to go</i> out into the wilderness.</p> <p>13 And</p> <p>He was in the wilderness forty days being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts,</p>	<p>1 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness</p> <p>2 for forty days, being tempted by the devil.</p> <p>And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became hungry.</p> <p>3 And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”</p> <p>4 And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.’”</p> <p>9 And he led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here;</p> <p>10 for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU TO GUARD YOU,’</p> <p>11 and, ‘ON <i>their</i> HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’” <a href="#">[Ps 91:11–12]</a></p> <p>12 And Jesus answered and said to him,</p>



<p>“On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’” <a href="#">[Deut 6:16]</a> 8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory; 9 and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You,  if You fall down and worship me.”  10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” <a href="#">[Deut 6:13; 10:20]</a>  11 Then the devil left Him;  and behold, angels came and <i>began</i> to minister to Him.</p>	<p>and the angels were ministering to Him.</p>	<p>“It is said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’” 5 And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 “Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’” 13 When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time.</p>
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### John’s Public Ministry—“I Am Not the Christ” (Autumn 29 – Day 1)

John 1:19–28

19 This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?”  
20 And he confessed and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Christ.”  
21 They asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” And he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”  
22 Then they said to him, “Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”  
23 He said, “I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, ‘MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,’ as Isaiah the prophet said.” [\[Isa 40:3\]](#)  
24 Now they had been sent from the Pharisees.  
25 They asked him, and said to him, “Why then are you baptizing, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”  
26 John answered them saying, “I baptize in water, *but* among you stands One whom you do not know.  
27 *It is* He who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie.”  
28 These things took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

### John’s Public Ministry—The Lamb of God (Autumn 29 – Day 2)

John 1:29–34

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
30 This is He on behalf of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’  
31 I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”  
32 John testified saying, “I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.  
33 I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, ‘He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.’  
34 I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

### Jesus’ First Disciples—Peter, Andrew and John (Autumn 29 – Day 3)

John 1:35–42

35 Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples,  
36 and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!”  
37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.  
38 And Jesus turned and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are You staying?”

39 He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

40 One of the two who heard John *speak* and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

41 He found first his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means Christ).

42 He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you shall be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

### Jesus' First Disciples—Philip and Nathanael (Autumn 29 – Day 4)

John 1:43–51

43 The next day He purposed to go into Galilee, and He found Philip. And Jesus said to him, "Follow Me."

44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and *also* the Prophets wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

46 Nathanael said to him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

51 And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see the heavens opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

### Jesus' First Sign—Wedding at Cana in Galilee (Autumn 29 – Day 6)

John 2:1–11

1 On the third day [*it was a three-day journey to the wedding—the fourth, fifth and sixth days*] there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;

2 and both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding.

3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with us? My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

6 Now there were six stone waterpots set there for the Jewish custom of purification, containing twenty or thirty gallons each.

7 Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." So they filled them up to the brim.

8 And He said to them, "Draw *some* out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it *to him*.

9 When the headwaiter tasted the water which had become wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom,

10 and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first, and when *the people* have drunk freely, *then he serves* the poorer wine; *but* you have kept the good wine until now."

11 This beginning of *His* signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

### Jesus at Capernaum (Autumn 29)

John 2:12

12 After this He went down to Capernaum, He and His mother and *His* brothers and His disciples; and they stayed there a few days.

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## Jesus' First Cleansing of the Temple Complex at Passover (April 30)

John 2:13–22

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who were selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers seated *at their tables*.

15 And He made a scourge of cords, and drove *them* all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen; and He poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables;

16 and to those who were selling the doves He said, "Take these things away; stop making My Father's house a place of business."

17 His disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME." [[Ps 69:9](#)]

18 The Jews then said to Him, "What sign do You show us as your authority for doing these things?"

19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

20 The Jews then said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days?"

21 But He was speaking of the temple of His body.

22 So when He was raised from the dead, His disciples remembered that He said this; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had spoken.

## Jesus and Nicodemus (April 30)

John 2:23–3:21

### Jesus' Miracles in Jerusalem

2:23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name, observing His signs which He was doing.

24 But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew all men,

25 and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.

### The New Birth

3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit." [cf. [Ezek 36:25–27](#); [11:19–20](#); [Jer 31:33–34](#)]

9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

13 "No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man.

14 "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; [cf. [Num 21:8–9](#)]

15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

18 "He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 "This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

20 "For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

21 "But he who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

**Early Judean Ministry—John Superseded by Jesus (April–November 30)**

John 3:22–36

22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing.  
 23 John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and *people* were coming and were being baptized—  
 24 for John had not yet been thrown into prison.  
 25 Therefore there arose a discussion on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about purification.  
 26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.”  
 27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.  
 28 “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’ [cf. [Mal 3:1](#)]  
 29 “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.  
 30 “He must increase, but I must decrease.  
 31 “He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.  
 32 “What He has seen and heard, of that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony.  
 33 “He who has received His testimony has set his seal to *this*, that God is true.  
 34 “For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure.  
 35 “The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand.  
 36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

**Early Judean Ministry—John’s Imprisonment (November/December 30)**

Matthew 14:3–5

Mark 6:17–20

Luke 3:19–20

3 For when Herod had John arrested, he bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip.  
 4 For John had been saying to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.”  
 5 Although Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded John as a prophet.

17 For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.  
 18 For John had been saying to Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”  
 19 Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death and could not *do so*;  
 20 for Herod was afraid of John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was very perplexed; but he used to enjoy listening to him.

19 But when Herod the tetrarch was reprimanded by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the wicked things which Herod had done,  
 20 Herod also added this to them all: he locked John up in prison.

**Early Judean Ministry—Jesus Decides to Leave Judea (November/December 30)**

Matthew 4:12

Mark 1:14a

Luke 4:14a

John 4:1–3

12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody,

14a Now after John had been taken into custody,

1 Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had



He withdrew into Galilee;	Jesus came into Galilee,	14a And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,	heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 2 (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were), 3 He left Judea and went away again into Galilee.
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## Through Samaria—The Woman at the Well (November/December 30 – 2 days in Sychar)

John 4:4–42

### At the Town of Sychar

4 And He had to pass through Samaria.

5 So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; [[Gen 48:21–22](#)]

6 and Jacob’s well was there. So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

### Jesus’ Conversation with the Samaritan Woman

7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

9 Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

11 She said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep; where then do You get that living water?”

12 “You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.” [cf. [Isa 55:1–3](#)]

15 The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw.”

16 He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’;

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

19 The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

20 “Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, [cf. [Gen 12:6–7](#); [33:18–20](#); [Deut 11:29](#)] and you *people* say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

21 Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

22 “You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 “But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

24 “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

25 The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

26 Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am *He*.”

### The Disciples Return

27 At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

28 So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men,

29 “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I *have* done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

30 They went out of the city, and were coming to Him.

### Workers for the Harvest

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.”

32 But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

33 So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him *anything* to eat, did he?”

34 Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

35 “Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest’? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest.

36 “Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

37 “For in this *case* the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’

38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor.”

#### **The Samaritans Believe**

39 From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I *have* done.”

40 So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

41 Many more believed because of His word;

42 and they were saying to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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### Galilean Ministry—A Warm Welcome (November/December 30)

John 4:43–45

43 After the two days He went forth from there into Galilee.

44 For Jesus Himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.

45 So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, having seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus Preaches the Gospel (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 4:17

Mark 1:14b–15

Luke 4:14b–15

17 From that time Jesus began to preach

and say, “Repent,  
for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

14b preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, “The time is fulfilled,  
and the kingdom of God is at hand;  
repent and believe in the gospel.”

14b and news about Him spread through  
all the surrounding district.

15 And He *began* teaching in their  
synagogues and was praised by all.

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Second Sign: Healing an Official’s Son (December 30 – March 31)

John 4:46–54

46 Therefore He came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a royal official whose son was sick at Capernaum.

47 When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and was imploring *Him* to come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death.

48 So Jesus said to him, “Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you *simply* will not believe.”

49 The royal official said to Him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.”

50 Jesus said to him, “Go; your son lives.” The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and started off.

51 As he was now going down, *his* slaves met him, saying that his son was living.

52 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to get better. Then they said to him, “Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.”

53 So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives”; and he himself believed and his whole household.

54 This is again a second sign that Jesus performed when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

### Galilean Ministry—Rejection at Nazareth (December 30 – March 31)

Luke 4:16–30

16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read.

17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18 “THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME,  
BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR.  
HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES,  
AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND,  
TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,

19 TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.” [[Isa 61:1–2a](#)]

20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

22 And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, “Is this not Joseph’s son?”

23 And He said to them, “No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.’”

24 And He said, “Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.

25 But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land;

26 and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, *in the land of Sidon*, to a woman who was a widow. [cf. [1 Kgs 17:8–24](#)]

27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” [cf. [2 Kgs 5:1–19](#)]

28 And all *the people* in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things;

29 and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 But passing through their midst, He went His way.

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus Makes Capernaum His Home (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 4:13–16	Mark 1:21a	Luke 4:31a
<p>13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.</p> <p>14 <i>This was</i> to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:</p> <p>15 “THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES—</p> <p>16 “THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.” [<a href="#">Isa 9:1–2</a>]</p>	<p>21a They went into Capernaum;</p>	<p>31a And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee,</p>

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus Calls Four Fishermen (December 30 – March 31)

Luke 5:1–11	
<p>1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;</p> <p>2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets.</p> <p>3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and <i>began</i> teaching the people from the boat.</p> <p>4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”</p> <p>5 Simon answered and said, “Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say <i>and</i> let down the nets.”</p> <p>6 When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets <i>began</i> to break;</p> <p>7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.</p> <p>8 But when Simon Peter saw <i>that</i>, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, “Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”</p> <p>9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;</p> <p>10 and so also <i>were</i> James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.”</p> <p>11 When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.</p>	
Matthew 4:18–22	Mark 1:16–20
<p>18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.</p> <p>19 And He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”</p> <p>20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.</p> <p>21 Going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the <i>son</i> of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them.</p> <p>22 Immediately they left the boat and their father,</p>	<p>16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.</p> <p>17 And Jesus said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”</p> <p>18 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.</p> <p>19 Going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets.</p> <p>20 Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants,</p>



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### Galilean Ministry—A Demon in the Synagogue (December 30 – March 31)

Mark 1:21b–28	Luke 4:31b–37
<p>21b and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and <i>began</i> to teach.            22 They were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as <i>one</i> having authority, and not as the scribes.            23 Just then there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 saying,</p> <p>“What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”</p> <p>25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet, and come out of him!”</p> <p>26 Throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.</p> <p>27 They were all amazed, so that they debated among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”</p> <p>28 Immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.</p>	<p>31b and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; 32 and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority.</p> <p>33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Let us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!”</p> <p>35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!”</p> <p>And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of <i>the people</i>, he came out of him without doing him any harm.</p> <p>36 And amazement came upon them all, and they <i>began</i> talking with one another saying, “What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.”</p> <p>37 And the report about Him was spreading into every locality in the surrounding district.</p>

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#### **Chronological Notes**

- 1) The similarities and differences between the synoptic accounts of Peter’s call (Matt 4:18–22; Mark 1:16–20; Luke 5:1–11) have caused scholars to come to different conclusions about the relationship of the two accounts. Some see them as different descriptions of the same event<sup>1</sup> while others see them as two separate events.<sup>2</sup> For now, I have chosen to group the events together in the reading.
- 2) Elements of Peter’s call resemble the post-resurrection story in John 21:1–14, but arguments for an originally post-resurrection setting for Luke’s tradition are unconvincing. Moreover, as Abogunrin has rightly noted, “The differences between the accounts are more striking than the similarities.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Orville E. **Daniel**, *A Harmony of the Four Gospels: The New International Version, Second Edition*, (Baker Book House, 1996), 43–44; Floyd N. **Jones**, *An Analytical Red Letter Harmony of the Four Gospels*, (KingsWord Press, 1999), 23–24; Steven L. **Cox** & Kendell H. **Easley**, *Harmony of the Gospels*, (Holman Bible Publishers, 2007), 55–56; A. T. **Robertson**, *A Harmony of the Gospels for Students of the Life of Christ*, (New York: Harper & Row, 1922), vii; Kurt **Aland**, *Synopsis of the Four Gospels* (Greek-English Edition of the *Synopsis Quattuor Evangeliorum*); Walter L. **Liefeld** & David W. **Pao**, “Luke,” *Expositor’s Bible Commentary*, Rev. Ed., 115–116; I. Howard **Marshall**, “The Gospel of Luke,” *NIGTC*, 200 [apparently]; Robert H. **Stein**, “Luke,” *New American Commentary*, 168 fn. 35; John **Nolland**, “Luke 1:1–9:20,” *Word Biblical Commentary*, Vol. 35a, 221 [apparently].

<sup>2</sup> Robert L. **Thomas** & Stanley N. **Gundry**, *A Harmony of the Gospels: New American Standard Edition*, (Moody Press 1978); Darrell L. **Bock**, “Luke 1:1–9:50,” *Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, 450–451; D. A. **Carson**, “Matthew,” *EBC*, 119 [apparently]; William **Hendriksen**, “Luke,” *Baker New Testament Commentary*, 280; Leon **Morris**, “Luke,” *Tyndale NT Commentaries*, 131–32.

<sup>3</sup> S. O. Abogunrin, “The Three Variant Accounts of Peter’s Call: A Critical and Theological Examination of the Texts,” *NTS* 31 (1985): 592–93. See also Marshall’s comments (I. Howard Marshall, “The Gospel of Luke,” *NIGTC*, 200.)

## Galilean Ministry—Healings at Capernaum (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 8:14–17	Mark 1:29–34	Luke 4:38–41
<p>14 When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.</p> <p>15 He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and waited on Him.</p> <p>16 When evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill.</p> <p>17 <i>This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."</i> [<a href="#">Isa 53:4</a>]</p>	<p>29 And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.</p> <p>30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her.</p> <p>31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.</p> <p>32 When evening came, after the sun had set, they <i>began</i> bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.</p> <p>33 And the whole city had gathered at the door.</p> <p>34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons;</p> <p>and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.</p>	<p>38 Then He got up and <i>left</i> the synagogue, and entered Simon's home.</p> <p>Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her.</p> <p>39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her; and she immediately got up and waited on them.</p> <p>40 While the sun was setting, all those who had any <i>who were</i> sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them.</p> <p>41 Demons also were coming out of many, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He would not allow them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Preaching Tour of Galilee (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 4:23–25	Mark 1:35–39	Luke 4:42–44
<p>23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.</p> <p>24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; and they brought to</p>	<p>35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left <i>the house</i>, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.</p> <p>36 Simon and his companions searched for Him;</p> <p>37 they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."</p> <p>38 He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for."</p> <p>39 And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching</p>	<p>42 When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them.</p> <p>43 But He said to them, "I must preach the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose."</p> <p>44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues</p>

Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them. 25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and <i>the</i> Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and <i>from</i> beyond the Jordan.	and casting out the demons.	of Judea.
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### Galilean Ministry—Jesus Heals a Leper (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 8:2–4	Mark 1:40–45	Luke 5:12–16
<p>2 And a leper came to Him and bowed down before Him, and said, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>3 Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.</p> <p>4 And Jesus said to him, “See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”</p>	<p>40 And a leper came to Jesus, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, “If You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>41 Moved with compassion, Jesus stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”</p> <p>42 Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed.</p> <p>43 And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away,</p> <p>44 and He said to him, “See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”</p> <p>45 But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around,</p> <p>to such an extent that Jesus could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.</p>	<p>12 While He was in one of the cities, behold, <i>there was</i> a man covered with leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”</p> <p>13 And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying, “I am willing; be cleansed.” And immediately the leprosy left him.</p> <p>14 And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.”</p> <p>15 But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear <i>Him</i> and to be healed of their sicknesses.</p> <p>16 But Jesus Himself would <i>often</i> slip away to the wilderness and pray.</p>

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus Forgives and Heals a Paralytic (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 9:1–8	Mark 2:1–12	Luke 5:17–26
<p>1 Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over <i>the sea</i> and came to His own city.</p>	<p>1 When He had come back to Capernaum several days afterward, it was heard that He was at home.</p> <p>2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.</p>	<p>17 One day</p> <p>He was teaching; and there were <i>some</i> Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting <i>there</i>, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and <i>from</i> Jerusalem; and the power of the Lord was <i>present</i> for Him to perform healing.</p>

<p>2 And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed.</p> <p>Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.”</p> <p>3 And some of the scribes said to themselves,</p> <p>“This <i>fellow</i> blasphemes.”</p> <p>4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said,</p> <p>“Why are you thinking evil in your hearts?</p> <p>5 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and walk’?</p> <p>6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —</p> <p>then He said to the paralytic, “Get up, pick up your bed and go home.”</p> <p>7 And he got up</p> <p>and went home.</p> <p>8 But when the crowds saw <i>this</i>, they were awestruck, and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.</p>	<p>3 And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic, carried by four men.</p> <p>4 Being unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and when they had dug an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralytic was lying.</p> <p>5 And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”</p> <p>6 But some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts,</p> <p>7 “Why does this man speak that way? He is blaspheming; who can forgive sins but God alone?”</p> <p>8 Immediately Jesus, aware in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them,</p> <p>“Why are you reasoning about these things in your hearts?</p> <p>9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, and pick up your pallet and walk’?</p> <p>10 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —</p> <p>He said to the paralytic,</p> <p>11 “I say to you, get up, pick up your pallet and go home.”</p> <p>12 And he got up and immediately picked up the pallet and went out in the sight of everyone, so that they were all amazed and were glorifying God,</p> <p>saying,</p> <p>“We have never seen anything like this.”</p>	<p>18 And <i>some men were</i> carrying on a bed a man who was paralyzed; and they were trying to bring him in and to set him down in front of Him.</p> <p>19 But not finding any <i>way</i> to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down through the tiles with his stretcher, into the middle of <i>the crowd</i>, in front of Jesus.</p> <p>20 Seeing their faith, He said,</p> <p>“Friend, your sins are forgiven you.”</p> <p>21 The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying,</p> <p>“Who is this <i>man</i> who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?”</p> <p>22 But Jesus, aware of their reasonings,</p> <p>answered and said to them,</p> <p>“Why are you reasoning in your hearts?</p> <p>23 Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins have been forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’?</p> <p>24 But, so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins,” —</p> <p>He said to the paralytic—</p> <p>“I say to you, get up, and pick up your stretcher and go home.”</p> <p>25 Immediately he got up before them, and picked up what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God.</p> <p>26 They were all struck with astonishment and <i>began</i> glorifying God;</p> <p>and they were filled with fear, saying,</p> <p>“We have seen remarkable things today.”</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—The Call of Matthew (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 9:9–13	Mark 2:13–17	Luke 5:27–32
<p>9 As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man called Matthew, sitting in the tax collector’s booth; and He said to him, “Follow Me!”</p> <p>And he got up and followed Him.</p> <p>10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining <i>at the table</i> in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining</p>	<p>13 And He went out again by the seashore; and all the people were coming to Him, and He was teaching them.</p> <p>14 As He passed by, He saw Levi the <i>son</i> of Alphaeus sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me!”</p> <p>And he got up and followed Him.</p> <p>15 And it happened that He was reclining <i>at the table</i> in his house, and many tax collectors and sinners were dining</p>	<p>27 After that He went out</p> <p>and noticed a tax collector named Levi sitting in the tax booth, and He said to him, “Follow Me.”</p> <p>28 And he left everything behind, and got up and <i>began</i> to follow Him.</p> <p>29 And Levi gave a big reception for Him in his house; and there was a great crowd of tax collectors and other <i>people</i> who were reclining <i>at the table</i></p>



