

29 Know Jesus

The Gospels and Acts

These things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

Matthew

Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:14-16; Luke 5:27-30
Matthew 1:22-23; 2:6; 2:15 and others. Matthew 1:1-17;
Matthew 1:1; Matthew 5:38.

Mark

Acts 12:12; 12:25; 14:4-5; 1 Peter 5:13; (Mark 14:51-52)
Mark 1:1; 3:11; 5:7; 14:61; 15:39; 16:19 and look at the
headings in the first 10 chapters.

Luke

Luke 1:1-4; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11.
Luke 1:3; 1:11; 1:26; 2:9; 2:13; 9:26; 12:8; 15:10; 20:36; 24:4,
23. (and Acts 1:10-11) and look at the headings to see who
Luke (and Jesus) were concerned about.

John

John 19:26; 21:20. John's letters; Revelation 1:1-2, 9-11.

Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written. John 21:25

Make a diary
of the first few days of Jesus' ministry from
John 1 and 2. (hint: see John 1:29)

Use your concordance
and an AV. Look up the word *immediately*.
What do you notice?

4000 BC

3000 BC

2000 BC

Feasts

John tells us about various Jewish feasts which helps us to date events.

- John 2:13 *Passover* (April)
5:1
6:4 (April)
7:2 (September)
10:22 (December)
13:1 (April)

What can we deduce from the number of Passovers? Is there a clue in Luke 13:6-9?

I Am ...

Seven sayings in John's gospel

- 6:35
- 8:12
- 10:9
- 10:11
- 11:25
- 14:6
- 15:5

Did you know?

Jairus' daughter is the only recorded female to be raised from the dead.

Which Gospels describe ...

- Jesus birth?
- Jesus death? (How many chapters in John deal with Jesus' last week?)
- The journey to Emmaus?
- The lost sheep, coin and prodigal son?
- The feeding of the 5000?

Funny Bibles

What should these Bibles have said?

- In 1562, the second edition of the Geneva Bible, Matthew 5:9 said 'Blessed are the place makers for they shall be called sons of God'
- In 1717, a Bible was printed in which Luke 20 had a heading which said 'The Parable of the Vinegar'
- In 1810 a Bible was printed in which Matthew 13:43 said 'Who hath ears to ear, let him hear'; in the same year there was an edition of the Bible where Luke 14:26 said 'if any man come to me and hate nothis own wife also, he cannot be my disciple'

Did You Know?

The shortest verse in the AV and ESV is John 11:35 (In the NIV it's Job 3:2)

The Acts of the Apostles

Acts 1:1-8; 16:8-11; 20:5; 27:1.

1000 BC

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Using the example of the 'Feeding of the 5,000' (which is one of the few events recorded in all 4 gospels) compare the four texts, looking for similarities and differences in order to build a larger picture of the event.

Matthew 14:13-21	Mark 6:30-44	Luke 9:10-17	John 6:1-15
<p>13. Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. 14. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. 15. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." 16. But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17. They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." 18. And he said, "Bring them here to me." 19. Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. 21. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.</p>	<p>30. The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. 33. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37. But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38. And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39. Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. 41. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. 42. And they all ate and were satisfied. 43. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.</p>	<p>10. On their return the apostles told him all that they had done. And he took them and withdrew apart to a town called Bethsaida. 11. When the crowds learned it, they followed him, and he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had need of healing. 12. Now the day began to wear away, and the twelve came and said to him, "Send the crowd away to go into the surrounding villages and countryside to find lodging and get provisions, for we are here in a desolate place." 13. But he said to them, "You give them something to eat." They said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people." 14. For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." 15. And they did so, and had them all sit down. 16. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing over them. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. 17. And they all ate and were satisfied. And what was left over was picked up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.</p>	<p>6:1. After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6. He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10. Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13. So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15. Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.</p>

