

# Timeline of the Gospels\*

## *“Come and See”*

*First Phase: 12-18 months*

**Spring/Summer AD 26 – Yr. #1 – YEAR OF INAUGURATION**

John Preaches – Jesus Baptized – Jesus Tempted

**Summer/Fall AD 26 - Yr. #1**

Jesus Presented – 1st Followers – Cana Wedding

**Spring/Summer AD 27 - Yr. #2**

Passover Tables – Miracles – Nicodemus – John Arrested – Samaritan Woman

Cana Healing – Jesus Rejected – Capernaum Base

**AD 27/28 – Yr. #2 – YEAR OF POPULARITY**

Calling of the Four

## *“Come Follow Me”*

*Second Phase: 6-9 months*

**AD 27/28 – Yr. #2 – YEAR OF POPULARITY**

Calling of the Four – Healing of Demoniac – Peter’s Mother-in-law – Galilee Tour – Matthew Called

Sabbath Controversies – Galilee Withdrawal – 12 Apostles Chosen

**AD 28 – Yr. #2**

12 Chosen – Sermon on the Mount (same day) – Growing Popularity – Official Rejection – Parables

Calming the Sea – Jairus’ Daughter Healed – Commissioning of the 12

## *“Come and be With Me”*

*Third Phase: 18 months*

**Fall/Winter AD 28/29 – Yr. #3 – YEAR OF OPPOSITION**

Commissioning of the 12 – John Beheaded - Private Instruction

**AD 29/30 – Yr. #3+**

5,000 Fed – Walking on Water – Bread of Life – Disciples Abandon Him – Stalked by Leaders

4,000 Fed – Peter’s Confession – Prediction of Death – Transfiguration – Lessons Concerning Others

Commissioning of the 70 – Private Instruction

**Spring AD 30 – Yr. #3+**

Cost of Discipleship – Journey to Jerusalem – Lazarus Raised (6 days before Palm Sun.)

Palm Sunday – Final Passover – Death – Resurrection – Great Commission

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This timeline is compiled from the following sources:

[The NIV Harmony of the Gospels](#) by Robert L. Thomas & Stanley N. Gundry (New York; Harper & Row Publishers, ©1988)

[NIV Study Bible](#) (Grand Rapids: Zondervan ©1985)

[Growing a Healthy Church](#) by Dan Spader & Gary Mayes (Chicago: Moody Press ©1991)

*\*dates are an educated guess but the sequence of events can be examined in light of the three Passover Feasts mentioned in the Gospel of John. A fourth Passover is assumed but not mentioned by John. (John 2:13; 6:4; 11:55)*