<p>with Jesus and His disciples.</p> <p>11 When the Pharisees saw <i>this</i>, they said to His disciples, “Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?”</p> <p>12 But when Jesus heard <i>this</i>, He said, “<i>It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick.</i>”</p> <p>13 But go and learn what this means: ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’ [Hos 6:6] for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”</p>	<p>with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him.</p> <p>16 When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, “Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?”</p> <p>17 And hearing <i>this</i>, Jesus said to them, “<i>It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick;</i>”</p> <p>I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”</p>	<p>with them.</p> <p>30 The Pharisees and their scribes <i>began</i> grumbling at His disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?”</p> <p>31 And Jesus answered and said to them, “<i>It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.</i>”</p> <p>32 “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”</p>
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## Galilean Ministry—Question about Fasting (December 30 – March 31)

Matthew 9:14–17	Mark 2:18–22	Luke 5:33–39
<p>14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, “Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>15 And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they?</p> <p>But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.</p> <p>16 But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results.</p> <p>17 Nor do <i>people</i> put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved.”</p>	<p>18 John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting; and they came and said to Him, “Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?”</p> <p>19 And Jesus said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.</p> <p>20 But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.</p> <p>21 No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; otherwise the patch pulls away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear results.</p> <p>22 No one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wine will burst the skins, and the wine is lost and the skins <i>as well</i>; but <i>one</i> puts new wine into fresh wineskins.”</p>	<p>33 And they said to Him, “The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the <i>disciples</i> of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.”</p> <p>34 And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?</p> <p>35 But <i>the</i> days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”</p> <p>36 And He was also telling them a parable: “No one tears a piece of cloth from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old.</p> <p>37 And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined.</p> <p>38 But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins.</p> <p>39 And no one, after drinking old <i>wine</i> wishes for new; for he says, ‘The old is good <i>enough</i>.’”</p>

## In Jerusalem—Jesus’ Third Sign: Healing the Sick on the Sabbath (March 27 – April 3, 31)

John 5

**Jesus, in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles, Heals a Man at the Pool of Bethesda**

- 1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
- 2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep *gate* a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.
- 3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [*waiting for the moving of the waters*;
- 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]
- 5 A man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years.
- 6 When Jesus saw him lying *there*, and knew that he had already been a long time *in that condition*, He said to him, “Do you wish to get well?”
- 7 The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”
- 8 Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”
- 9 Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and *began* to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day.

**Trouble with the Jewish Leaders**

- 10 So the Jews were saying to the man who was cured, “It is the Sabbath, and it is not permissible for you to carry your pallet.”
- 11 But he answered them, “He who made me well was the one who said to me, ‘Pick up your pallet and walk.’”
- 12 They asked him, “Who is the man who said to you, ‘Pick up *your* pallet and walk?’”
- 13 But the man who was healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had slipped away while there was a crowd in *that* place.
- 14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, “Behold, you have become well; do not sin anymore, so that nothing

worse happens to you.”

15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

16 For this reason the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath.

17 But He answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I Myself am working.”

18 For this reason therefore the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because He not only was breaking the Sabbath, but also was calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God.

#### Jesus’ Discourse on the Son’s Equality with the Father

19 Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless *it is* something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.

20 For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

22 For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,

23 so that all will honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

25 Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

26 For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in Himself;

27 and He gave Him authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of Man.

28 Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice,

29 and will come forth; those who did the good *deeds* to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil *deeds* to a resurrection of judgment.

30 “I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

31 “If I *alone* testify about Myself, My testimony is not true.

32 There is another who testifies of Me, and I know that the testimony which He gives about Me is true.

33 You have sent to John, and he has testified to the truth.

34 But the testimony which I receive is not from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved.

35 He was the lamp that was burning and was shining and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light.

36 But the testimony which I have is greater than *the testimony of* John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish—the very works that I do—testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

37 And the Father who sent Me, He has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time nor seen His form.

38 You do not have His word abiding in you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; [cf. [Isa 42:1–7](#)]

40 and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life.

41 I do not receive glory from men;

42 but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves.

43 I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, you will receive him.

44 How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and* only God?

45 Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope.

46 For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. [cf. [Deut 18:15](#)]

47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

### Galilean Ministry—Lord of the Sabbath (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:1–8	Mark 2:23–28	Luke 6:1–5
<p>1 At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples became hungry and began to pick the heads <i>of grain</i> and eat. [cf. <a href="#">Deut 23:25</a>]</p> <p>2 But when the Pharisees saw <i>this</i>, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples do what is not lawful to do on a Sabbath.”</p> <p>3 But He said to them,</p>	<p>23 And it happened that He was passing through the grainfields on the Sabbath, and His disciples began to make their way along while picking the heads <i>of grain</i>.</p> <p>24 The Pharisees were saying to Him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>25 And He said to them,</p>	<p>1 Now it happened that He was passing through <i>some</i> grainfields on a Sabbath; and His disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating <i>the grain</i>.</p> <p>2 But some of the Pharisees said, “Why do you do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>3 And Jesus answering them said,</p>

<p>“Have you not read what David did when he became hungry, he and his companions, 4 how he entered the house of God,  and they ate the consecrated bread, which was not lawful for him to eat nor for those with him, but for the priests alone? [cf. <a href="#">1 Sam 21:1–6</a>; <a href="#">Lev 24:5–9</a>] 5 Or have you not read in the Law, that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple break the Sabbath and are innocent? [cf. <a href="#">Num 28:9–10</a>] 6 But I say to you that something greater than the temple is here. 7 But if you had known what this means, ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT A SACRIFICE,’ [<a href="#">Hos 6:6</a>] you would not have condemned the innocent.</p> <p>8 For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>“Have you never read what David did when he was in need and he and his companions became hungry; 26 how he entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar <i>the</i> high priest, and ate the consecrated bread, which is not lawful for <i>anyone</i> to eat  except the priests, and he also gave it to those who were with him?”</p> <p>27 Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”</p>	<p>“Have you not even read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him, 4 how he entered the house of God,  and took and ate the consecrated bread which is not lawful for any to eat  except the priests alone, and gave it to his companions?”</p> <p>5 And He was saying to them,  “The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”</p>
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## Galilean Ministry—Man with the Paralyzed Hand (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:9–14	Mark 3:1–6	Luke 6:6–11
<p>9 Departing from there, He went into their synagogue.</p> <p>10 And a man <i>was there</i> whose hand was withered. And they questioned Jesus, asking, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”</p> <p>—so that they might accuse Him.</p> <p>11 And He said to them, “What man is there among you who has a sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will he not take hold of it and lift it out? [cf. <a href="#">Deut 22:4</a>]</p> <p>12 “How much more valuable then is a man than a sheep! So then, it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”</p> <p>13 Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand!” He stretched it out, and it was restored to normal, like the other.</p> <p>14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against Him, <i>as to</i> how they might destroy Him.</p>	<p>1 He entered again into a synagogue; and a man was there whose hand was withered.</p> <p>2 They were watching Him <i>to see</i> if He would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse Him.</p> <p>3 He said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward!”</p> <p>4 And He said to them, “Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to kill?” But they kept silent.</p> <p>5 After looking around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart,</p> <p>He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and his hand was restored.</p> <p>6 The Pharisees went out and immediately <i>began</i> conspiring with the Herodians against Him, <i>as to</i> how they might destroy Him.</p>	<p>6 On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered.</p> <p>7 The scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him closely <i>to see</i> if He healed on the Sabbath, so that they might find <i>reason</i> to accuse Him.</p> <p>8 But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, “Get up and come forward!” And he got up and came forward.</p> <p>9 And Jesus said to them, “I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?”</p> <p>10 After looking around at them all,</p> <p>He said to him, “Stretch out your hand!” And he did so; and his hand was restored.</p> <p>11 But they themselves were filled with rage, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus.</p>

## Galilean Ministry—The Servant of the Lord (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:15–21	Mark 3:7–12
<p>15 But Jesus, aware of <i>this</i>, withdrew from there. Many followed Him,</p> <p>and He healed them all,</p> <p>16 and warned them not to tell who He was.</p>	<p>7 Jesus withdrew to the sea with His disciples; and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and <i>also</i> from Judea,</p> <p>8 and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and the vicinity of Tyre and Sidon, a great number of people heard of all that He was doing and came to Him.</p> <p>9 And He told His disciples that a boat should stand ready for Him because of the crowd, so that they would not crowd Him;</p> <p>10 for He had healed many, with the result that all those who had afflictions pressed around Him in order to touch Him.</p> <p>11 Whenever the unclean spirits saw Him, they would fall down before Him and shout, “You are the Son of God!”</p> <p>12 And He earnestly warned them not to tell who He was.</p>



17 <i>This was</i> to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:	
18 “BEHOLD, MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN; MY BELOVED IN WHOM MY SOUL IS WELL-PLEASSED; I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT UPON HIM, AND HE SHALL PROCLAIM JUSTICE TO THE GENTILES.	
19 “HE WILL NOT QUARREL, NOR CRY OUT; NOR WILL ANYONE HEAR HIS VOICE IN THE STREETS.	
20 “A BATTERED REED HE WILL NOT BREAK OFF, AND A SMOLDERING WICK HE WILL NOT PUT OUT, UNTIL HE LEADS JUSTICE TO VICTORY.	
21 “AND IN HIS NAME THE GENTILES WILL HOPE.” [ <a href="#">Isa 42:1–4</a> ]	

### Galilean Ministry—Appointment of the Twelve Apostles (April – December 31)

Mark 3:13–19	Luke 6:12–16
13 And He went up on the mountain  and summoned those whom He Himself wanted, and they came to Him. 14 And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He <i>could</i> send them out to preach, 15 and to have authority to cast out the demons. 16 And He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom He gave the name Peter), 17 and James, the <i>son</i> of Zebedee, and John the brother of James (to them He gave the name Boanerges, which means, “Sons of Thunder”); 18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot; 19 and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Him.	12 It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. 13 And when day came, He called His disciples to Him  and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:  14a Simon, whom He also named Peter, 14c and James and John;  14b and Andrew his brother; 14d and Philip and Bartholomew; 15a and Matthew and Thomas; James <i>the son</i> of Alphaeus, 16a Judas <i>the son</i> of James, 15b and Simon who was called the Zealot; 16b and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Setting (April – December 31)

Matthew 5:1–2	Luke 6:17–20a
1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.          2 He opened His mouth and <i>began</i> to teach them, saying,	17 Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place; and <i>there was</i> a large crowd of His disciples, and a great throng of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were being cured. 19 And all the people were trying to touch Him, for power was coming from Him and healing <i>them</i> all. 20a And turning His gaze toward His disciples, He <i>began</i> to say,

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Beatitudes and Woes (April – December 31)

Matthew 5:3–12	Luke 6:20b–26
3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.	20b “Blessed <i>are</i> you <i>who are</i> poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21b Blessed <i>are</i> you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<p>5 “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.  6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  10 “Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  11 “Blessed are you when <i>people</i> insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.  12 “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.</p>	<p>21a Blessed <i>are</i> you who hunger now, for you shall be satisfied.</p> <p>22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man.  23 Be glad in that day and leap <i>for joy</i>, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.  For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.</p> <p>24 But woe to you who are rich, for you are receiving your comfort in full.  25 Woe to you who are well-fed now, for you shall be hungry.  Woe <i>to you</i> who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.  26 Woe <i>to you</i> when all men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat the false prophets in the same way.</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Salt and Light (April – December 31)

Matthew 5:13–20

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty *again*? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.  
14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;  
15 nor does *anyone* light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.  
16 Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.  
17 “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.  
18 For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished.  
19 Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others *to do* the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.  
20 “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: OT Law and the Heart (April – December 31)

Matthew 5:21–48

Luke 6:27–30, 32–36

#### **Murder**

21 “You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ [[Exod 20:13](#); [Deut 5:17](#)]  
22 But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.  
23 Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,  
24 leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.  
25 Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison.  
26 Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.

#### **Adultery**

27 “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY’; [[Exod 20:14](#); [Deut 5:18](#)]  
28 but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.  
29 If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your

body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

30 If your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to go into hell.

### Divorce

31 "It was said, 'WHOEVER SENDS HIS WIFE AWAY, LET HIM GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE'; [[Deut 24:1-3](#)]

32 but I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except for *the* reason of unchastity, makes her commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

### Vows

33 "Again, you have heard that the ancients were told, 'YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FALSE VOWS, BUT SHALL FULFILL YOUR VOWS TO THE LORD.' [[Lev 19:12](#); [Num 30:2](#); [Deut 23:21](#)]

34 But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING. [cf. [Ps 48:2](#)]

36 Nor shall you make an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 But let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil.

### Crime and Punishment

38 "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' [[Exod 21:24](#); [Lev 24:20](#); [Deut 19:21](#)]

39 But I say to you, do not resist an evil person;

but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

40 If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also.

41 Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two.

42 Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

### Love and Hate

43 "You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR [[Lev 19:18](#)] and hate your enemy.'

44 But I say to you, love your enemies

and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on *the* evil and *the* good, and sends rain on *the* righteous and *the* unrighteous. [cf. [Acts 14:17](#)]

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have?

Do not even the tax collectors do the same?

47 If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*?

Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

29 Whoever hits you on the cheek, offer him the other also; and whoever takes away your coat, do not withhold your shirt from him either.

30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and whoever takes away what is yours, do not demand it back.

27 "But I say to you who hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, 28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

32 If you love those who love you, what credit is *that* to you?

For even sinners love those who love them.

33 If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is *that* to you?

For even sinners do the same.

34 If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is *that* to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same *amount*.

35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil *men*.

36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Authentic Righteousness (April – December 31)

Matthew 6:1–18

- 1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.
- 2 “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 3 But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,
- 4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.
- 5 “When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 6 But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.
- 7 “And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.
- 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.
- 9 “Pray, then, in this way:
- ‘Our Father who is in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.
- 10 ‘Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.
- 11 ‘Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12 ‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
- 13 ‘And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
[*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*’]
- 14 For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.
- 15 But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.
- 16 “Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
- 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

## Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom First (April – December 31)

Matthew 6:19–34

- 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.
- 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;
- 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- 22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.
- 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!
- 24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.
- 25 “For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, *as to* what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?
- 26 Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and *yet* your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they?
- 27 And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life?
- 28 And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin,
- 29 yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.
- 30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, *will He* not much more *clothe* you? You of little faith!
- 31 Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’
- 32 For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

33 But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

34 “So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: On Judging (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:1–6

1 “Do not judge so that you will not be judged.

2 For in the way you judge, you will be judged;  
and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.

3 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye,  
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

4 Or how can you say to your brother,  
‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’  
and behold, the log is in your own eye?

5 You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,  
and then you will see clearly to take the speck  
out of your brother’s eye.

6 “Do not give what is holy to dogs, and do not throw your pearls  
before swine, or they will trample them under their feet, and  
turn and tear you to pieces.

Luke 6:37–42

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged;  
and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned;  
pardon, and you will be pardoned.

38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a  
good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running  
over.

For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you  
in return.”

39 And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man cannot  
guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?

40 A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has  
been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

41 Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye,  
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

42 Or how can you say to your brother,  
‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’  
when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye?

You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye,  
and then you will see clearly to take out the speck  
that is in your brother’s eye.

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Prayer & Golden Rule (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:7–12

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock,  
and it will be opened to you.

8 For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and  
to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a  
loaf, will give him a stone?

10 Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your  
children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give  
what is good to those who ask Him!

12 “In everything, therefore,  
treat people the same way you want them to treat you,  
for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Luke 6:31

31 Treat others the same way you want them to treat you.

### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Fruit Inspectors (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:13–20

13 “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the  
way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who  
enter through it.

14 For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life,  
and there are few who find it.

15 “Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s

Luke 6:43–45



<p>clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.  16 You will know them by their fruits.  Grapes are not gathered from thorn <i>bushes</i>  nor figs from thistles, are they?  17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears  bad fruit.  18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit,  nor can a bad tree produce good fruit.  19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and  thrown into the fire.</p> <p>20 So then, you will know them by their fruits.</p>	<p>44 For each tree is known by its own fruit.  For men do not gather figs from thorns,  nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush.</p> <p>43 For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit,  nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.</p> <p>45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings  forth what is good; and the evil <i>man</i> out of the evil <i>treasure</i>  brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which  fills his heart.</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—Sermon on the Mount: Conclusion (April – December 31)

Matthew 7:21–8:1	Luke 6:46–49
<p>7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the  kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who  is in heaven <i>will enter</i>.</p> <p>22 Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not  prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and  in Your name perform many miracles?’</p> <p>23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you;  DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’ [cf. <a href="#">Ps 6:8</a>]</p> <p>24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine  and acts on them, may be compared to  a wise man who  built his house on the rock.  25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds  blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall,  for it had been founded on the rock.  26 Everyone who hears these words of Mine  and does not act on them,  will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.</p> <p>27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds  blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—  and great was its fall.”</p> <p>28 When Jesus had finished these words, the crowds were  amazed at His teaching;  29 for He was teaching them as <i>one</i> having authority,  and not as their scribes.  8:1 When Jesus came down from the mountain,  large crowds followed Him.</p>	<p>46 “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”</p> <p>47 Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words  and acts on them, I will show you whom he is like:  48 he is like a man building a house, who dug deep  and laid a foundation on the rock;  and when a flood occurred, the torrent  burst against that house and could not shake it,  because it had been well built.  49 But the one who has heard  and has not acted <i>accordingly</i>,  is like a man who built a house on the ground  without any foundation;  and the torrent  burst against it and immediately it collapsed,  and the ruin of that house was great.”</p>

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## Galilean Ministry—A Centurion’s Faith (April – December 31)

Matthew 8:5–13

5 And when Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion

came to Him, imploring Him,

6 and saying, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, fearfully tormented.”

7 Jesus said to him, “I will come and heal him.”

8 But the centurion said, “Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed.

9 For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does *it*.”

10 Now when Jesus heard *this*, He marveled and said to those who were following, “Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

11 I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline *at the table* with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven;

12 but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

13 And Jesus said to the centurion, “Go; it shall be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed that *very* moment.

Luke 7:1–10

1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.

2 And a centurion’s slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying,

“He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue.”

6 Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, “Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed.

8 For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, ‘Go!’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come!’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this!’ and he does *it*.”

9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, “I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith.”

10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

## Galilean Ministry—Jesus Raises the Widow’s Son (April – December 31)

Luke 7:11–17

11 Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.

12 Now as He approached the gate of the city, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow; and a sizeable crowd from the city was with her.

