

Historical Geography of the Holy Land Spring 2020

*"And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk
and honey."*

(Deuteronomy 26:9)

Week 8: Upper Galilee (Part 2)

Review

Caesarea Philippi

Chronological Survey of the Three and a Half Year Ministry of Jesus Christ

Jesus' life before He went to be baptized by John	about 30 yrs	BIRTH and SILENT YEARS Jesus' nativity, infancy, boyhood, young adult & early adult life
Background Events The stage is set	3 – 4 months (?) Fall 29 – spring 30	<p>THE BACKGROUND TO THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background: The ministry of the forerunner, John the Baptist 2. Impetus: The baptism of Jesus by John (1st recorded event since in the temple at age 12) 3. The 40-day fast – the temptation of Jesus the Christ – the angelically assisted recuperation
PUBLIC PRESENTATION Time: 2 years + ✓ seeking crowds ✓ working countless miracles ✓ traveling throughout the lands of the Jews , saturating the area with His claims, and with the proof of those claims by means of miracles	4-6 months (?) Spring – summer/fall 30	<p>THE "EARLY JUDEAN" MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST (Jesus' Public Ministry Begins)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The first five days of Jesus' <i>public</i> ministry (Jn 1:29-2:12): ① John announces the Nazarene as the Christ for the 1st time; ② Jesus gathers to Himself two of John's disciples; ③ Jesus finds Nathanael, sets out for Galilee; ④ the miracle of water to wine performed at Cana 2. Jesus cleanses the temple at Jerusalem during <i>Passover</i> season 3. Nicodemus, a seeking Sanhedrinist, comes by night to Jesus 4. Jesus continues to gather to Himself those who had already believed John's message 5. John the Baptist is arrested; Jesus departs for <i>Galilee</i>, passes through Samaria on the way, deals with the woman at the well
	Ca. 18 months Autumn 30 - March 32	<p>THE GREAT GALILEAN MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Many, many miracles during this time 2. Jesus is seeking crowds, traveling throughout Galilee (with infrequent visits to Judea – e.g., Jn 5), saturating the land with His two-fold claim (to be <i>Messiah</i>, and to be <i>God</i> come in the flesh [Jn 20:30,31]), proving the legitimacy of those claims by means of miracles 3. In spite of the undeniable proof Jesus offers in defense of the truth of His claims, this generation of Israel finally rejects Him and His offer; Jesus discerns that spirit of disbelief, His disciples/apostles do not. There are two great <i>moments of rejection</i> which bring this phase of Jesus' ministry to a close: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The first moment of rejection--the unpardonable sin (Mt 12:14-37) b) The final moment of rejection--the feeding of the 5000 (Jn 6:41-47)
PRIVATE PREPARATION Time: 6 months [1 st ½ of final year] ✓ seeking privacy ✓ resisting requests for miracles ✓ avoiding areas populated by Jews	6 months March – October 32	<p>TRAINING OF THE TWELVE</p> <p>Notice that Jesus' emphasis and tactics change dramatically at this point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He had been seeking crowds; now He seeks privacy 2. He had been working miracles freely; now He seeks to avoid miracle-working in the attempt to avoid the consequent multitudes of people 3. He had been speaking openly and plainly; now He speaks in parables 4. He had been traveling throughout the land of the Jews; now He begins to move in non-Jewish territories (Syro-Phoenicia, Decapolis, the region of Caesarea-Philippi) 5. He had openly (if carefully) claimed Messiahship; now He asks not to be identified as Messiah <p>CULMINATION OF THIS PERIOD:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jesus finally finds solitude with His apostles, openly <i>foretells His death</i> for the first time; the apostles are horrified and unbelieving 2. To reinforce the staggering faith of the apostles, Jesus is TRANSFIGURED before three of them
A time of mixed focus : [last ½ of final year] Jesus presents Himself to the people of Judea & Perea; but all the while continues to prepare His witless disciples for His death	6 Months October 32 – March 33	<p>IN AND AROUND JERUSALEM: THE FINAL SIX MONTHS BEFORE HIS PASSION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To Jerusalem, for the Feast of Tabernacles (Nov) [Luke 9:51; John 7:1-10:21] --then, <i>ministers in Judea for final time, avoiding Jerusalem, sends out the 70</i> 2. To Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication (Dec) [Luke 13:22; John 10:22-42; Lk 13:23-17:10] --then, <i>to Perea (Jn 10:42; Lk 13:23-17:10), resists Pharisees attempts to lure Him back to Judea (Lk 13:31-34,) ministers until the sisters of Lazarus send for Him (Jn 11)</i> 3. To Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead (ca Feb) [John 11] --then <i>to village of Ephraim [border of Samaria], remains secreted until He sets out to Jerusalem for final Passover [following a strategic route]</i>
FINAL EVENTS Time: several weeks ✓ final trip to Jerusalem ✓ Passion Week ✓ resurrection Ministry ✓ ascension to the Father	Final Week, and then 40 days	<p>JESUS' PASSION IN JERUSALEM, THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The final journey to Jerusalem; Jesus and His disciples travel to the city with a band of Passover pilgrims coming down from Galilee 2. The PASSION WEEK: Jesus dramatically enters Jerusalem (Sun), cleanses & possesses the temple (Mon/Tue), keeps Passover (Thur pm), then is arrested, tried, crucified and buried (Fri) 3. The RESURRECTION (early on first day of week), followed by a 40-day ministry on the earth 4. The ASCENSION to the Father from the Mount of Olives

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