

CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST¹

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Significant Dates in the Life of Christ

Christ's birth	winter 5/4 B.C.
Herod the Great's death	March/April 4 B.C.
Prefects began to rule over Judea and Samaria	A.D. 6
Christ at the temple when twelve	Passover, April 29, 9
Caiaphas became high priest	A.D. 18
Pilate arrived in Judea	A.D. 26
Commencement of John the Baptist's ministry	A.D. 29
Commencement of Christ's ministry	summer/autumn A.D. 29
Christ's first Passover (John 2:13)	April 7, 30
John the Baptist imprisoned	A.D. 30 or 31
Christ's second Passover	April 25, 31
John the Baptist's death	A.D. 31 or 32
Christ at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 5:1)	October 21-28, 31
Christ's third Passover (John 6:4)	April 13/14, 32
Christ at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:2, 10)	September 10-17, 32
Christ at the Feast of Dedication (John 10:22-39)	December 18, 32
Christ's final week	March 28 – April 5, 33
Arrived at Bethany	Saturday, March 28
Crowds at Bethany	Sunday, March 29
Triumphal entry	Monday, March 30
Cursed the fig tree and cleansed temple	Tuesday, March 31
Temple controversy and Olivet discourse	Wednesday, April 1
Christ at Passover, betrayed, arrested, and tried	Thursday, April 2
Christ tried and crucified	Friday, April 3
Christ laid in the tomb	Friday, April 3
Christ resurrected	Sunday, April 5
Christ's ascension (Acts 1)	Thursday, May 14, 33
Day of Pentecost (Acts 2)	Sunday, May 24, 33