13 When the Lord saw her, He felt compassion for her, and said to her, “Do not weep.”

14 And He came up and touched the coffin; and the bearers came to a halt. And He said, “Young man, I say to you, arise!”

15 The dead man sat up and began to speak. And *Jesus* gave him back to his mother.

16 Fear gripped them all, and they *began* glorifying God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and, “God has visited His people!”

17 This report concerning Him went out all over Judea and in all the surrounding district.

## Galilean Ministry—Concerning John (April – December 31)

Matthew 11:2–19

2 Now when John, while imprisoned, heard of the works of Christ, he sent *word* by his disciples

3 and said to Him,

“Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?”

4 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you hear and see:

5 *the* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT and *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, and *the* POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

6 And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”

7 As these men were going *away*, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

8 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft *clothing*? Those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings’ palaces!

9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one who is more than a prophet.

10 This is the one about whom it is written,

‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’ [\[Mal 3:1\]](#)

11 Truly I say to you, among those born of women there has not arisen *anyone* greater than John the Baptist! Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

13 For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John.

14 And if you are willing to accept *it*, John himself is Elijah who was to come.

15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

16 “But to what shall I compare this generation?

It is like children sitting in the market places, who call out to the other *children*,

17 and say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon!’

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Luke 7:18–35

18 The disciples of John reported to him about all these things.

19 Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?”

20 When the men came to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask, ‘Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?’”

21 At that very time He cured many *people* of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He gave sight to many *who were* blind.

22 And He answered and said to them, “Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: *the* BLIND RECEIVE SIGHT, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, and *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised up, *the* POOR HAVE THE GOSPEL PREACHED TO THEM.

23 Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me.”

24 When the messengers of John had left, He began to speak to the crowds about John, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

25 But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Those who are splendidly clothed and live in luxury are *found* in royal palaces!

26 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and one who is more than a prophet.

27 This is the one about whom it is written,

‘BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.’

28 I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

29 When all the people and the tax collectors heard *this*, they acknowledged God’s justice, having been baptized with the baptism of John.

30 But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God’s purpose for themselves, not having been baptized by John.

31 “To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?

32 They are like children who sit in the market place and call to one another, and they say, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.’

33 For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon!’

34 The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Behold, a gluttonous man and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’

35 Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

**Galilean Ministry—Woe on Chorazin and Bethsaida (April – December 31)****Matthew 11:20–30**

20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 Nevertheless I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in *the* day of judgment than for you.

23 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

24 Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you.”

25 At that time Jesus said, “I praise You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants.

26 Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.

27 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.

28 “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

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### Galilean Ministry—Much Forgiveness, Much Love (April – December 31)

Luke 7:36–50

36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined *at the table*.  
 37 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,  
 38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.  
 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."  
 40 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher."  
 41 "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.  
 42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?"  
 43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly."  
 44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.  
 45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet.  
 46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.  
 47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."  
 48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."  
 49 Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?"  
 50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

### Galilean Ministry—Women Support Christ's Ministry (April – December 31)

Luke 8:1–3

1 Soon afterwards, He *began* going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him,  
 2 and *also* some women who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,  
 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

### Galilean Ministry—A Blasphemous Accusation (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:22–37

22 Then a demon-possessed man *who was* blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw.  
 23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?" [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [1 Chr 17:11–14](#)]  
 24 But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said,  
 "This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons."  
 25 And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them,  
 "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Mark 3:20–30

20 And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal.  
 21 When His own people heard *of this*, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."  
 22 The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."  
 23 And He called them to Himself and began speaking to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?  
 24 "If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.  
 25 "If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.



<p>26 “If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?  27 “If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast <i>them</i> out? For this reason they will be your judges.  28 “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.  29 “Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong <i>man</i>? And then he will plunder his house.  30 “He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.  31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people,    but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.    32 “Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the <i>age</i> to come.  33 “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit.  34 “You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart.  35 “The good man brings out of <i>his</i> good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of <i>his</i> evil treasure what is evil.  36 “But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment.  37 “For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”</p>	<p>26 “If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but he is finished!    27 “But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.    28 “Truly I say to you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;  29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—  30 because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—An Evil Generation Asks for a Sign (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:38–45

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.”  
39 But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;  
40 for just as JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE SEA MONSTER, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. [cf. [Jonah 1:17](#)]  
41 “The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. [cf. [Jonah 3](#)]  
42 “*The Queen of the South* will rise up with this generation at the judgment and will condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. [cf. [1 Kgs 10:1–10](#); [2 Chr 9:1–12](#)]  
43 “Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find *it*.  
44 “Then it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came’; and when it comes, it finds *it* unoccupied, swept, and put in order.  
45 “Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. That is the way it will also be with this evil generation.”

### Galilean Ministry—Christ’s Spiritual Family (April – December 31)

Matthew 12:46–50

Mark 3:31–35

Luke 8:19–21

46 While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers

31 Then His mother and His brothers arrived,

19 And His mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him.

and standing outside they sent *word* to Him and called Him.

<p>47 Someone said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.”</p> <p>48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”</p> <p>49 And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!</p> <p>50 “For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.”</p> <p>33 Answering them, He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?”</p> <p>34 Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!</p> <p>35 “For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”</p>	<p>20 And it was reported to Him, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.”</p> <p>21 But He answered and said to them,  “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.”</p>
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## Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Setting (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:1–3a	Mark 4:1–2	Luke 8:4
<p>1 That day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting by the sea.</p> <p>2 And large crowds gathered to Him, so He got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd was standing on the beach.</p> <p>3a And He spoke many things to them in parables, saying,</p>	<p>1 He began to teach again by the sea. And such a very large crowd gathered to Him that He got into a boat in the sea and sat down; and the whole crowd was by the sea on the land.</p> <p>2 And He was teaching them many things in parables, and was saying to them in His teaching,</p>	<p>4 When a large crowd was coming together, and those from the various cities were journeying to Him,</p> <p>He spoke by way of a parable:</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Sower and Soils (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:3b–9	Mark 4:3–9	Luke 8:5–8
<p>3b "Behold, the sower went out to sow;</p> <p>4 and as he sowed, some <i>seeds</i> fell beside the road,</p> <p>and the birds came and ate them up.</p> <p>5 Others fell on the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.</p> <p>6 But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.</p> <p>7 Others fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.</p> <p>8 And others fell on the good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.</p> <p>9 "He who has ears, let him hear."</p>	<p>3 "Listen <i>to this!</i> Behold, the sower went out to sow;</p> <p>4 as he was sowing, some <i>seed</i> fell beside the road,</p> <p>and the birds came and ate it up.</p> <p>5 Other <i>seed</i> fell on the rocky <i>ground</i> where it did not have much soil; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.</p> <p>6 And after the sun had risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away.</p> <p>7 Other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.</p> <p>8 Other <i>seeds</i> fell into the good soil, and as they grew up and increased, they yielded a crop and produced thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</p> <p>9 And He was saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."</p>	<p>5 "The sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was trampled under foot and the birds of the air ate it up.</p> <p>6 Other <i>seed</i> fell on rocky <i>soil</i>, and as soon as it grew up,</p> <p>it withered away, because it had no moisture.</p> <p>7 Other <i>seed</i> fell among the thorns; and the thorns grew up with it and choked it out.</p> <p>8 Other <i>seed</i> fell into the good soil, and grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."</p> <p>As He said these things, He would call out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Growing Seed (April – December 31)

Mark 4:26–29
<p>26 And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil;</p> <p>27 and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know.</p> <p>28 The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head.</p> <p>29 But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Wheat and Tares (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:24–30
<p>24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.</p> <p>25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.</p> <p>26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.</p> <p>27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'</p>

28 And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

29 But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Mustard Seed (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:31–32	Mark 4:30–32
<p>31 He presented another parable to them, saying,</p> <p>"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field;</p> <p>32 and this is smaller than all <i>other</i> seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR COME and NEST IN ITS BRANCHES."</p>	<p>30 And He said,</p> <p>"How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it?</p> <p>31 <i>It is</i> like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil,</p> <p>32 yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR CAN NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."</p>

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Leavened Loaf (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:33–36a	Mark 4:33–34
<p>33 He spoke another parable to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."</p> <p>34 All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable.</p> <p>35 <i>This was</i> to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH IN PARABLES; I WILL UTTER THINGS HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." [Ps 78:2]</p> <p>36a Then He left the crowds and went into the house.</p>	<p>33 With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it;</p> <p>34 and He did not speak to them without a parable;</p> <p>but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.</p>

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus' Parables: Sower and Soils Explained (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:10–23	Mark 4:10–25	Luke 8:9–18
<p>10 And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"</p> <p>11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted.</p> <p>12 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.</p> <p>13 Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.</p>	<p>10 As soon as He was alone, His followers, along with the twelve, <i>began</i> asking Him <i>about</i> the parables.</p> <p>11 And He was saying to them, "To you has been given the mystery of the kingdom of God, but those who are outside get everything in parables,</p> <p>12 so that WHILE SEEING, THEY MAY SEE AND NOT PERCEIVE, AND WHILE HEARING, THEY MAY HEAR AND NOT UNDERSTAND, OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN."</p>	<p>9 His disciples <i>began</i> questioning Him as to what this parable meant.</p> <p>10 And He said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest <i>it is</i> in parables,</p> <p>so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.</p>

<p>14 In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, 'YOU WILL KEEP ON HEARING, BUT WILL NOT UNDERSTAND; YOU WILL KEEP ON SEEING, BUT WILL NOT PERCEIVE; 15 FOR THE HEART OF THIS PEOPLE HAS BECOME DULL, WITH THEIR EARS THEY SCARCELY HEAR, AND THEY HAVE CLOSED THEIR EYES, OTHERWISE THEY WOULD SEE WITH THEIR EYES, HEAR WITH THEIR EARS, AND UNDERSTAND WITH THEIR HEART AND RETURN, AND I WOULD HEAL THEM.' [Isa 6:9-10]</p> <p>16 But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear.</p> <p>17 For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men desired to see what you see, and did not see <i>it</i>, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear <i>it</i>.</p> <p>18 Hear then the parable of the sower.</p> <p>19b This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.</p> <p>19a When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil <i>one</i> comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart.</p> <p>20 The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no <i>firm</i> root in himself, but is <i>only</i> temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.</p> <p>22 And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</p> <p>23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."</p>	<p>13 And He said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How will you understand all the parables?</p> <p>14 The sower sows the word.</p> <p>15 These are the ones who are beside the road where the word is sown; and when they hear, immediately Satan comes and takes away the word which has been sown in them.</p> <p>16 In a similar way these are the ones on whom seed was sown on the rocky <i>places</i>, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy; 17 and they have no <i>firm</i> root in themselves, but are <i>only</i> temporary; then, when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they fall away.</p> <p>18 And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, 19 but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.</p> <p>20 And those are the ones on whom seed was sown on the good soil; and they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold."</p> <p>21 And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought</p>	<p>11 Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God.</p> <p>12 Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.</p> <p>13 Those on the rocky <i>soil are</i> those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no <i>firm</i> root; they believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away.</p> <p>14 The <i>seed</i> which fell among the thorns, these are the ones who have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with worries and riches and pleasures of <i>this</i> life, and bring no fruit to maturity.</p> <p>15 But the <i>seed</i> in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.</p> <p>16 Now no one after lighting a lamp</p>
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	<p>to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not <i>brought</i> to be put on the lampstand?</p> <p>22 For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has <i>anything</i> been secret, but that it would come to light.</p> <p>23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”</p> <p>24 And He was saying to them, “Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides.</p> <p>25 For whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him.”</p>	<p>covers it over with a container, or puts it under a bed; but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light.</p> <p>17 For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor <i>anything</i> secret that will not be known and come to light.</p> <p>18 So take care how you listen;</p> <p>for whoever has, to him <i>more</i> shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has shall be taken away from him.”</p>
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### Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Wheat and Tares Explained (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:36b–43

36b And His disciples came to Him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.”

37 And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

38 and the field is the world; and *as for* the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil *one*;

39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

### Galilean Ministry—Jesus’ Parables: Kingdom of Heaven (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:44–53

44 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls,

46 and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering *fish* of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good *fish* into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous,

50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

51 Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes.”

52 And Jesus said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household, who brings out of his treasure things new and old.”

53 When Jesus had finished these parables, He departed from there.

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## Galilean Ministry—Jesus Calms the Storm (April – December 31)

Matthew 8:18, 23–27	Mark 4:35–41	Luke 8:22–25
<p>18 Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him,</p> <p>He gave orders to depart to the other side of the sea.</p> <p>23 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him.</p> <p>24 And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep.</p> <p>25 And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!”</p> <p>26 He said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?”</p> <p>Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm.</p> <p>27 The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”</p>	<p>35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side.”</p> <p>36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.</p> <p>37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.</p> <p>38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, “Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?”</p> <p>39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Hush, be still.” And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.</p> <p>40 And He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”</p> <p>41 They became very much afraid and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?”</p>	<p>22 Now on one of those days Jesus and His disciples got into a boat, and He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.”</p> <p>So they launched out.</p> <p>23 But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they began to be swamped and to be in danger.</p> <p>24 They came to Jesus and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”</p> <p>And He got up and rebuked the wind and the surging waves, and they stopped, and it became calm.</p> <p>25 And He said to them, “Where is your faith?”</p> <p>They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?”</p>

## Galilean Ministry—The Gerasene Demoniacs (April – December 31)

Matthew 8:28–34	Mark 5:1–20	Luke 8:26–39
<p>28 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs.</p> <p><i>They were</i> so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way.</p>	<p>1 They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.</p> <p>2 When He got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him,</p> <p>3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain;</p> <p>4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him.</p> <p>5 Constantly, night and day, he was screaming among the tombs and in the</p>	<p>26 Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.</p> <p>27 And when He came out onto the land, He was met by a man from the city who was possessed with demons; and who had not put on any clothing for a long time, and was not living in a house, but in the tombs.</p>

<p>29 And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”</p> <p>30 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding at a distance from them.</p> <p>31 The demons <i>began</i> to entreat Him, saying, “If You <i>are going to</i> cast us out, send us into the herd of swine.”</p> <p>32 And He said to them, “Go!” And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea</p> <p>and perished in the waters.</p> <p>33 The herdsmen</p> <p>ran away, and went to the city and reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs.</p> <p>34 And behold, the whole city</p> <p>came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw Him,</p> <p>they</p> <p>implored Him to leave their region.</p>	<p>mountains, and gashing himself with stones.</p> <p>6 Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7 and shouting with a loud voice, he said, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!”</p> <p>8 For He had been saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”</p> <p>9 And He was asking him, “What is your name?” And he said to Him, “My name is Legion; for we are many.”</p> <p>10 And he <i>began</i> to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.</p> <p>11 Now there was a large herd of swine feeding nearby on the mountain.</p> <p>12 <i>The demons</i> implored Him, saying, “Send us into the swine so that we may enter them.”</p> <p>13 Jesus gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand <i>of them</i>; and they were drowned in the sea.</p> <p>14 Their herdsmen</p> <p>ran away and reported it in the city and in the country.</p> <p>And <i>the people</i> came to see what it was that had happened.</p> <p>15 They came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the “legion”; and they became frightened.</p> <p>16 Those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and <i>all</i> about the swine.</p> <p>17 And they</p> <p>began to implore Him to leave their region.</p>	<p>28 Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.”</p> <p>29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and <i>yet</i> he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.</p> <p>30 And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.</p> <p>31 They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.</p> <p>32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and <i>the demons</i> implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission.</p> <p>33 And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake</p> <p>and was drowned.</p> <p>34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and <i>out</i> in the country.</p> <p>35 <i>The people</i> went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.</p> <p>36 Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well.</p> <p>37 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear;</p>
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	<p>18 As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him.                  19 And He did not let him, but He said to him,                  “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and <i>how</i> He had mercy on you.”                  20 And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.</p>	<p>and He got into a boat and returned.                  38 But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying,                  39 “Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.”                  So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.</p>
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**Galilean Ministry—Jairus’ Daughter Restored and a Woman Healed (April – December 31)**

Matthew 9:18–26	Mark 5:21–43	Luke 8:40–56
<p>18 While He was saying these things to them, a <i>synagogue</i> official came and bowed down before Him, and said,                  “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live.”                  19 Jesus got up and <i>began</i> to follow him, and <i>so did</i> His disciples.                  20 And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak;                  21 for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch His garment, I will get well.”                  22 But Jesus turning</p>	<p>21 When Jesus had crossed over again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him; and so He stayed by the seashore.                  22 One of the synagogue officials named Jairus came up, and on seeing Him, fell at His feet                  23 and implored Him earnestly, saying,                  “My little daughter is at the point of death; <i>please</i> come and lay Your hands on her, so that she will get well and live.”                  24 And He went off with him; and a large crowd was following Him and pressing in on Him.                  25 A woman who had had a hemorrhage for twelve years, 26 and had endured much at the hands of many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was not helped at all, but rather had grown worse—                  27 after hearing about Jesus, she came up in the crowd behind <i>Him</i> and touched His cloak.                  28 For she thought, “If I just touch His garments, I will get well.”                  29 Immediately the flow of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.                  30 Immediately Jesus, perceiving in Himself that the power <i>proceeding</i> from Him had gone forth, turned around in the crowd and said,                  “Who touched My garments?”                  31 And His disciples said to Him,</p>	<p>40 And as Jesus returned, the people welcomed Him, for they had all been waiting for Him.                  41 And there came a man named Jairus, and he was an official of the synagogue; and he fell at Jesus’ feet, and <i>began</i> to implore Him to come to his house;                  42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, and she was dying.                  But as He went, the crowds were pressing against Him.                  43 And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, 44 came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped.                  45 And Jesus said,                  “Who is the one who touched Me?”                  And while they were all denying it, Peter said,</p>

<p>and seeing her said, “Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well.”</p> <p>At once the woman was made well.</p> <p>23 When Jesus came into the official’s house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 He said, “Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep.” And they <i>began</i> laughing at Him.</p> <p>25 But when the crowd had been sent out,</p> <p>He entered and took her by the hand,</p> <p>and the girl got up.</p>	<p>“You see the crowd pressing in on You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’”</p> <p>32 And He looked around to see the woman who had done this. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, aware of what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth.</p> <p>34 And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace and be healed of your affliction.”</p> <p>35 While He was still speaking, they came from the <i>house of</i> the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; why trouble the Teacher anymore?” 36 But Jesus, overhearing what was being spoken, said to the synagogue official, “Do not be afraid <i>any longer</i>, only believe.” 37 And He allowed no one to accompany Him, except Peter and James and John the brother of James.</p> <p>38 They came to the house of the synagogue official; and He saw a commotion, and <i>people</i> loudly weeping and wailing. 39 And entering in, He said to them, “Why make a commotion and weep? The child has not died, but is asleep.” 40 They <i>began</i> laughing at Him.</p> <p>But putting them all out, He took along the child’s father and mother and His own companions, and entered <i>the room</i> where the child was. 41 Taking the child by the hand, He said to her, “Talitha kum!” (which translated means, “Little girl, I say to you, get up!”).</p> <p>42 Immediately the girl got up and <i>began</i> to walk, for she was twelve years old. And immediately they were completely astounded. 43b and He said that <i>something</i> should be given her to eat. 43a And He gave them strict orders</p>	<p>“Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You.” 46 But Jesus said, “Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me.”</p> <p>47 When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. 48 And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace.”</p> <p>49 While He was still speaking, someone came from <i>the house of</i> the synagogue official, saying, “Your daughter has died; do not trouble the Teacher anymore.” 50 But when Jesus heard <i>this</i>, He answered him, “Do not be afraid <i>any longer</i>; only believe, and she will be made well.” 51 When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl’s father and mother. 52 Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, “Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.” 53 And they <i>began</i> laughing at Him, knowing that she had died.</p> <p>54 He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, “Child, arise!”</p> <p>55a And her spirit returned, and she got up immediately;</p> <p>56a Her parents were amazed; 55b and He gave orders for <i>something</i> to be given her to eat. 56b but He instructed them</p>
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26 This news spread throughout all that land.	that no one should know about this,	to tell no one what had happened.
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### Galilean Ministry—Healing the Blind and Driving Out a Demon (April – December 31)

Matthew 9:27–34

27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

28 When He entered the house, the blind men came up to Him, and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord."

