

Jesus' Timeline and Feasts in the Book of John

His Public Ministry Was Approximately 40 months

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1. The first Passover (Jn. 2:12-13)
2. Another feast (Jn. 5:1)
3. The second Passover (Jn. 6:4) Jesus did not attend)(the reason, 7:1, Jesus may have gone up to the feast, but probably observed it one month later, Numbers 9:10)
4. The feast of tabernacles (Jn. 7:2)
5. The feast of the dedication (Jn. 10:22)
6. The third Passover (Jn. 12:1)

Now we can assemble the facts as they relate to the Lord's public ministry. (Some of the dating is approximate. See Graham Scroggie, A Guide to the Gospels, London: Pickering and Inglis, 1948, 409-411.) Under each heading is the explanation.

1. From the Lord's baptism Jan A.D. 27) to the first Passover (Apr 11-18, A.D. 27)

- a. Feb AD. 27 (Jn. 1:19-51)
- b. Mar AD. 27 (Jn. 2:1-12), a period of about three months

2. From the first Passover to the departure for Galilee (Dec. A.D. 27)

- a. Apr A.D. 27 (Jn. 2:13-3:21)
- b. May A.D. 27 (Jn. 3:22-24)
- c. Aug A.D. 27 (Jn. 3:25-36)
- d. Nov A.D. 27 (Jn. 4:1-3)
- e. Dec A.D. 27 (Jn. 4:4-42), a period of about eight months

3. From the departure from Galilee to May A.D. 28

- a. Dec A.D. 27 (Jn. 4:43-45)
- b. Jan A.D. 28 (Jn. 4:46-54)

c. May A. D. 28 (Jn. 5:1-47), a period of about five months

4. From May A.D. 28 to the ministry in northern Galilee (Nov A.D. 29)

a. Mar A.D. 29 (6:1-15)

b. Apr A.D. 29 (6:16-71), a period of about twelve months

5. From May AD. 29 to the final departure from Galilee (Nov A.D. 29)

a. Sept A.D. 29 (7:1-8:11)

b. Oct A.D. 29 (8: 12-59), a period of about six months

6. From Nov A.D. 29 to the triumphant entry (Sunday, Apr 2, A.D. 30)

a. Oct. A.D. 29 (9:1-41)

b. Nov A.D. 29 (10:1-42)

c. Jan A.D. 30 (11:1-54)

d. Apr A.D. 30 (11 :55-12: 11), a period of about five months.

7. From Sunday, Apr 2, A.D. 30 to the resurrection (Sunday, Apr 9 A.D. 30)

a. Apr 2 (Sun) A.D. (12:12-19)

b. Apr 4 (Tues) A.D. 30 (12:20-50)

c. Apr 6 (Thur) A.D. 30 (13:1-18:12)

d. Apr 7 (Fri) A.D. 30 (18:13-19:42), period of eight days

8. From Sunday, Apr 9, A.D. 30 (resurrection) to May 18, A.D. 30 (ascension)

a. Apr 9, A.D. 30 (20:1-25)

b. Apr 9--May 18, A.D. 30 (20:26-21:25), a period of forty days