29 Then He touched their eyes, saying, "It shall be done to you according to your faith."

30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them: "See that no one knows *about this!*"

31 But they went out and spread the news about Him throughout all that land.

32 As they were going out, a mute, demon-possessed man was brought to Him.

33 After the demon was cast out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed, *and were saying*, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

34 But the Pharisees were saying, "He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons."

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## Galilean Ministry—Final Visit to Nazareth (April – December 31)

Matthew 13:54–58	Mark 6:1–6a
<p>54 He came to His hometown</p> <p>and <i>began</i> teaching them in their synagogue, so that they were astonished, and said, “Where <i>did</i> this man <i>get</i> this wisdom and <i>these</i> miraculous powers? 55 Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not His mother called Mary, and His brothers, James and Joseph and Simon and Judas? 56 And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then <i>did</i> this man <i>get</i> all these things?” 57 And they took offense at Him. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his <i>own</i> household.” 58 And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.</p>	<p>1 Jesus went out from there and came into His hometown; and His disciples followed Him. 2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, “Where did this man <i>get</i> these things, and what is <i>this</i> wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?”</p> <p>And they took offense at Him. 4 Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his <i>own</i> relatives and in his <i>own</i> household.” 5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. 6a And He wondered at their unbelief.</p>

## Galilean Ministry—Commissioning of the Twelve (April – December 31)

Matthew 9:35–11:1	Mark 6:6b–13	Luke 9:1–6
<p>9:35 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; and James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, the</p>	<p>6b And He was going around the villages teaching.</p> <p>7 And He summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits;</p>	<p>1 And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. 2 And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to perform healing.</p>

<p>one who betrayed Him.  5 These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them:  “Do not go in <i>the</i> way of <i>the</i> Gentiles, and do not enter <i>any</i> city of the Samaritans;  6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.  7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’  8 Heal <i>the</i> sick, raise <i>the</i> dead, cleanse <i>the</i> lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.</p> <p>10d or a staff;  10a or a bag for <i>your</i> journey,  9 Do not acquire gold, or silver, or copper for your money belts,  10c or sandals,  10b or even two coats,  10e for the worker is worthy of his support.</p> <p>11 And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave <i>that</i> city.  12 As you enter the house, give it your greeting.  13 If the house is worthy, give it your <i>blessing of peace</i>. But if it is not worthy, take back your <i>blessing of peace</i>.  14 Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet.</p> <p>15 Truly I say to you, it will be more tolerable for <i>the</i> land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city.  16 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves.  17 But beware of men, for they will hand you over to <i>the</i> courts and scourge you in their synagogues;  18 and you will even be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles.  19 But when they hand you over, do not worry about how or what you are to say; for it will be given you in that hour what you are to say.  20 For it is not you who speak, but <i>it is</i> the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.  21 “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father <i>his</i> child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to</p>	<p>8 and He instructed them that they should</p> <p>take nothing for <i>their</i> journey, except a mere staff—  no bread, no bag,  no money  in their belt—  9 but <i>to</i> wear sandals; and <i>He added</i>,  “Do not put on two tunics.”</p> <p>10 And He said to them,  “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town.</p> <p>11 “Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them.”</p>	<p>3 And He said to them,</p> <p>“Take nothing for <i>your</i> journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money;</p> <p>and do not <i>even</i> have two tunics apiece.</p> <p>4 “Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that city.</p> <p>5 “And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”</p>
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be put to death.

22 You will be hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

23 “But whenever they persecute you in one city, flee to the next; for truly I say to you, you will not finish *going through* the cities of Israel until the Son of Man comes.

24 “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master.

25 It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master. If they have called the head of the house Beelzebul, how much more *will they malign* the members of his household!

26 “Therefore do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light; and what you hear *whispered* in *your* ear, proclaim upon the housetops.

28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And *yet* not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

31 So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

32 “Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.

33 But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

34 “Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW;

36 and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD. [[Mic 7:6](#)]

37 “He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

38 And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

40 “He who receives you receives Me, and

<p>he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.                  41 He who receives a prophet in <i>the</i> name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward.                  42 And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward.”                  11:1 When Jesus had finished giving instructions to His twelve disciples, He departed from there to teach and preach in their cities.</p>	<p>12 They went out                   and preached that <i>men</i> should repent.                  13 And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.</p>	<p>6 Departing,                  they <i>began</i> going throughout the villages, preaching the gospel                   and healing everywhere.</p>
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**Herod Antipas Beheads John (Tebeth 32 [Dec 31/Jan 32])**

Matthew 14:1–2, 6–12	Mark 6:14–16, 21–29	Luke 9:7–9
<p><b>Herod Antipas’ Birthday</b>                  6 But when Herod’s birthday came,                   the daughter of Herodias danced before <i>them</i> and pleased Herod,                   7 so <i>much</i> that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked.                   8 Having been prompted by her mother,                   she said,                  “Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.”                  9 Although he was grieved, the king commanded <i>it</i> to be given because of his oaths, and because of his dinner guests.                  10 He sent                   and had John beheaded in the prison.                  11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.</p>	<p>21 A strategic day came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his lords and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee;                  22 and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests; and the king said to the girl,                  “Ask me for whatever you want and I will give it to you.”                  23 And he swore to her,                  “Whatever you ask of me, I will give it to you; up to half of my kingdom.”                  24 And she went out and said to her mother, “What shall I ask for?” And she said, “The head of John the Baptist.”                  25 Immediately she came in a hurry to the king and asked, saying,                  “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”                  26 And although the king was very sorry, <i>yet</i> because of his oaths and because of his dinner guests, he was unwilling to refuse her.                  27 Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded <i>him</i> to bring <i>back</i> his head. And he went and had him beheaded in the prison,                  28 and brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.</p>	

<p>12 His disciples came and took away the body and buried it; and they went and reported to Jesus.</p> <p><b>Herod Wonders about Jesus</b></p> <p>1 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the news about Jesus,</p> <p>2 and said to his servants,</p> <p>“This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.”</p>	<p>29 When his disciples heard <i>about this</i>, they came and took away his body and laid it in a tomb.</p> <p>14 And King Herod heard <i>of it</i>, for His name had become well known; and <i>people</i> were saying, “John the Baptist has risen from the dead, and that is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him.”</p> <p>15 But others were saying, “He is Elijah.” And others were saying, “<i>He is</i> a prophet, like one of the prophets <i>of old</i>.”</p> <p>16 But when Herod heard <i>of it</i>, he kept saying,</p> <p>“John, whom I beheaded, has risen!”</p>	<p>7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was happening; and he was greatly perplexed, because it was said by some that John had risen from the dead,</p> <p>8 and by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen again.</p> <p>9 Herod said, “I myself had John beheaded; but who is this man about whom I hear such things?”</p> <p>And he kept trying to see Him.</p>
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## Galilean Districts Ministry—Feeding of the 5,000 (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:13–21	Mark 6:30–44	Luke 9:10–17	John 6:1–13
<p><b>The Disciples Return</b></p>	<p>30 The apostles gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught.</p>	<p>10 When the apostles returned, they gave an account to Him of all that they had done.</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Relocates</b> 13 Now when Jesus heard <i>about John</i>,</p> <p>He withdrew from there in a boat</p> <p>to a secluded place by Himself;</p>	<p>31 And</p> <p>He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while.” (For there were many <i>people</i> coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.)</p> <p>32 They went away in the boat</p> <p>to a secluded place by themselves.</p>	<p>Taking them with Him, He withdrew by Himself</p> <p>to a city called Bethsaida.</p>	<p>1 After these things Jesus</p> <p>went away</p> <p>to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias).</p>
<p><b>The Crowds Follow</b> and when the people heard <i>of this</i>, they followed Him on foot from the cities.</p>	<p>33 <i>The people</i> saw them going, and many recognized <i>them</i> and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them.</p>	<p>11 But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him;</p>	<p>2 A large crowd followed Him,</p> <p>because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick.</p>
<p><b>Jesus Has Compassion</b> 14 When He went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and felt compassion for them</p> <p>and healed their sick.</p>	<p>34 When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.</p>	<p>and welcoming them, He <i>began</i> speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing.</p>	
<p><b>“The hour is late”</b></p> <p>15 When it was evening, the disciples</p>	<p>35 When it was already quite late, His disciples</p>	<p>12 Now the day was ending, and the twelve</p>	<p>3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples.</p> <p>4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.</p> <p>5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him,</p>



<p>came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and the hour is already late; so send the crowds away, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”</p>	<p>came to Him and said, “This place is desolate and it is already quite late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”</p>	<p>came and said to Him,  “Send the crowd away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.”</p>	
<p><b>Jesus Tests His Disciples</b> 16 But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away; you give them <i>something</i> to eat!”</p> <p>17 They  said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”</p> <p>18 And He said, “Bring them here to Me.”</p>	<p>37 But He answered them,  “You give them <i>something</i> to eat!”</p> <p>And they said to Him, “Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them <i>something</i> to eat?”</p> <p>38 And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go look!” And when they found out, they  said,  “Five, and two fish.”</p>	<p>13 But He said to them,  “You give them <i>something</i> to eat!”</p> <p>And they  said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless perhaps we go and buy food for all these people.”</p>	<p>said to Philip,  “Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?”</p> <p>6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.</p> <p>7 Philip answered Him,  “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little.”</p> <p>8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, 9 “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?”</p>
<p><b>Jesus Feeds the Crowd</b> 19 Ordering the people to sit down  on the grass,  He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed <i>the food</i>, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples <i>gave them</i> to the crowds,</p>	<p>39 And He commanded them all to sit down by groups  on the green grass.</p> <p>40 They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties.</p> <p>41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed <i>the food</i> and broke the loaves and He kept giving <i>them</i> to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish</p>	<p>14b And He said to His disciples, “Have them sit down <i>to eat</i> in groups of about fifty each.”</p> <p>15 They did so, and had them all sit down.</p> <p>16 Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke <i>them</i>, and kept giving <i>them</i> to the disciples to set before the people.</p>	<p>10a Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”</p> <p>Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down,  11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks,  He distributed to those who were seated;  likewise also of the fish</p>

<p>20 and they all ate and were satisfied.</p> <p>They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.</p> <p>21 There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.</p>	<p>among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied,</p> <p>43 and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish.</p> <p>44 There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.</p>	<p>17 And they all ate and were satisfied;</p> <p>and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets <i>full</i>.</p> <p>14a (For there were about five thousand men.)</p>	<p>as much as they wanted. 12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. 10b in number about five thousand.</p>
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**Galilean Districts Ministry—The Crowd Wants a King (Nisan [April] 32)**

Matthew 14:22–23	Mark 6:45–46	John 6:14–15
<p>22 Immediately He</p> <p>made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side, while He sent the crowds away.</p> <p>23 After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray; and when it was evening, He was there alone.</p>	<p>45 Immediately Jesus</p> <p>made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of <i>Him</i> to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away.</p> <p>46 After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.</p>	<p>14 Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world." [cf. <a href="#">Deut 18:15, 18</a>]</p> <p>15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king,</p> <p>withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.</p>

**Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Walks on the Water (Nisan [April] 32)**

Matthew 14:24–33	Mark 6:47–52	John 6:16–21
<p>24 But the boat was already a long distance from the land,</p> <p>battered by the waves; for the wind was contrary.</p> <p>25 And in the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea.</p> <p>26 When the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.</p>	<p>47 When it was evening,</p> <p>the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.</p> <p>48 Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them,</p> <p>at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them.</p> <p>49 But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out;</p>	<p>16 Now when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea, 17 and after getting into a boat, they <i>started to</i> cross the sea to Capernaum. It had already become dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.</p> <p>18 The sea <i>began</i> to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. 19 Then, when they had rowed about three or four miles,</p> <p>they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat;</p>

<p>27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."  28 Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."  29 And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus.  30 But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"  31 Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"  32 When they got into the boat, the wind stopped.</p> <p>33 And those who were in the boat worshiped Him, saying, "You are certainly God's Son!"</p>	<p>50 for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid."</p> <p>51 Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped;</p> <p>and they were utterly astonished,  52 for they had not gained any insight from the <i>incident of the loaves</i>, but their heart was hardened.</p>	<p>and they were frightened.  20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."</p> <p>21 So they were willing to receive Him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.</p>
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—Healings at Gennesaret (Nisan [April] 32)

Matthew 14:34–36	Mark 6:53–56
<p>34 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.</p> <p>35 And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent <i>word</i> into all that surrounding district and brought to Him all who were sick;</p> <p>36 and they implored Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched <i>it</i> were cured.</p>	<p>53 When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore.  54 When they got out of the boat, immediately <i>the people</i> recognized Him,  55 and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was.  56 Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.</p>

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#### **Textual Notes**

1) Concerning "to Bethsaida" in Mark 6:45.<sup>1</sup>

- A) "The text is attested by the great majority of witnesses, but it creates the difficulty that Bethsaida was on the northeast shore of the lake, in the region where the feeding took place according to Luke 9:10, not on "the other side." It is better to accept the Caesarean text, which omits εἰ τὸ πέραν and gives only πρὸς (εἰς) Βηθσαϊδάν: P<sup>45</sup> W λ q sy<sup>s</sup>. For a defense of the

<sup>1</sup> William L. Lane, "The Gospel According to Mark," *NICOT* (Eerdmans, 1974), p. 234 n. 111.

primitiveness of this reading see L. Vaganay, "Mk 6:45," *RB* 49 (1940), pp. 5–32. The longer reading of Mark appears to be a conflated variant reuniting the shorter reading supported by the Caesarean text with the different reading of Matthew 14:22. Mark evidently uses εἰς τὸ πέραν to indicate a change of location by boat where the destination of the voyage is unspecified (cf. Chs. 4:35; 5:21; 8:13 with 6:32, 53; 8:10) or quite general (Ch. 5:1). See further C. C. McCown, 'The Problem of the Site of Bethsaida,' *JPOS* 10 (1930): 32–58; J. O'Hara, 'Two Bethsaidas or One?' *Scripture* 15 (1963): 24–27."

## Galilean Districts Ministry—The Bread of Life (Nisan [April] 32)

John 6:22–71

**The Crowds Come Looking for Jesus**

22 The next day the crowd that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small boat there, except one, and that Jesus had not entered with His disciples into the boat, but *that* His disciples had gone away alone.

23 There came other small boats from Tiberias near to the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks.

24 So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they themselves got into the small boats, and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus.

25 When they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

**Jesus’ Discourse on the Bread of Life**

26 Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

27 Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”

28 Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?”

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”

30 So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?”

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’” [cf. [Exod 16:4](#); [Ps 78:23–24](#)]

32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.”

34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

36 But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe.

37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.

39 This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day.

40 For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

41 Therefore the Jews were grumbling about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down out of heaven.”

42 They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven?’”

43 Jesus answered and said to them, “Do not grumble among yourselves.

44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

45 It is written in the prophets, ‘AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT OF GOD.’ [[Isa 54:13](#)] Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.

46 Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

47 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

48 I am the bread of life.

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

50 This is the bread which comes down out of heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

52 Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?”

53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

54 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

55 For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.

56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me.

58 This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.”

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

**Many Disciples Depart**

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?”

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble?”

62 *What* then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

63 It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

64 But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.

65 And He was saying, “For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father.”

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

#### **Peter’s Confession**

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “You do not want to go away also, do you?”

68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 We have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God.”

70 Jesus answered them, “Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?”

71 Now He meant Judas *the son* of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray Him.

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## Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Avoids Judea (Spring/Summer 32)

John 7:1

1 After these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He was unwilling to walk in Judea because the Jews were seeking to kill Him.

## Galilean Districts Ministry—The Tradition of the Elders (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:1–20

Mark 7:1–23

1 Then some Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem

and said,

2 “Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”

3 And He answered and said to them, “Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?

4 For God said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,’ and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.’ [Exod 21:12, 17]

5 “But you say, ‘Whoever says to *his* father or mother, “Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God,”

6 he is not to honor his father or his mother.’ And by *this* you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition.

7 “You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

8 ‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

9 ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’” [Isa 29:13]

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, “Hear and understand.

11 *It is* not what enters into the mouth *that* defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, *this* defiles the man.”

12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?”

13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted.

1 The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem,

2 and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed.

3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, *thus* observing the traditions of the elders;

4 and *when they come* from the market place, they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots.)

5 The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, “Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?”

9 He was also saying to them, “You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition.

10 For Moses said, ‘HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER’; and, ‘HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER, IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH’;

11 but you say, ‘If a man says to *his* father or *his* mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban (that is to say, given to God),’

12 you no longer permit him to do anything for *his* father or *his* mother;

13 *thus* invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that.”

6 And He said to them, “Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written:

‘THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME.

7 ‘BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.’

8 Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men.”

14 After He called the crowd to Him again, He *began* saying to them,

“Listen to Me, all of you, and understand:

15 there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man.

16 *If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.*”

17 When he had left the crowd *and* entered the house,

<p>14 “Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.”</p> <p>15 Peter said to Him, “Explain the parable to us.”</p> <p>16 Jesus said, “Are you still lacking in understanding also?</p> <p>17 Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth</p> <p>passes into the stomach, and is eliminated?</p> <p>18 But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man.</p> <p>19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts,</p> <p>false witness, slanders.</p> <p>20 These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”</p>	<p>His disciples questioned Him about the parable.</p> <p>18 And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, 19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” (<i>Thus He</i> declared all foods clean.)</p> <p>20 And He was saying, “That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.</p> <p>21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, 22 deeds of coveting <i>and</i> wickedness, <i>as well as</i> deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride <i>and</i> foolishness.</p> <p>23 All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man.”</p>
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—A Gentile Mother’s Faith (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:21–28	Mark 7:24–30
<p>21 Jesus went away from there, and withdrew into the district of Tyre and Sidon.</p> <p>22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and <i>began</i> to cry out, saying, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed.”</p> <p>23 But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and implored Him, saying, “Send her away, because she keeps shouting at us.”</p> <p>24 But He answered and said, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”</p> <p>25 But she came and <i>began</i> to bow down before Him, saying, “Lord, help me!”</p> <p>26 And He answered and said,  “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”</p> <p>27 But she said, “Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.”</p> <p>28 Then Jesus said to her, “O woman, your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish.”</p> <p>And her daughter was healed at once.</p>	<p>24 Jesus got up and went away from there to the region of Tyre.</p> <p>And when He had entered a house, He wanted no one to know <i>of it</i>; yet He could not escape notice.</p> <p>25 But after hearing of Him, a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately came and fell at His feet.</p> <p>26 Now the woman was a Gentile, of the Syrophenician race. And she kept asking Him to cast the demon out of her daughter.</p> <p>27 And He was saying to her, “Let the children be satisfied first, for it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”</p> <p>28 But she answered and said to Him, “Yes, Lord, <i>but</i> even the dogs under the table feed on the children’s crumbs.”</p> <p>29 And He said to her, “Because of this answer go; the demon has gone out of your daughter.”</p> <p>30 And going back to her home, she found the child lying on the bed, the demon having left.</p>

## Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus in Decapolis (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:29–38

Mark 7:31–8:9

**Jesus Heals Many**

29 Departing from there, Jesus went along by the Sea of Galilee,

and having gone up on the mountain, He was sitting there.

30 And large crowds came to Him, bringing with them *those who were* lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them.

31 So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

**Jesus Feeds 4,000**

32 And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, "I feel compassion for the people, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat; and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way."

33 The disciples said to Him, "Where would we get so many loaves in *this* desolate place to satisfy such a large crowd?"

34 And Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few small fish."

35 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; 36 and He took the seven loaves and the fish; and giving thanks, He broke them and started giving them to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the people.

37 And they all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full.

38 And those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

7:31 Again He went out from the region of Tyre, and came through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, within the region of Decapolis.

32 They brought to Him one who was deaf and spoke with difficulty, and they implored Him to lay His hand on him.

33 Jesus took him aside from the crowd, by himself, and put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting, He touched his tongue *with the saliva*;

34 and looking up to heaven with a deep sigh, He said to him, "Ephphatha!" that is, "Be opened!"

35 And his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was removed, and he *began* speaking plainly.

36 And He gave them orders not to tell anyone; but the more He ordered them, the more widely they continued to proclaim it.

37 They were utterly astonished, saying, "He has done all things well; He makes even the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

8:1 In those days, when there was again a large crowd and they had nothing to eat,

Jesus called His disciples and said to them,

2 "I feel compassion for the people because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat.

3 If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come from a great distance."

4 And His disciples answered Him, "Where will anyone be able *to find enough* bread here in *this* desolate place to satisfy these people?"

5 And He was asking them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven."

6 And He directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He gave thanks and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people.

7 They also had a few small fish; and after He had blessed them, He ordered these to be served as well.

8 And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces.

9 About four thousand were *there*;

and He sent them away.

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## Galilean Districts Ministry—The Sign of Jonah (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 15:39–16:4	Mark 8:10–12
<p>15:39 And sending away the crowds, Jesus got into the boat and came to the region of Magadan.</p> <p>16:1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven.</p> <p>2 But He replied to them, “When it is evening, you say, ‘<i>It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.</i>’</p> <p>3 And in the morning, ‘<i>There will be a storm today, for the sky is red and threatening.</i>’ Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but cannot <i>discern</i> the signs of the times?</p> <p>4a An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except the sign of Jonah.” [cf. <a href="#">Jon 1:17</a>]</p>	<p>10 And immediately He entered the boat with His disciples and came to the district of Dalmanutha.</p> <p>11 The Pharisees came out and began to argue with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, to test Him.</p> <p>12 Sighing deeply in His spirit, He said, “Why does this generation seek for a sign?</p> <p>Truly I say to you, no sign will be given to this generation.”</p>

## Galilean Districts Ministry—The Yeast of the Pharisees and the Sadducees (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 16:4b–12	Mark 8:13–21
<p>4b And He left them and went away.</p> <p>5 And the disciples came to the other side <i>of the sea</i>, but they had forgotten to bring <i>any</i> bread.</p> <p>6 And Jesus said to them, “Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”</p> <p>7 They began to discuss <i>this</i> among themselves, saying, “<i>He said that</i> because we did not bring <i>any</i> bread.”</p> <p>8 But Jesus, aware of this, said, “You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread?</p> <p>9 Do you not yet understand</p> <p>or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets <i>full</i> you picked up?</p> <p>10 Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets <i>full</i> you picked up?</p> <p>11 How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”</p> <p>12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.</p>	<p>13 Leaving them, He again embarked and went away to the other side.</p> <p>14 And they had forgotten to take bread, and did not have more than one loaf in the boat with them.</p> <p>15 And He was giving orders to them, saying, “Watch out! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.”</p> <p>16 They <i>began</i> to discuss with one another <i>the fact</i> that they had no bread.</p> <p>17 And Jesus, aware of this, said to them,</p> <p>“Why do you discuss <i>the fact</i> that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart?</p> <p>18 HAVING EYES, DO YOU NOT SEE? AND HAVING EARS, DO YOU NOT HEAR? [cf. <a href="#">Jer 5:21</a>]</p> <p>And do you not remember, 19 when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?” They said to Him, “Twelve.”</p> <p>20 “When <i>I broke</i> the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?” And they said to Him, “Seven.”</p> <p>21 And He was saying to them, “Do you not yet understand?”</p>

## Galilean Districts Ministry—Blind Man at Bethsaida (Spring/Summer 32)

Mark 8:22–26
<p>22 And they came to Bethsaida. And they brought a blind man to Jesus and implored Him to touch him.</p> <p>23 Taking the blind man by the hand, He brought him out of the village; and after spitting on his eyes and laying His hands on him,</p>

He asked him, “Do you see anything?”

24 And he looked up and said, “I see men, for I see *them* like trees, walking around.”

25 Then again He laid His hands on his eyes; and he looked intently and was restored, and *began* to see everything clearly.

26 And He sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

### Galilean Districts Ministry—Peter’s Great Confession (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 16:13–20	Mark 8:27–30	Luke 9:18–21
<p>13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi,</p> <p>He was asking His disciples,</p> <p>“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”</p> <p>14 And they said, “Some <i>say</i> John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.”</p> <p>15 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”</p> <p>16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”</p> <p>17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal <i>this</i> to you, but My Father who is in heaven.</p> <p>18 I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.</p> <p>19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”</p> <p>20 Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.</p>	<p>27 Jesus went out, along with His disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way</p> <p>He questioned His disciples, saying to them, “Who do people say that I am?”</p> <p>28 They told Him, saying, “John the Baptist; and others <i>say</i> Elijah; but others, one of the prophets.”</p> <p>29 And He <i>continued</i> by questioning them, “But who do you say that I am?”</p> <p>Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”</p> <p>30 And He warned them to tell no one about Him.</p>	<p>18 And it happened that while He was praying alone, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, “Who do the people say that I am?”</p> <p>19 They answered and said, “John the Baptist, and others <i>say</i> Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.”</p> <p>20 And He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”</p> <p>And Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.”</p> <p>21 But He warned them and instructed <i>them</i> not to tell this to anyone,</p>

### Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 16:21–23	Mark 8:31–33	Luke 9:22
<p>21 From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.</p> <p>22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him,</p>	<p>31 And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.</p> <p>32 And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.</p>	<p>22 saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised up on the third day.”</p>

<p>saying, “God forbid <i>it</i>, Lord! This shall never happen to You.”</p> <p>23 But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”</p>	<p>33 But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”</p>	
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—If Any Man Would Come After Me (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 16:24–28	Mark 8:34–9:1	Luke 9:23–27
<p>24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.</p> <p>25 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.</p> <p>26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?</p> <p>27 For</p> <p style="text-align: center;">the Son of Man</p> <p>is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and WILL THEN REPAY EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS. [cf. <a href="#">Ps 62:12</a>; <a href="#">Prov 24:12</a>]</p> <p>28 Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”</p>	<p>8:34 And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.</p> <p>35 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it.</p> <p>36 For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?</p> <p>37 For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?</p> <p>38 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”</p> <p>9:1 And Jesus was saying to them, “Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God after it has come with power.”</p>	<p>23 And He was saying to <i>them</i> all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.</p> <p>24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.</p> <p>25 For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself?</p> <p>26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and <i>the glory</i> of the Father and of the holy angels.</p> <p>27 But I say to you truthfully, there are some of those standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”</p>

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**Galilean Districts Ministry—The Transfiguration (Spring/Summer 32)**

Matthew 17:1–8	Mark 9:2–8	Luke 9:28–36a
<p>1 Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.</p> <p>2 And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light.</p> <p>3 And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him.</p> <p>4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”</p> <p>5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!”</p> <p>6 When the disciples heard <i>this</i>, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.</p> <p>7 And Jesus came to <i>them</i> and touched them and said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.”</p> <p>8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.</p>	<p>2 Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and brought them up on a high mountain by themselves.</p> <p>And He was transfigured before them;</p> <p>3 and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them.</p> <p>4 Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus.</p> <p>5 Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”</p> <p>6 For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified.</p> <p>7 Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!”</p> <p>8 All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone.</p>	<p>28 Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.</p> <p>29 And while He was praying, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing <i>became</i> white <i>and</i> gleaming.</p> <p>30 And behold, two men were talking with Him; and they were Moses and Elijah, 31 who, appearing in glory, were speaking of His departure which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.</p> <p>32 Now Peter and his companions had been overcome with sleep; but when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men standing with Him.</p> <p>33 And as these were leaving Him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles: one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah” — not realizing what he was saying.</p> <p>34 While he was saying this, a cloud formed and <i>began</i> to overshadow them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.</p> <p>35 Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”</p> <p>36a And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.</p>

**Galilean Districts Ministry—Making Sense of Isaiah and Malachi (Spring/Summer 32)**

Matthew 17:9–13	Mark 9:9–13	Luke 9:36b
<p>9 As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, “Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.”</p>	<p>9 As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead.</p>	

<p>10 And</p> <p>His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” [cf. <a href="#">Mal 4:5–6</a>]</p> <p>11 And He answered and said, “Elijah is coming and will restore all things;</p> <p>12b So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.” [cf. <a href="#">Isa 53</a>]</p> <p>12a but I say to you that Elijah already came, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they wished.</p> <p>13 Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.</p>	<p>10 They seized upon that statement, discussing with one another what rising from the dead meant.</p> <p>11 They asked Him, saying, “<i>Why is it</i> that the scribes say that Elijah must come first?”</p> <p>12 And He said to them, “Elijah does first come and restore all things. And <i>yet</i> how is it written of the Son of Man that He will suffer many things and be treated with contempt?</p> <p>13 But I say to you that Elijah has indeed come,</p> <p>and they did to him whatever they wished, just as it is written of him.”</p>	<p>36b And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.</p>
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—The Power of Faith (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 17:14–21	Mark 9:14–29	Luke 9:37–43a
<p>14 When they came to the crowd,</p> <p>a man came up to Jesus, falling on his knees before Him and saying,</p> <p>15 “Lord, have mercy on my son,</p> <p>for he is a lunatic and is very ill; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.</p> <p>16 I brought him to Your disciples, and they could not cure him.”</p> <p>17 And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him here to Me.”</p>	<p>14 When they came <i>back</i> to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and <i>some</i> scribes arguing with them.</p> <p>15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and <i>began</i> running up to greet Him.</p> <p>16 And He asked them, “What are you discussing with them?”</p> <p>17 And one of the crowd answered Him,</p> <p>“Teacher, I brought You my son,</p> <p>possessed with a spirit which makes him mute;</p> <p>18 and whenever it seizes him, it slams him <i>to the ground</i> and he foams <i>at the mouth</i>, and grinds his teeth and stiffens out.</p> <p>I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not <i>do it</i>.”</p> <p>19 And He answered them and said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!”</p> <p>20 They brought the boy to Him.</p>	<p>37 On the next day, when they came down from the mountain,</p> <p>a large crowd met Him.</p> <p>38 And a man from the crowd shouted, saying,</p> <p>“Teacher, I beg You to look at my son, for he is my only <i>boy</i>,</p> <p>39 and a spirit</p> <p>seizes him, and he suddenly screams, and it throws him into a convulsion with foaming <i>at the mouth</i>;</p> <p>and only with difficulty does it leave him, mauling him <i>as it leaves</i>.</p> <p>40 I begged Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not.”</p> <p>41 And Jesus answered and said, “You unbelieving and perverted generation, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.”</p>

<p>18 And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon came out of him, and the boy was cured at once.</p> <p>19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not drive it out?"</p> <p>20 And He said to them, "Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.</p> <p>21 <i>But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.</i>"</p>	<p>When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he <i>began</i> rolling around and foaming <i>at the mouth</i>.</p> <p>21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.</p> <p>22 It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"</p> <p>23 And Jesus said to him, "'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes."</p> <p>24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "I do believe; help my unbelief."</p> <p>25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again."</p> <p>26 After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and <i>the boy</i> became so much like a corpse that most <i>of them</i> said, "He is dead!"</p> <p>27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up.</p> <p>28 When He came into <i>the</i> house, His disciples <i>began</i> questioning Him privately, "Why could we not drive it out?"</p> <p>29 And He said to them,</p> <p>"This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer." [some MSS add 'and fasting']</p>	<p>42 While he was still approaching, the demon slammed him <i>to the ground</i> and threw him into a convulsion.</p> <p>But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy and gave him back to his father.</p> <p>43a And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.</p>
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Galilean Districts Ministry—Jesus' Second Prediction of His Death (Spring/Summer 32)		
Matthew 17:22–23	Mark 9:30–32	Luke 9:43b–45
<p>22 And while they were gathering together in Galilee,</p> <p>Jesus said to them,</p> <p>"The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men; 23 and they will kill Him,</p>	<p>30 From there they went out and <i>began</i> to go through Galilee, and He did not want anyone to know <i>about it</i>.</p> <p>31 For He was teaching His disciples and telling them,</p> <p>"The Son of Man is to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him; and when He has been killed,</p>	<p>43b But while everyone was marveling at all that He was doing,</p> <p>He said to His disciples,</p> <p>44 "Let these words sink into your ears; for the Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men."</p>

<p>and He will be raised on the third day.”</p> <p>And they were deeply grieved.</p>	<p>He will rise three days later.”</p> <p>32 But they did not understand <i>this</i> statement,</p> <p>and they were afraid to ask Him.</p>	<p>45 But they did not understand this statement, and it was concealed from them so that they would not perceive it; and they were afraid to ask Him about this statement.</p>
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—Paying the Temple Tax (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 17:24–27

24 When they came to Capernaum, those who collected the two-drachma *tax* came to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the two-drachma *tax*?”

25 He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth collect customs or poll-tax, from their sons or from strangers?”

26 When Peter said, “From strangers,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are exempt.

27 However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for you and Me.”

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**Galilean Districts Ministry—Who is the Greatest? (Spring/Summer 32)**

Matthew 18:1–5	Mark 9:33–37	Luke 9:46–48
<p>1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”</p> <p>2 And He called a child to Himself and set him before them,</p> <p>3 and said, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>4 “Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>5 And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me;</p>	<p>33 They came to Capernaum; and when He was in the house, He <i>began</i> to question them, “What were you discussing on the way?”</p> <p>34 But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which <i>of them</i> was the greatest.</p> <p>35 Sitting down, He called the twelve and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”</p> <p>36 Taking a child, He set him before them, and taking him in His arms, He said to them,</p> <p>37 “Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me.”</p>	<p>46 An argument started among them as to which of them might be the greatest.</p> <p>47 But Jesus, knowing what they were thinking in their heart,</p> <p>took a child and stood him by His side,</p> <p>48 and said to them,</p> <p>“Whoever receives this child in My name receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me; for the one who is least among all of you, this is the one who is great.”</p>

**Galilean Districts Ministry—Warnings from Jesus (Spring/Summer 32)**

Matthew 18:6–14	Mark 9:38–50	Luke 9:49–50
<p>6 but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.</p>	<p>38 John said to Him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we tried to prevent him because he was not following us.”</p> <p>39 But Jesus said, “Do not hinder him, for there is no one who will perform a miracle in My name, and be able soon afterward to speak evil of Me.</p> <p>40 For he who is not against us is for us.</p> <p>41 For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of your name as <i>followers</i> of Christ, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward.</p> <p>42 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea.</p>	<p>49 John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name; and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow along with us.”</p> <p>50 But Jesus said to him, “Do not hinder <i>him</i>;</p> <p>for he who is not against you is for you.”</p>

<p>7 Woe to the world because of <i>its</i> stumbling blocks! For it is inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to that man through whom the stumbling block comes!</p> <p>8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire.</p> <p>9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.</p> <p>10 See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven continually see the face of My Father who is in heaven.</p> <p>11 [For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.]</p> <p>12 What do you think? If any man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go and search for the one that is straying?</p> <p>13 If it turns out that he finds it, truly I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray.</p> <p>14 So it is not <i>the</i> will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones perish.</p>	<p>43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire,</p> <p>44 [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]</p> <p>45 If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell,</p> <p>46 [where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.]</p> <p>47 If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell,</p> <p>48 where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED. [<a href="#">Isa 66:24</a>]</p> <p>49 For everyone will be salted with fire.</p> <p>50 Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty <i>again</i>? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”</p>	
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### Galilean Districts Ministry—Sin, Restoration and Forgiveness (Spring/Summer 32)

Matthew 18:15–35

#### Treatment of a Sinning Brother

15 “If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE

CONFIRMED. [[Deut 19:15](#)]

17 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

19 Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

20 For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”

### The Basis of Forgiveness

21 Then Peter came and said to Him, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

24 When he had begun to settle *them*, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.

25 But since he did not have *the means* to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made.

26 So the slave fell *to the ground* and prostrated himself before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’

27 And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt.

28 But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and *began* to choke *him*, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe.’

29 So his fellow slave fell *to the ground* and *began* to plead with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you.’

30 But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed.

31 So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened.

32 Then summoning him, his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

33 ‘Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’

34 And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”

## To Jerusalem—Jesus’ Brothers Ridicule Him (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:2–9

2 Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Booths, was near.

3 Therefore His brothers said to Him, “Leave here and go into Judea, so that Your disciples also may see Your works which You are doing.

4 For no one does anything in secret when he himself seeks to be *known* publicly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.”

5 For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

6 So Jesus said to them, “My time is not yet here, but your time is always opportune.

7 The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it, that its deeds are evil.

8 Go up to the feast yourselves; I do not go up to this feast because My time has not yet fully come.”

9 Having said these things to them, He stayed in Galilee.

## To Jerusalem—Journey through Samaria (Tishri [October] 32)

Luke 9:51–56

John 7:10

51 When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem;

52 and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him.

53 But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem.

54 When His disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

55 But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, “You do not

10 But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as if, in secret.



know what kind of spirit you are of;  
56 for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but  
to save them." ] And they went on to another village.

### To Jerusalem—Following Jesus (Tishri [October] 32)

Matthew 8:19–22

19 Then a scribe came and said to Him,  
"Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go."  
20 Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of  
the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His  
head."  
21 Another of the disciples said to Him,  
"Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."  
22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me,  
and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

Luke 9:57–62

57 As they were going along the road, someone said to Him,  
"I will follow You wherever You go."  
58 And Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of  
the air *have* nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His  
head."  
59 And He said to another, "Follow Me."  
But he said,  
"Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father."  
60 But He said to him,  
"Allow the dead to bury their own dead;  
but as for you, go and proclaim everywhere the kingdom of  
God."  
61 Another also said, "I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me  
to say good-bye to those at home."  
62 But Jesus said to him, "No one, after putting his hand to the  
plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

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## Late Judean Ministry—Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:11–31

11 So the Jews were seeking Him at the feast and were saying, “Where is He?”

12 There was much grumbling among the crowds concerning Him; some were saying, “He is a good man”; others were saying, “No, on the contrary, He leads the people astray.”

13 Yet no one was speaking openly of Him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and *began to teach*.

15 The Jews then were astonished, saying, “How has this man become learned, having never been educated?”

16 So Jesus answered them and said, “My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.

17 If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know of the teaching, whether it is of God or *whether* I speak from Myself.

18 He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who is seeking the glory of the One who sent Him, He is true, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

19 Did not Moses give you the Law, and *yet* none of you carries out the Law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”

20 The crowd answered, “You have a demon! Who seeks to kill You?”

21 Jesus answered them, “I did one deed, and you all marvel.

22 For this reason Moses has given you circumcision (not because it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and on *the Sabbath* you circumcise a man.

23 If a man receives circumcision on *the Sabbath* so that the Law of Moses will not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made an entire man well on *the Sabbath*?

24 Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

25 So some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, “Is this not the man whom they are seeking to kill?”

26 Look, He is speaking publicly, and they are saying nothing to Him. The rulers do not really know that this is the Christ, do they?

27 However, we know where this man is from; but whenever the Christ may come, no one knows where He is from.”

28 Then Jesus cried out in the temple, teaching and saying, “You both know Me and know where I am from; and I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

29 I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

30 So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?”

## Late Judean Ministry—Frustrated Attempt to Arrest Jesus (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:32–52

32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

33 Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

34 You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

35 The Jews then said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?”

36 What is this statement that He said, ‘You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come?’”

37 Now on the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.

38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’” [cf. [Isa 55:1](#)]

39 But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

40 *Some* of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, “This certainly is the Prophet.”

41 Others were saying, “This is the Christ.” Still others were saying, “Surely the Christ is not going to come from Galilee, is He?”

42 Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the descendants of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was?” [cf. [2 Sam 7:12–16](#); [Ps 89:3–4, 35–37](#); [Isa 9:7](#); [11:1](#); [55:3](#); [Mic 5:2](#)]

43 So a division occurred in the crowd because of Him.

44 Some of them wanted to seize Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

45 The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?”

46 The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.”

47 The Pharisees then answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you?”

48 No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he?”

49 But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.”

50 Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, [cf. [John 3:1–21](#)]

51 “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?”

52 They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.”

### Late Judean Ministry—A Woman Caught in Adultery (Tishri [October] 32)

John 7:53–8:11

7:53 [[Everyone went to his home.

8:1 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

2 Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and *began* to teach them.

3 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center *of the court*,

4 they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in adultery, in the very act.

5 Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?” [cf. [Lev 20:10](#); [Deut 22:22–24](#)]

6 They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground.

7 But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him *be the* first to throw a stone at her.”

8 Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground.

9 When they heard it, they *began* to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center *of the court*.

10 Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?”

11 She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”]]

### Late Judean Ministry—The Light of the World (Tishri [October] 32)

John 8:12–20

12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, “I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.”

13 So the Pharisees said to Him, “You are testifying about Yourself; Your testimony is not true.”

14 Jesus answered and said to them, “Even if I testify about Myself, My testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from or where I am going.

15 You judge according to the flesh; I am not judging anyone.

16 But even if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

17 Even in your law it has been written that the testimony of two men is true. [cf. [Deut 17:6](#); [19:15](#)]

18 I am He who testifies about Myself, and the Father who sent Me testifies about Me.”

19 So they were saying to Him, “Where is Your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither Me nor My Father; if you knew Me, you would know My Father also.”

20 These words He spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one seized Him, because His hour had not yet come.

### Late Judean Ministry—Jesus Predicts His Departure (Tishri [October] 32)

John 8:21–59

21 Then He said again to them, “I go away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin; where I am going, you cannot come.”

22 So the Jews were saying, “Surely He will not kill Himself, will He, since He says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

23 And He was saying to them, “You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world.

24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins.”

25 So they were saying to Him, “Who are You?” Jesus said to them, “What have I been saying to you *from* the beginning?

26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and the things which I heard from Him, these I speak to the world.”

27 They did not realize that He had been speaking to them about the Father.

28 So Jesus said, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.

29 And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him.”

30 As He spoke these things, many came to believe in Him.

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine;

32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin.  
 35 The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever.  
 36 So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.  
 37 I know that you are Abraham’s descendants; yet you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you.  
 38 I speak the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your* father.”  
 39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you are Abraham’s children, do the deeds of Abraham. [cf. [Gal 3:6–7](#); [Rom 9:6–8](#)]  
 40 But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do.  
 41 You are doing the deeds of your father.” They said to Him, “We were not born of fornication; we have one Father: God.”  
 42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me.  
 43 Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear My word.  
 44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.  
 45 But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.  
 46 Which one of you convicts Me of sin? If I speak truth, why do you not believe Me?  
 47 He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God.”  
 48 The Jews answered and said to Him, “Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?”  
 49 Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me.  
 50 But I do not seek My glory; there is One who seeks and judges.  
 51 Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he will never see death.”  
 52 The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste of death.’  
 53 Surely You are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do You make Yourself out *to be*?”  
 54 Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing; it is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God’;  
 55 and you have not come to know Him, but I know Him; and if I say that I do not know Him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know Him and keep His word.  
 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw *it* and was glad.”  
 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”  
 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”  
 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

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### **Textual Notes**

- 1) The story of the woman caught in adultery is separated from the rest of the text in the NASB version by double brackets. This is done to visually indicate doubt on the part of most scholars that this story is part of John’s original gospel manuscript. For a good discussion of this issue, see Andreas J. Kostenberger, *John: Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament*, (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2004), pp. 245–249.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For a more thorough treatment of recent research, see Chris Keith, “Recent and Previous Research on the *Pericope Adulterae* (John 7.53–8.11),” *Currents in Biblical Research* 6.3 (2008), 377–404. The Bibliography section of the article is excellent.

### Late Judean Ministry—Commissioning of the Seventy (November 32)

Luke 10:1–16

- 1 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them in pairs ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come.
- 2 And He was saying to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
- 3 Go; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.
- 4 Carry no money belt, no bag, no shoes; and greet no one on the way.
- 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace *be* to this house.’
- 6 If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you.
- 7 Stay in that house, eating and drinking what they give you; for the laborer is worthy of his wages. Do not keep moving from house to house.
- 8 Whatever city you enter and they receive you, eat what is set before you;
- 9 and heal those in it who are sick, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’
- 10 But whatever city you enter and they do not receive you, go out into its streets and say,
- 11 ‘Even the dust of your city which clings to our feet we wipe off *in protest* against you; yet be sure of this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’
- 12 I say to you, it will be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city.
- 13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had been performed in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
- 14 But it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment than for you.
- 15 And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!
- 16 “The one who listens to you listens to Me, and the one who rejects you rejects Me; and he who rejects Me rejects the One who sent Me.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Return of the Seventy (November 32)

Luke 10:17–24

- 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.”
- 18 And He said to them, “I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning.
- 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.
- 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven.”
- 21 At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, “I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from *the* wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight.
- 22 All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, and who the Father is except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.”
- 23 Turning to the disciples, He said privately, “Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things you see,
- 24 for I say to you, that many prophets and kings wished to see the things which you see, and did not see *them*, and to hear the things which you hear, and did not hear *them*.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Who Is My Neighbor? (November 32)

Luke 10:25–37

- 25 And a lawyer stood up and put Him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”
- 26 And He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How does it read to you?”
- 27 And he answered, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND; AND YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” [[Deut 6:5](#); [Lev 19:18](#)]
- 28 And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; DO THIS AND YOU WILL LIVE.” [[Lev 18:5](#)]
- 29 But wishing to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”
- 30 Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.
- 31 And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,
- 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him

to an inn and took care of him.

35 On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’

36 Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ *hands*?”

37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Mary and Martha (November 32)

Luke 10:38–42

38 Now as they were traveling along, He entered a village; and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home.

39 She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord’s feet, listening to His word.

40 But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up *to Him* and said, “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.”

41 But the Lord answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things;

42 but *only* one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”

### Late Judean Ministry—Teach Us to Pray (November 32)

Luke 11:1–13

1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples.”

2 And He said to them, “When you pray, say:

‘Father, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

3 ‘Give us each day our daily bread.

4 ‘And forgive us our sins,

For we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

5 Then He said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves;

6 for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’;

7 and from inside he answers and says, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.’

8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

9 “So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

12 Or *if* he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?

13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?”

### Late Judean Ministry—A House Divided (November 32)

Luke 11:14–36

14 And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute; when the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke; and the crowds were amazed.

15 But some of them said, “He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons.”

16 Others, to test *Him*, were demanding of Him a sign from heaven.

17 But He knew their thoughts and said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and a house *divided* against itself falls.

18 If Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul.

19 And if I by Beelzebul cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? So they will be your judges.

20 But if I cast out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

21 When a strong *man*, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are undisturbed.

22 But when someone stronger than he attacks him and overpowers him, he takes away from him all his armor on which he had relied and distributes his plunder.

23 He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.

24 “When the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’

25 And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order.

26 Then it goes and takes *along* seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first.”

27 While Jesus was saying these things, one of the women in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, “Blessed is the womb that bore You and the breasts at which You nursed.”

28 But He said, “On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.”

29 As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. [cf. [Jonah 3](#)]

30 For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

31 The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. [cf. [1 Kgs 10:1–3](#)]

32 The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

33 “No one, after lighting a lamp, puts it away in a cellar nor under a basket, but on the lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light.

34 The eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye is clear, your whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, your body also is full of darkness.

35 Then watch out that the light in you is not darkness.

36 If therefore your whole body is full of light, with no dark part in it, it will be wholly illumined, as when the lamp illumines you with its rays.”

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### **Chronological Notes**

- 1) Thomas & Gundry comment on Luke 11:15—“The same accusation was made about a year before when a similar debate ensued. Jesus used the same three arguments he had used on the earlier occasion. That the two encounters were distinct from each other is seen by three factors: 1) Luke appears to place this debate in Judea while the earlier one was in Galilee. 2) In Luke’s account the man healed is dumb, but in Matthew’s he is blind and dumb. Luke, in line with his medical orientation, would hardly have failed to mention the blindness if this were the man’s condition. 3) Events that follow the two episodes are quite different, namely, the initiation of parabolic teaching in the earlier case and breakfast with a Pharisee in the later.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Robert L. Thomas & Stanley N. Gundry, *A Harmony of the Gospels: New American Standard Edition*, (Moody Press 1978), 139.



## Late Judean Ministry—Woes to Scribes and Pharisees (November 32)

Luke 11:37–54

37 Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined *at the table*.

38 When the Pharisee saw it, he was surprised that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal.

39 But the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness.

40 You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also?

41 But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you.

42 But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every *kind of garden herb*, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. [cf. [Mic 6:8](#)]

43 Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the chief seats in the synagogues and the respectful greetings in the market places.

44 Woe to you! For you are like concealed tombs, and the people who walk over *them* are unaware *of it*.” [cf. [Num 19:11–22](#)]

45 One of the lawyers said to Him in reply, “Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too.”

46 But He said, “Woe to you lawyers as well! For you weigh men down with burdens hard to bear, while you yourselves will not even touch the burdens with one of your fingers.

47 Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and *it was* your fathers *who* killed them.

48 So you are witnesses and approve the deeds of your fathers; because it was they who killed them, and you build *their tombs*.

49 For this reason also the wisdom of God said, ‘I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and *some* they will persecute,

50 so that the blood of all the prophets, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,

51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the house *of God*; yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against this generation.’ [cf. [2 Chr 24:20–25](#)]

52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you hindered those who were entering.”

53 When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects,

54 plotting against Him to catch *Him* in something He might say.

## Late Judean Ministry—Jesus’ Warnings (November 32)

Luke 12

### Beware the Leaven of the Pharisees

1 Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first *of all*, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.

2 But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

3 Accordingly, whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in the inner rooms will be proclaimed upon the housetops.

### Fear God

4 “I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that have no more that they can do.

5 But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!

6 Are not five sparrows sold for two cents? *Yet* not one of them is forgotten before God.

7 Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.

### Acknowledge Christ Before Men

8 “And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God;

9 but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

10 And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him.

11 When they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not worry about how or what you are to speak in your defense, or what you are to say;

12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

### Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the *family* inheritance with me.”

14 But He said to him, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?”

15 Then He said to them, “Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not *even* when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.”

16 And He told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man was very productive.

17 And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?'

18 Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'

19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years *to come*; take your ease, eat, drink *and* be merry."

20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This *very* night your soul is required of you; and *now* who will own what you have prepared?'

21 So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

### **Do Not Worry**

22 And He said to His disciples, "For this reason I say to you, do not worry about *your* life, *as to* what you will eat; nor for your body, *as to* what you will put on.

23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

24 Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and *yet* God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!

25 And which of you by worrying can add a *single* hour to his life's span?

26 If then you cannot do even a very little thing, why do you worry about other matters?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; but I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these.

28 But if God so clothes the grass in the field, which is *alive* today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more *will He clothe* you? You men of little faith!

29 And do not seek what you will eat and what you will drink, and do not keep worrying.

30 For all these things the nations of the world eagerly seek; but your Father knows that you need these things.

31 But seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.

33 "Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves money belts which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near nor moth destroys.

34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

### **Parable of the Faithful and Foolish Slaves**

35 "Be dressed in readiness, and *keep* your lamps lit.

36 Be like men who are waiting for their master when he returns from the wedding feast, so that they may immediately open *the door* to him when he comes and knocks.

37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master will find on the alert when he comes; truly I say to you, that he will gird himself *to serve*, and have them recline *at the table*, and will come up and wait on them.

38 Whether he comes in the second watch, or even in the third, and finds *them* so, blessed are those *slaves*.

39 "But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

40 You too, be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour that you do not expect."

41 Peter said, "Lord, are You addressing this parable to us, or to everyone *else* as well?"

42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible steward, whom his master will put in charge of his servants, to give them their rations at the proper time?

43 Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes.

44 Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

45 But if that slave says in his heart, 'My master will be a long time in coming,' and begins to beat the slaves, *both* men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk;

46 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect *him* and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

47 And that slave who knew his master's will and did not get ready or act in accord with his will, will receive many lashes,

48 but the one who did not know *it*, and committed deeds worthy of a flogging, will receive but few. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and to whom they entrusted much, of him they will ask all the more.

### **Christ Brings Division, Not Peace**

49 "I have come to cast fire upon the earth; and how I wish it were already kindled!

50 But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!

51 Do you suppose that I came to grant peace on earth? I tell you, no, but rather division;

52 for from now on five *members* in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three.

53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

**Interpreting the Time**

54 And He was also saying to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming,’ and so it turns out.

55 And when *you see* a south wind blowing, you say, ‘It will be a hot day,’ and it turns out *that way*.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time?

**Judge What is Right**

57 “And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?

58 For while you are going with your opponent to appear before the magistrate, on *your way there* make an effort to settle with him, so that he may not drag you before the judge, and the judge turn you over to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

59 I say to you, you will not get out of there until you have paid the very last cent.”

**Late Judean Ministry—Repent or Perish (November 32)**

Luke 13:1–9

1 Now on the same occasion there were some present who reported to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were *greater* sinners than all *other* Galileans because they suffered this *fate*?

3 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

4 Or do you suppose that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were *worse* culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

6 And He *began* telling this parable: “A man had a fig tree which had been planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and did not find any.

7 And he said to the vineyard-keeper, ‘Behold, for three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree without finding any. Cut it down! Why does it even use up the ground?’

8 And he answered and said to him, ‘Let it alone, sir, for this year too, until I dig around it and put in fertilizer;

9 and if it bears fruit next year, *fine*; but if not, cut it down.”

**Late Judean Ministry—A Woman Healed on the Sabbath (November 32)**

Luke 13:10–21

10 And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And there was a woman who for eighteen years had had a sickness caused by a spirit; and she was bent double, and could not straighten up at all.

12 When Jesus saw her, He called her over and said to her, “Woman, you are freed from your sickness.”

13 And He laid His hands on her; and immediately she was made erect again and *began* glorifying God.

14 But the synagogue official, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, *began* saying to the crowd in response, “There are six days in which work should be done; so come during them and get healed, and not on the Sabbath day.”

15 But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites, does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the stall and lead him away to water *him*?

16 And this woman, a daughter of Abraham as she is, whom Satan has bound for eighteen long years, should she not have been released from this bond on the Sabbath day?”

17 As He said this, all His opponents were being humiliated; and the entire crowd was rejoicing over all the glorious things being done by Him.

18 So He was saying, “What is the kingdom of God like, and to what shall I compare it?

19 It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his own garden; and it grew and became a tree, and THE BIRDS OF THE AIR NESTED IN ITS BRANCHES.”

20 And again He said, “To what shall I compare the kingdom of God?

21 It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened.”

## Late Judean Ministry—Healing a Man Born Blind (November 32)

John 9

### Jesus Heals a Blind Man

- 1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth.  
 2 And His disciples asked Him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?”  
 3 Jesus answered, “*It was* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him.  
 4 We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.  
 5 While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”  
 6 When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes,  
 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *back* seeing.

### Reaction of the Blind Man’s Neighbors

- 8 Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?”  
 9 Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.”  
 10 So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?”  
 11 He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.”  
 12 They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

### Examination and Excommunication by the Pharisees

- 13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who was formerly blind.  
 14 Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes.  
 15 Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.”  
 16 Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them.  
 17 So they said to the blind man again, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”  
 18 The Jews then did not believe *it* of him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight,  
 19 and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?”  
 20 His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind;  
 21 but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.”  
 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.  
 23 For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”  
 24 So a second time they called the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.”  
 25 He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”  
 26 So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?”  
 27 He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?”  
 28 They reviled him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses.  
 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.”  
 30 The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where He is from, and *yet* He opened my eyes.  
 31 We know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is God-fearing and does His will, He hears him.  
 32 Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind.  
 33 If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.”  
 34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” So they put him out.

### Jesus Seeks Out the Blind Man

- 35 Jesus heard that they had put him out, and finding him, He said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”  
 36 He answered, “Who is He, Lord, that I may believe in Him?”  
 37 Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.”  
 38 And he said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped Him.

**Blindness of the Pharisees**

39 And Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may become blind."

40 Those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things and said to Him, "We are not blind too, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

**Late Judean Ministry—The Good Shepherd (November 32)**

John 10:1–21

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber.

2 But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he puts forth all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.

5 A stranger they simply will not follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them.

7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have *it* abundantly.

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12 He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.

13 *He flees* because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me,

15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.

16 I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd.

17 For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again.

18 No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

19 A division occurred again among the Jews because of these words.

20 Many of them were saying, "He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others were saying, "These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?"

**Late Judean Ministry—Jesus at the Feast of Dedication (December 32)**

John 10:22–39

22 At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem;

23 it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon.

24 The Jews then gathered around Him, and were saying to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.

26 But you do not believe because you are not of My sheep.

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me;

28 and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand.

30 I and the Father are one."

31 The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him.

32 Jesus answered them, "I showed you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you stoning Me?"

33 The Jews answered Him, "For a good work we do not stone You, but for blasphemy; and because You, being a man, make Yourself out *to be* God."

34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'? [[Ps 82:6](#)]

35 If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken),

36 do you say of Him, whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'?"

37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me;

38 but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in

Me, and I in the Father.”

39 Therefore they were seeking again to seize Him, and He eluded their grasp.

### From Jerusalem to Perea (32/33)

John 10:40–42

40 And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing, and He was staying there.

41 Many came to Him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.”

42 Many believed in Him there.

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### Perean Ministry—The Narrow Way (early 33)

Luke 13:22–35

22 And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem.

23 And someone said to Him, “Lord, are there *just* a few who are being saved?” And He said to them,

24 “Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

25 Once the head of the house gets up and shuts the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, ‘Lord, open up to us!’ then He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from.’

26 Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets’;

27 and He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you are from; DEPART FROM ME, ALL YOU EVILDOERS.’ [cf. [Ps 6:8](#)]

28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but yourselves being thrown out.

29 And they will come from east and west and from north and south, and will recline *at the table* in the kingdom of God.

30 And behold, *some* are last who will be first and *some* are first who will be last.”

31 Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, “Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill You.”

32 And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I reach My goal.’

33 Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next *day*; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem.

34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, *the city* that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not *have it*!

35 Behold, your house is left to you *desolate*; and I say to you, you will not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’” [[Ps 118:26](#)]

### Perean Ministry—Another Sabbath Healing Controversy (early 33)

Luke 14:1–24

1 It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on *the Sabbath* to eat bread, they were watching Him closely.

2 And there in front of Him was a man suffering from dropsy.

3 And Jesus answered and spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?”

4 But they kept silent. And He took hold of him and healed him, and sent him away.

5 And He said to them, “Which one of you will have a son or an ox fall into a well, and will not immediately pull him out on a Sabbath day?”

6 And they could make no reply to this.

7 And He *began* speaking a parable to the invited guests when He noticed how they had been picking out the places of honor *at the table*, saying to them,

8 “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him,

9 and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give *your* place to this man,’ and then in disgrace you proceed to occupy the last place.

10 But when you are invited, go and recline at the last place, so that when the one who has invited you comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will have honor in the sight of all who are at the table with you.

11 For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

12 And He also went on to say to the one who had invited Him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return and *that* will be your repayment.

13 But when you give a reception, invite *the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind,*

14 and you will be blessed, since they do not have *the means* to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

15 When one of those who were reclining *at the table* with Him heard this, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!”

16 But He said to him, “A man was giving a big dinner, and he invited many;

17 and at the dinner hour he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’

18 But they all alike began to make excuses. The first one said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land and I need to go out and look at it; please consider me excused.’

19 Another one said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please consider me excused.’

20 Another one said, ‘I have married a wife, and for that reason I cannot come.’

21 And the slave came *back* and reported this to his master. Then the head of the household became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’



22 And the slave said, ‘Master, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’

23 And the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the highways and along the hedges, and compel *them* to come in, so that my house may be filled.

24 For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste of my dinner.’”

### Perean Ministry—Cost of Discipleship (early 33)

Luke 14:25–35

25 Now large crowds were going along with Him; and He turned and said to them,

26 “If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

28 For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who observe it begin to ridicule him,

30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

31 Or what king, when he sets out to meet another king in battle, will not first sit down and consider whether he is strong enough with ten thousand *men* to encounter the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.

33 So then, none of you can be My disciple who does not give up all his own possessions.

34 “Therefore, salt is good; but if even salt has become tasteless, with what will it be seasoned?

35 It is useless either for the soil or for the manure pile; it is thrown out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

### Perean Ministry—Parable of the Lost Sheep, Lost Coin and Lost Son (early 33)

Luke 15

#### Parable of the Lost Sheep

1 Now all the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him.

2 Both the Pharisees and the scribes *began* to grumble, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

3 So He told them this parable, saying,

4 “What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?

5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’

7 I tell you that in the same way, there will be *more* joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

#### Parable of the Lost Coin

8 “Or what woman, if she has ten silver coins and loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?

9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin which I had lost!’

10 In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

#### Parable of the Lost Son

11 And He said, “A man had two sons.

12 The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me.’ So he divided his wealth between them.

13 And not many days later, the younger son gathered everything together and went on a journey into a distant country, and there he squandered his estate with loose living.

14 Now when he had spent everything, a severe famine occurred in that country, and he began to be impoverished.

15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

16 And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving *anything* to him.

17 But when he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have more than enough bread, but I am dying here with hunger!

18 I will get up and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight;

19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me as one of your hired men.’”

20 So he got up and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion *for him*, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet;

23 and bring the fattened calf, kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;

24 for this son of mine was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.' And they began to celebrate.

25 "Now his older son was in the field, and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.

26 And he summoned one of the servants and *began* inquiring what these things could be.

27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has received him back safe and sound.'

28 But he became angry and was not willing to go in; and his father came out and *began* pleading with him.

29 But he answered and said to his father, 'Look! For so many years I have been serving you and I have never neglected a command of yours; and *yet* you have never given me a young goat, so that I might celebrate with my friends;

30 but when this son of yours came, who has devoured your wealth with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him.'

31 And he said to him, 'Son, you have always been with me, and all that is mine is yours.

32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, for this brother of yours was dead and *has begun* to live, and *was* lost and has been found.'"

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### Perean Ministry—Parable of the Dishonest Manager (early 33)

Luke 16:1–13

1 Now He was also saying to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and this *manager* was reported to him as squandering his possessions.

2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an accounting of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’

3 The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig; I am ashamed to beg.

4 I know what I shall do, so that when I am removed from the management people will welcome me into their homes.’

5 And he summoned each one of his master’s debtors, and he *began* saying to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

6 And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

7 Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

8 And his master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the sons of this age are more shrewd in relation to their own kind than the sons of light.

9 And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by means of the wealth of unrighteousness, so that when it fails, they will receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 “He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

11 Therefore if you have not been faithful in the *use of* unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true *riches* to you?

12 And if you have not been faithful in *the use of* that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own?

13 No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

### Perean Ministry—Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus (early 33)

Luke 16:14–31

#### Jesus Responds to the Pharisees’ Scorn

14 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him.

15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.

16 “The Law and the Prophets *were proclaimed* until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail.

18 “Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

#### Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.

20 And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,

21 and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.

22 Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’

25 But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.

26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and *that* none may cross over from there to us.’

27 And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father’s house—

28 for I have five brothers—in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’

30 But he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!’

31 But he said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’”

## Perean Ministry—Four Lessons on Discipleship (early 33)

Luke 17:1–10

- 1 He said to His disciples, “It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come!
- 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble.
- 3 Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.
- 4 And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ forgive him.”
- 5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”
- 6 And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and be planted in the sea’; and it would obey you.
- 7 “Which of you, having a slave plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’?
- 8 But will he not say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat, and *properly* clothe yourself and serve me while I eat and drink; and afterward you may eat and drink’?
- 9 He does not thank the slave because he did the things which were commanded, does he?
- 10 So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unworthy slaves; we have done *only* that which we ought to have done.’”

## Perean Ministry—Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (early 33)

John 11:1–44

### The Death of Lazarus

- 1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.
- 2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.
- 3 So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.”
- 4 But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.”
- 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

### Jesus Delays

- 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days *longer* in the place where He was.
- 7 Then after this He said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”
- 8 The disciples said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?”
- 9 Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.
- 10 But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”
- 11 This He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.”
- 12 The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.”
- 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep.
- 14 So Jesus then said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead,
- 15 and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let us go to him.”
- 16 Therefore Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let us also go, so that we may die with Him.”

### Martha and Mary Speak With Jesus Outside Bethany

- 17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days.
- 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off;
- 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning *their* brother.
- 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed at the house.
- 21 Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.
- 22 Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”
- 23 Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”
- 24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”
- 25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,
- 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”
- 27 She said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *even* He who comes into the world.”
- 28 When she had said this, she went away and called Mary her sister, saying secretly, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”
- 29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and was coming to Him.

30 Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met Him.  
 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Mary got up quickly and went out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.  
 32 Therefore, when Mary came where Jesus was, she saw Him, and fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”  
 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her *also* weeping, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled,  
 34 and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to Him, “Lord, come and see.”  
 35 Jesus wept.  
 36 So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!”  
 37 But some of them said, “Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have kept this man also from dying?”

#### **Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead**

38 So Jesus, again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.  
 39 Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been *dead* four days.”  
 40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”  
 41 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.  
 42 I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”  
 43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.”  
 44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

### **Perean Ministry—The Plot to Kill Jesus (early 33)**

John 11:45–54

45 Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him.  
 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them the things which Jesus had done.  
 47 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, “What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs.  
 48 If we let Him *go on* like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.”  
 49 But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all,  
 50 nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish.”  
 51 Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation,  
 52 and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad.  
 53 So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.  
 54 Therefore Jesus no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there He stayed with the disciples.

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## Perean Ministry—Ten Lepers Healed (c. March 22–27, 33)

Luke 17:11–37

### The Grateful Samaritan

- 11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.  
 12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;  
 13 and they raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”  
 14 When He saw them, He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” [cf. [Lev 13:49; 14:2–4](#)] And as they were going, they were cleansed.  
 15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,  
 16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.  
 17 Then Jesus answered and said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they?  
 18 Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?” [cf. [2 Kgs 5:1–19](#)]  
 19 And He said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has made you well.”

### The Coming of Messiah’s Kingdom—The First and Second Comings

- 20 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed;  
 21 nor will they say, ‘Look, here *it is!*’ or, ‘There *it is!*’ For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst.”  
 22 And He said to the disciples, “The days will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Son of Man, and you will not see it.  
 23 They will say to you, ‘Look there! Look here!’ Do not go away, and do not run after *them*.  
 24 For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day.  
 25 But first He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.  
 26 And just as it happened in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: [cf. [Gen 6–7](#)]  
 27 they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.  
 28 It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building;  
 29 but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all.  
 30 It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.  
 31 On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back.  
 32 Remember Lot’s wife. [cf. [Gen 19](#)]  
 33 Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses *his life* will preserve it.  
 34 I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.  
 35 There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left.  
 36 [Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.”]  
 37 And answering they said to Him, “Where, Lord?” And He said to them, “Where the body *is*, there also the vultures will be gathered.”

## Perean Ministry—Two Parables on Prayer (c. March 22–27, 33)

Luke 18:1–14

### Pray With Endurance—God Will Answer Quickly

- 1 Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart,  
 2 saying, “In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man.  
 3 There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, ‘Give me legal protection from my opponent.’  
 4 For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God nor respect man,  
 5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.’”  
 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said;  
 7 now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them?  
 8 I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”

### Pray With Humility—God Resists the Proud

- 9 And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:  
 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.  
 11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.’

12 I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’

13 But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’

14 I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

### Perean Ministry—Concerning Divorce (c. March 22–27, 33)

#### Matthew 19:1–12

1 When Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan;

2 and large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

3 *Some* Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful *for a man* to divorce his wife for any reason at all?”

4 And He answered and said,

“Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, [[Gen 1:27; 5:2](#)]

5 and said,

‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’? [[Gen 2:24](#)]

6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh.

What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

7 They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY?”

8 He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.

9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”

10 The disciples said to Him, “If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry.”

11 But He said to them, “Not all men *can* accept this statement, but *only* those to whom it has been given.

12 For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are *also* eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept *this*, let him accept *it*.”

#### Mark 10:1–12

1 Getting up, He went from there to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan;

crowds gathered around Him again, and,

according to His custom, He once more *began* to teach them.

2 *Some* Pharisees came up to Jesus, testing Him, and *began* to question Him whether it was lawful for a man to divorce a wife.

3 And He answered and said to them, “What did Moses command you?”

4 They said, “Moses permitted *a man* TO WRITE A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND *her* AWAY.” [cf. [Deut 24:1–4](#)]

5 But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.

6 But from the beginning of creation, *God* MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE.

7 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER,

8 AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH;

so they are no longer two, but one flesh.

9 What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

10 In the house the disciples *began* questioning Him about this again.

11 And He said to them,

“Whoever divorces his wife

and marries another woman commits adultery against her;

12 and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.”



## Perean Ministry—Jesus Blesses the Children (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 19:13–15	Mark 10:13–16	Luke 18:15–17
<p>13 Then <i>some</i> children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples rebuked them.</p> <p>14 But Jesus</p> <p>said, “Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”</p> <p>15 After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.</p>	<p>13 And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them;</p> <p>but the disciples rebuked them.</p> <p>14 But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them;</p> <p>for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.</p> <p>15 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it <i>at all.</i>”</p> <p>16 And He took them in His arms and <i>began</i> blessing them, laying His hands on them.</p>	<p>15 And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them,</p> <p>but when the disciples saw it, they <i>began</i> rebuking them.</p> <p>16 But Jesus</p> <p>called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them,</p> <p>for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.</p> <p>17 Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it <i>at all.</i>”</p>

## Perean Ministry—The Rich Young Ruler (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 19:16–30	Mark 10:17–31	Luke 18:18–30
<p>16 And someone came to Him and said, “Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?”</p> <p>17 And He said to him, “Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is <i>only</i> One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments.”</p> <p>18 <i>Then</i> he said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said,</p> <p>“YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS;</p> <p>19 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; <a href="#">[Exod 20:12–16; Deut 5:16–20]</a> and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” <a href="#">[Lev 19:18]</a></p> <p>20 The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?”</p> <p>21 Jesus said to him, “If you wish to be complete,</p>	<p>17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”</p> <p>18 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.</p> <p>19 You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, Do not defraud, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”</p> <p>20 And he said to Him, “Teacher, I have kept all these things from my youth up.”</p> <p>21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, “One thing you lack:</p>	<p>18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”</p> <p>19 And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.</p> <p>20 “You know the commandments, ‘DO NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, DO NOT MURDER, DO NOT STEAL, DO NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS, HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER.’”</p> <p>21 And he said, “All these things I have kept from <i>my</i> youth.”</p> <p>22 When Jesus heard <i>this</i>, He said to him, “One thing you still lack;</p>

<p>go <i>and</i> sell your possessions and give to <i>the</i> poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”</p> <p>22 But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.</p> <p>23 And Jesus said to His disciples, “Truly I say to you, it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>24 Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”</p> <p>25 When the disciples heard <i>this</i>, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>26 And looking at <i>them</i> Jesus said to them, “With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”</p> <p>27 Then Peter said to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?”</p> <p>28 And Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.</p> <p>29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name’s sake, will receive many times as much,</p> <p>and will inherit eternal life.</p> <p>30 But many <i>who are</i> first will be last; and <i>the</i> last, first.</p>	<p>go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”</p> <p>22 But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.</p> <p>23 And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, “How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!”</p> <p>24 The disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!</p> <p>25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”</p> <p>26 They were even more astonished and said to Him, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>27 Looking at them, Jesus said, “With people it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.”</p> <p>28 Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.”</p> <p>29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you,</p> <p>there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake, 30 but that he will receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.</p> <p>31 But many <i>who are</i> first will be last, and the last, first.”</p>	<p>sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.”</p> <p>23 But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.</p> <p>24 And Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!</p> <p>25 For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”</p> <p>26 They who heard it said, “Then who can be saved?”</p> <p>27 But He said, “The things that are impossible with people are possible with God.”</p> <p>28 Peter said, “Behold, we have left our own <i>homes</i> and followed You.”</p> <p>29 And He said to them, “Truly I say to you,</p> <p>there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, 30 who will not receive many times as much at this time and in the age to come, eternal life.”</p>
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### Perean Ministry—Parable of the Generous Landowner (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 20:1–16

- 1 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.  
 2 When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.  
 3 And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market place;

4 and to those he said, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And so they went.  
5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing.  
6 And about the eleventh *hour* he went out and found others standing *around*; and he said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'  
7 They said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'  
8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last *group* to the first.'  
9 When those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.  
10 When those *hired* first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.  
11 When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,  
12 saying, 'These last men have worked *only* one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the scorching heat of the day.'  
13 But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?  
14 Take what is yours and go, but I wish to give to this last man the same as to you.  
15 Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?'  
16 So the last shall be first, and the first last."

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### Final Journey to Jerusalem—Jesus' Third Prediction of Death and Resurrection (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 20:17–19	Mark 10:32–34	Luke 18:31–34
<p>17 As Jesus was about to go up to Jerusalem,</p> <p>He took the twelve <i>disciples</i> aside by themselves, and on the way</p> <p>He said to them,</p> <p>18 “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem;</p> <p>and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death,</p> <p>19 and will hand Him over to the Gentiles to mock</p> <p>and scourge and crucify <i>Him</i>, and on the third day He will be raised up.”</p>	<p>32 They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful.</p> <p>And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him,</p> <p>33 <i>saying</i>,</p> <p>“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,</p> <p>and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles.</p> <p>34 They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill <i>Him</i>, and three days later He will rise again.”</p>	<p>31 Then He took the twelve aside and said to them,</p> <p>“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things which are written through the prophets about the Son of Man will be accomplished. [cf. <a href="#">Isa 53</a>; <a href="#">Dan 9:24–26</a>]</p> <p>32 For He</p> <p>will be handed over to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon,</p> <p>33 and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again.”</p> <p>34 But the disciples understood none of these things, and <i>the meaning of this statement</i> was hidden from them, and they did not comprehend the things that were said.</p>

### Final Journey to Jerusalem—Positions of Greatness (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 20:20–28	Mark 10:35–45
<p>20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.</p> <p>21 And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Command that in Your kingdom these two sons of mine may sit one on Your right and one on Your left.”</p> <p>22 But Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?”</p> <p>They said to Him, “We are able.”</p> <p>23 He said to them, “My cup you shall drink;</p> <p>but to sit on My right and on My left, this is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”</p> <p>24 And hearing <i>this</i>, the ten became indignant with the two brothers.</p> <p>25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and <i>their</i> great men exercise authority over them.</p> <p>26 It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant,</p> <p>27 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave;</p>	<p>35 James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, came up to Jesus, saying,</p> <p>“Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.”</p> <p>36 And He said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?”</p> <p>37 They said to Him, “Grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on <i>Your</i> left, in Your glory.”</p> <p>38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”</p> <p>39 They said to Him, “We are able.”</p> <p>And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized.</p> <p>40 But to sit on My right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”</p> <p>41 Hearing <i>this</i>, the ten began to feel indignant with James and John.</p> <p>42 Calling them to Himself, Jesus said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them.</p> <p>43 But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;</p> <p>44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.</p>

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

### Final Journey to Jerusalem—Zacchaeus (c. March 22–27, 33)

Luke 19:1–10

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through.  
 2 And there was a man called by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich.  
 3 Zacchaeus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature.  
 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way.  
 5 When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.”  
 6 And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly.  
 7 When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.”  
 8 Zacchaeus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.”  
 9 And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.  
 10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

### Final Journey to Jerusalem—Parable of the Nobleman and the Slaves (c. March 22–27, 33)

Luke 19:11–28

11 While they were listening to these things, Jesus went on to tell a parable, because He was near Jerusalem, and they supposed that the kingdom of God was going to appear immediately.  
 12 So He said, “A nobleman went to a distant country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* return.  
 13 And he called ten of his slaves, and gave them ten minas and said to them, ‘Do business *with this* until I come *back*.’  
 14 But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’  
 15 When he returned, after receiving the kingdom, he ordered that these slaves, to whom he had given the money, be called to him so that he might know what business they had done.  
 16 The first appeared, saying, ‘Master, your mina has made ten minas more.’  
 17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities.’  
 18 The second came, saying, ‘Your mina, master, has made five minas.’  
 19 And he said to him also, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’  
 20 Another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I kept put away in a handkerchief;  
 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are an exacting man; you take up what you did not lay down and reap what you did not sow.’  
 22 He said to him, ‘By your own words I will judge you, you worthless slave. Did you know that I am an exacting man, taking up what I did not lay down and reaping what I did not sow?  
 23 Then why did you not put my money in the bank, and having come, I would have collected it with interest?’  
 24 Then he said to the bystanders, ‘Take the mina away from him and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’  
 25 And they said to him, ‘Master, he has ten minas *already*.’  
 26 I tell you that to everyone who has, more shall be given, but from the one who does not have, even what he does have shall be taken away.  
 27 But these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slay them in my presence.”  
 28 After He had said these things, He was going on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

### Final Journey to Jerusalem—Blind Bartimaeus (c. March 22–27, 33)

Matthew 20:29–34

Mark 10:46–52

Luke 18:35–43

29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed Him.  
 30 And two blind men sitting by the road,

46 Then they came to Jericho.  
 And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar *named* Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the road.

35 As Jesus was approaching Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the road begging.  
 36 Now hearing a crowd going by, he

<p>hearing that Jesus was passing by, cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"</p> <p>31 The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"</p> <p>32 And Jesus stopped and called them,</p> <p>and said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"</p> <p>33 They said to Him, "Lord, <i>we want</i> our eyes to be opened."</p> <p>34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes;</p> <p>and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.</p>	<p>47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"</p> <p>48 Many were sternly telling him to be quiet, but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"</p> <p>49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him <i>here</i>."</p> <p>So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you."</p> <p>50 Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.</p> <p>51 And answering him, Jesus said, "What do you want Me to do for you?"</p> <p>And the blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, <i>I want</i> to regain my sight!"</p> <p>52 And Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well."</p> <p>Immediately he regained his sight and <i>began</i> following Him on the road.</p>	<p><i>began</i> to inquire what this was.</p> <p>37 They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by.</p> <p>38 And he called out, saying, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"</p> <p>39 Those who led the way were sternly telling him to be quiet; but he kept crying out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"</p> <p>40 And Jesus stopped and commanded that he be brought to Him;</p> <p>and when he came near, He questioned him,</p> <p>41 "What do you want Me to do for you?"</p> <p>And he said, "Lord, <i>I want</i> to regain my sight!"</p> <p>42 And Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has made you well."</p> <p>43 Immediately he regained his sight and <i>began</i> following Him, glorifying God; and when all the people saw it, they gave praise to God.</p>
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**Final Journey to Jerusalem—Arrival at Bethany (Friday, March 27, 33)**

John 11:55–12:1

11:55 Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover to purify themselves.

56 So they were seeking for Jesus, and were saying to one another as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that He will not come to the feast at all?"

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where He was, he was to report it, so that they might seize Him.

12:1 Jesus, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

**Mary Anoints Jesus for His Burial (Saturday, March 28, 33)**

Matthew 26:6–13

Mark 14:3–9

John 12:2–11

<p>6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, at the home of Simon the leper,</p> <p>7 a woman came to Him with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume,</p> <p>and she poured it on His head as He reclined <i>at the table</i>.</p>	<p>3 While He was in Bethany at the home of Simon the leper,</p> <p>and reclining <i>at the table</i>, there came a woman with an alabaster vial of very costly perfume of pure nard; <i>and</i> she broke the vial and poured it over His head.</p>	<p>2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining <i>at the table</i> with Him.</p> <p>3 Mary then took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard,</p> <p>and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped</p>
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<p>8 But the disciples were indignant when they saw <i>this</i>, and said, “Why this waste? 9 For this <i>perfume</i> might have been sold for a high price and <i>the money</i> given to the poor.”</p> <p>10 But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you bother the woman? For she has done a good deed to Me.</p> <p>11 For you always have the poor with you; but you do not always have Me. 12 For when she poured this perfume on My body, she did it to prepare Me for burial. 13 Truly I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”</p>	<p>4 But some were indignantly <i>remarking</i> to one another, “Why has this perfume been wasted? 5 For this perfume might have been sold for over three hundred denarii, and <i>the money</i> given to the poor.” And they were scolding her.</p> <p>6 But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you bother her? She has done a good deed to Me.</p> <p>7 For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them; but you do not always have Me. 8 She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial. 9 Truly I say to you, wherever the gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her.”</p>	<p>His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, who was intending to betray Him, said, 5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to poor <i>people</i>?” 6 Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box, he used to pilfer what was put into it. 7 Therefore Jesus said, “Let her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of My burial. 8 For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.” 9 The large crowd of the Jews then learned that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also; 11 because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and were believing in Jesus.</p>
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**Judas Decides to Betray Jesus (Saturday, March 28, 33)**

Matthew 26:14–16	Mark 14:10–11	Luke 22:3–6
<p>14 Then one of the twelve, named Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests 15 and said, “What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you?” And they weighed out thirty pieces of silver to him.</p>	<p>10 Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Him to them. 11 They were glad when they heard <i>this</i>, and promised to give him money.</p>	<p>3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, belonging to the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away and discussed with the chief priests and officers how he might betray Him to them. 5 They were glad and agreed to give him money.</p>



16 From then on he <i>began</i> looking for a good opportunity to betray Jesus.	And he <i>began</i> seeking how to betray Him at an opportune time.	6 So he consented, and <i>began</i> seeking a good opportunity to betray Him to them apart from the crowd.
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## Passion Week—Triumphal Entry (Sunday, March 29, 33)

Matthew 21:1–9	Mark 11:1–10	Luke 19:29–44	John 12:12–19
<p>1 When they had approached Jerusalem and had come to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied <i>there</i> and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to Me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of them,’ and immediately he will send them.” 6 The disciples went and did just as Jesus had instructed them, 7 and brought the donkey and the colt, and laid their coats on them; and He sat on the coats. 4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: 5 “SAY TO THE DAUGHTER OF ZION, ‘BEHOLD YOUR KING IS COMING TO YOU, GENTLE, AND MOUNTED ON A DONKEY, EVEN ON A COLT, THE FOAL OF A BEAST OF BURDEN.’” <a href="#">[Isa 62:11; Zech 9:9]</a></p>	<p>1 As they approached Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, He sent two of His disciples, 2 and said to them, “Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied <i>there</i>, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it <i>here</i>. 3 “If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ you say, ‘The Lord has need of it’; and immediately he will send it back here.” 4 They went away and found a colt tied at the door, outside in the street; and they untied it. 5 Some of the bystanders were saying to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” 6 They spoke to them just as Jesus had told <i>them</i>, and they gave them permission. 7 They brought the colt to Jesus and put their coats on it; and He sat on it.</p>	<p>29 When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, “Go into the village ahead of <i>you</i>; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it <i>here</i>. 31 If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” 32 So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” 34 They said, “The Lord has need of it.” 35 They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus <i>on it</i>.</p>	<p>12a On the next day 14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 “FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.” 12b the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming</p>

<p>8 Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road.</p> <p>9 The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed,</p> <p>were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David; BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; <a href="#">[Ps 118:26]</a></p> <p>Hosanna in the highest!”</p>	<p>8 And many spread their coats in the road, and others <i>spread</i> leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.</p> <p>9 Those who went in front and those who followed</p> <p>were shouting: “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;</p> <p>10 Blessed <i>is</i> the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!”</p>	<p>36 As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road.</p> <p>37 As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, 38 shouting: “BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”</p> <p>39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd</p> <p>said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” 40 But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!” 41 When He approached <i>Jerusalem</i>, He saw the city and</p>	<p>to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him,</p> <p>and <i>began</i></p> <p>to shout, “Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel.”</p> <p>16 These things His disciples did not understand at the first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they had done these things to Him. 17 So the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead, continued to testify <i>about Him</i>. 18 For this reason also the people went and met Him, because they heard that He had performed this sign. 19 So the Pharisees</p> <p>said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after Him.”</p>
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		<p>wept over it, 42 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. 43 For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, 44 and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation."</p>	
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**Passion Week—Temple Visit (Sunday, March 29, 33)**

Matthew 21:10–11, 14–16	Mark 11:11a
<p>10 When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" 11 And the crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee." 14 And <i>the</i> blind and <i>the</i> lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He had done, and the children who were shouting in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became indignant 16 and said to Him, "Do You hear what these <i>children</i> are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'OUT OF THE MOUTH OF INFANTS AND NURSING BABIES YOU HAVE PREPARED PRAISE FOR YOURSELF'?" <a href="#">[Ps 8:2]</a></p>	<p>11a Jesus entered Jerusalem  <i>and came</i> into the temple;</p>

**Passion Week—We Would See Jesus (Sunday, March 29, 33)**

John 12:20–50
<p><b>Some Greeks Request to See Jesus</b> 20 Now there were some Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; 21 these then came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and <i>began to</i> ask him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." 22 Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came and told Jesus. 23 And Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. 25 He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. 26 If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. 27 "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 So the crowd <i>of people</i> who stood by and heard it were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An angel has spoken to Him." 30 Jesus answered and said, "This voice has not come for My sake, but for your sakes. 31 Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." 33 But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die.</p>

34 The crowd then answered Him, “We have heard out of the Law that the Christ is to remain forever; and how can You say, ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Man?”

35 So Jesus said to them, “For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness will not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.

36 While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.” These things Jesus spoke, and He went away and hid Himself from them.

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37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

38 *This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?”* [Isa 53:1]

39 For this reason they could not believe, for Isaiah said again,

40 “HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART, SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT SEE WITH THEIR EYES AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED AND I HEAL THEM.” [Isa 6:10]

41 These things Isaiah said because he saw His glory, and he spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *Him*, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

44 And Jesus cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, does not believe in Me but in Him who sent Me.

45 He who sees Me sees the One who sent Me.

46 I have come *as* Light into the world, so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness.

47 If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

49 For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment *as to* what to say and what to speak.

50 I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me.”

### **Passion Week—Return to Bethany (Sunday, March 29, 33)**

Matthew 21:17

Mark 11:11b

17 And He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

11b and after looking around at everything, He left for Bethany with the twelve, since it was already late.

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#### **Chronological Notes**

- 1) I will be following Steinmann’s order of events as presented in Chapter 13 (“Holy Week, Crucifixion, and Resurrection”, pp. 288–89) of *From Abraham to Paul*. See that chapter for details on specific issues.

### Passion Week—Cursing the Fig Tree (Monday, March 30, 33)

Matthew 21:18–19a	Mark 11:12–14
<p>18 Now in the morning, when He was returning to the city, He became hungry.</p> <p>19a Seeing a lone fig tree by the road,</p> <p>He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only;</p> <p>and He said to it,            “No longer shall there ever be <i>any</i> fruit from you.”</p>	<p>12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.</p> <p>13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went <i>to see</i> if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.</p> <p>14 He said to it,            “May no one ever eat fruit from you again!”            And His disciples were listening.</p>

### Passion Week—Second Cleansing of the Temple (Monday, March 30, 33)

Matthew 21:12–13	Mark 11:15–19	Luke 19:45–48
<p>12 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.</p> <p>13 And He said to them, “It is written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER’; but you are making it a ROBBERS’ DEN.” <a href="#">[Jer 7:11]</a></p>	<p>15 Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves;</p> <p>16 and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple.</p> <p>17 And He <i>began</i> to teach and say to them, “Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? <a href="#">[Isa 56:7]</a> But you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</p> <p>18 The chief priests and the scribes heard <i>this</i>, and <i>began</i> seeking how to destroy Him; for they were afraid of Him,</p> <p>for the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.</p> <p>19 When evening came, they would go out of the city.</p>	<p>45 Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling,</p> <p>46 saying to them, “It is written, ‘AND MY HOUSE SHALL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER,’ but you have made it a ROBBERS’ DEN.”</p> <p>47 And He was teaching daily in the temple; but the chief priests and the scribes and the leading men among the people were trying to destroy Him,</p> <p>48 and they could not find anything that they might do, for all the people were hanging on to every word He said.</p>

### Passion Week—Lesson of the Fig Tree (Tuesday, March 31, 33)

Matthew 21:19b–22	Mark 11:20–26
<p>19b And at once the fig tree withered.</p> <p>20 Seeing <i>this</i>, the disciples were amazed and asked, “How did the fig tree wither <i>all</i> at once?”</p> <p>21 And Jesus answered and said to them,            “Truly I say to you,            if you have faith and do not doubt,</p>	<p>20 As they were passing by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots <i>up</i>.</p> <p>21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him,            “Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.”</p> <p>22 And Jesus answered saying to them,            “Have faith in God.</p> <p>23 “Truly I say to you,</p>

<p>you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,'</p> <p>it will happen.</p> <p>22 "And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."</p>	<p>whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be <i>granted</i> him.</p> <p>24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be <i>granted</i> you.</p> <p>25 "Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.</p> <p>26 "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your transgressions."</p>
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**Passion Week—Jesus' Authority Challenged (Tuesday, March 31, 33)**

Matthew 21:23–27	Mark 11:27–33	Luke 20:1–8
<p>23 When He entered the temple,</p> <p>the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Him while He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?"</p> <p>24 Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I will also tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>25 "The baptism of John was from what <i>source</i>, from heaven or from men?" And they <i>began</i> reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?'</p> <p>26 "But if we say, 'From men,' we fear the people; for they all regard John as a prophet."</p> <p>27 And answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know."</p> <p>He also said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.</p>	<p>27 They came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple,</p> <p>the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him,</p> <p>28 and <i>began</i> saying to Him, "By what authority are You doing these things, or who gave You this authority to do these things?"</p> <p>29 And Jesus said to them, "I will ask you one question, and you answer Me, and <i>then</i> I will tell you by what authority I do these things.</p> <p>30 "Was the baptism of John from heaven, or from men? Answer Me."</p> <p>31 They <i>began</i> reasoning among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Then why did you not believe him?'</p> <p>32 "But shall we say, 'From men?'" — they were afraid of the people, for everyone considered John to have been a real prophet.</p> <p>33 Answering Jesus, they said, "We do not know."</p> <p>And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."</p>	<p>1 On one of the days while He was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders confronted <i>Him</i>,</p> <p>2 and they spoke, saying to Him, "Tell us by what authority You are doing these things, or who is the one who gave You this authority?"</p> <p>3 Jesus answered and said to them, "I will also ask you a question, and you tell Me:</p> <p>4 "Was the baptism of John from heaven or from men?"</p> <p>5 They reasoned among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'</p> <p>6 "But if we say, 'From men,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."</p> <p>7 So they answered that they did not know where <i>it came</i> from.</p> <p>8 And Jesus said to them, "Nor will I tell you by what authority I do these things."</p>

**Passion Week—Parable of the Sons and the Wicked Tenants (Tuesday, March 31, 33)**

Matthew 21:28–46	Mark 12:1–12	Luke 20:9–19
<p>28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.'</p> <p>29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but</p>	<p>1 And He began to speak to them in parables:</p>	<p>9 And He began to tell the people this parable:</p>



<p>afterward he regretted it and went.  30 “The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, ‘I will, sir’; but he did not go.  31 “Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you.  32 “For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing <i>this</i>, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.  33 “Listen to another parable.  There was a landowner who PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT AND DUG A WINE PRESS IN IT, AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.  34 “When the harvest time approached, he sent his slaves to the vine-growers to receive his produce.   35 “The vine-growers took his slaves and beat one,   and killed another, and stoned a third.  36 “Again he sent another group of slaves larger than the first; and they did the same thing to them.   37 “But afterward   he sent his son to them, saying,   ‘They will respect my son.’  38 “But when the vine-growers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’  39 “They took him, and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.  40 “Therefore when the owner of the vineyard comes,</p>	<p>“A man PLANTED A VINEYARD AND PUT A WALL AROUND IT, AND DUG A VAT UNDER THE WINE PRESS AND BUILT A TOWER, and rented it out to vine-growers and went on a journey.  2 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, in order to receive <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard from the vine-growers.  3 “They took him, and beat him and sent him away empty-handed.  4 “Again he sent them another slave, and they wounded him in the head, and treated him shamefully.   5 “And he sent another, and that one they killed;   and <i>so with</i> many others, beating some and killing others.  6 “He had one more <i>to send</i>, a beloved son; he sent him last <i>of all</i> to them, saying,   ‘They will respect my son.’  7 “But those vine-growers said to one another, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours!’  8 “They took him, and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard.</p>	<p>“A man planted a vineyard   and rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey for a long time.  10 “At the <i>harvest</i> time he sent a slave to the vine-growers, so that they would give him <i>some</i> of the produce of the vineyard;   but the vine-growers beat him and sent him away empty-handed.  11 “And he proceeded to send another slave; and they beat him also and treated him shamefully and sent him away empty-handed.  12 “And he proceeded to send a third; and this one also they wounded and cast out.   13 “The owner of the vineyard said,  ‘What shall I do?  I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’  14 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him so that the inheritance will be ours.’  15 “So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.</p>
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<p>what will he do to those vine-growers?"</p> <p>41 They said to Him, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end, and will rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers who will pay him the proceeds at the <i>proper</i> seasons."</p> <p>42 Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures, 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'? [Ps 118:22-23]</p> <p>43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.</p> <p>44 "And he who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."</p> <p>45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they understood that He was speaking about them.</p> <p>46 When they sought to seize Him, they feared the people, because they considered Him to be a prophet.</p>	<p>9 "What will the owner of the vineyard do?"</p> <p>He will come and destroy the vine-growers, and will give the vineyard to others.</p> <p>10 "Have you not even read this Scripture: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>; THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"</p> <p>11 THIS CAME ABOUT FROM THE LORD, AND IT IS MARVELOUS IN OUR EYES'?"</p> <p>12 And they were seeking to seize Him, and <i>yet</i> they feared the people, for they understood that He spoke the parable against them.</p> <p>And so they left Him and went away.</p>	<p>What, then, will the owner of the vineyard do to them?</p> <p>16 "He will come and destroy these vine-growers and will give the vineyard to others."</p> <p>When they heard it, they said, "May it never be!"</p> <p>17 But Jesus looked at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER <i>stone</i>'?"</p> <p>18 "Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; but on whomever it falls, it will scatter him like dust."</p> <p>19 The scribes and the chief priests tried to lay hands on Him that very hour, and they feared the people; for they understood that He spoke this parable against them.</p>
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