



A Chronological Framework for the Public Ministry of Jesus Christ

Part 6: The Later Judean and Perean Ministries



Introduction

During the previous three years of Jesus' ministry, He emerged from relative obscurity to have thousands of followers in a wave of popularity that seemed certain to last for years to come. However, in the later Judean and Perean ministries, the opposition against Him began to increase. In just six months, He will lay down His life as a ransom for the sins of His people, after which He will be raised from the dead and ascend to the right hand of God the Father. Until that time, He ministered in the regions of Judea and Perea for two three-month periods. He continued teaching, performing miracles, and engaging in discussions with the Jewish rulers. It was also a critical time for Him to complete His training of the Twelve and the Seventy.

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| PREPARATION | JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY | | | | | | SACRIFICE |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|--------------|
| John the Baptist | <div><div>OBSCURITY</div><div>POPULARITY</div><div>OPPOSITION</div></div> <div><div>Opening Events</div><div>Early Ministries</div><div>Extended Ministries</div><div>Specialized Ministry</div><div>Concluding Ministries</div></div> <div><div>4 months</div><div>8 months</div><div>4 months</div><div>10 months</div><div>6 months</div><div>3 months</div><div>3 months</div></div> <div><div>Early Judean</div><div>Early Galilean</div><div>Middle Galilean</div><div>Later Galilean</div><div>Later Judean</div><div>Perean</div></div> <div><div>First Year</div><div>Second Year</div><div>Third Year</div></div> | | | | | | <div>+</div> |
| John's Preaching | | | | | | | |
| John Replies to Questioners | | | | | | | |
| John's Messianic Preaching | | | | | | | |
| John's Imprisonment | | | | | | | |
| Baptism of Jesus | | | | | | | |
| Genealogy of Jesus | | | | | | | |
| Annual Passovers | <div><div>① John 2:13</div><div>② John 5:1</div><div>③ John 6:4</div><div>④ John 11:55</div></div> | | | | | | |

The Feast of Tabernacles

- John reports that Jesus went to the Feast of Tabernacles in September 10-17, A.D. 32. “Now the feast of the Jews, the Feast of Tabernacles, was at hand....But when His brothers had gone up to the feast, then He Himself also went up, not publicly, but as it were, in secret. The Jews therefore were seeking Him at the feast, and were saying, ‘Where is He?’” (John 7:2,10).
- After this feast, Jesus presumably returned to Galilee.

All Three Synoptics: Jesus Went To Judea

- “And it came about that when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee, and came into the region of Judea beyond the Jordan” (Mt. 19:1).
- “And rising up, He went from there to the region of Judea, and beyond the Jordan; and crowds gathered around Him again, and, according to His custom, He once more began to teach them” (Mk. 10:1).
- “And it came about, when the days were approaching for His ascension, that He resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51).

First: To the Feast of Dedication

- **First:** Jesus began this journey shortly after He made His secret trip to Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles (Jn. 7:2,10). This journey is recorded in Luke 9:51-13:21 and in John 7:10-10:42. After the Feast, He presumably returned to Galilee.
- From Galilee He started to make a journey to Jerusalem (Lk. 9:51; Jn. 10:22-39) – “At that time the Feast of the Dedication took place at Jerusalem; it was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon” (Jn. 10:22-23). The Feast was on December 18, A.D. 32.
- The journey took Him through Samaria.

In Samaria: Between Galilee and Jerusalem

- Luke's report: "And He sent His messengers on ahead of Him. And they went, and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make arrangements for Him. And **they did not receive Him**, because He was journeying with His face toward Jerusalem" (Lk. 9:52-53). James and John, the "Sons of Thunder," wanted "to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them" (vs. 54).
- While in Samaria, **Jesus sent out the Seventy** (Lk. 10:1-24). "Now after this, the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them two and two ahead of Him to every city and place where He Himself was going to come" (Lk. 10:1). Extensive ministry (Lk.10:25-13:21) before arriving in Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication.

In Samaria: Between Galilee and Jerusalem

- “And the **Seventy returned** with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name’....Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven” (Lk. 10:17,20).
- **After their return**, Jesus had an extensive ministry: the Good Samaritan, Mary and Martha, the Lord’s Prayer, casting out demons, Jews craving for signs, woes pronounced on the Pharisees and scribes, charge to the disciples when they are brought before the authorities, covetousness, building larger barns, earthly anxiety, true treasure, be ready for the return of the Son of Man, faithful and unfaithful servants, Jesus the divider, signs of the times, barren fig tree, woman with spirit, mustard seed, leaven (Lk. 10:25-13:21).

On to Jerusalem to the Feast of Dedication

“And He was passing through from one city and village to another, teaching, and proceeding on His way to Jerusalem” (Lk. 13:22; Jn. 10:22-39).

This marks the end of the first of the final three journeys to Jerusalem.

Second: Perean Ministry (3 months)

- After the Feast of Dedication, Jesus went to Perea: “And He went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first baptizing; and He was staying there. And many came to Him; and they were saying, ‘While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.’ And many believed in Him there” (Jn. 10:40-42).
- According to Luke, Jesus had an extensive ministry of teaching in parables and performing miracles in Perea (Lk. 13:22-17:10).

January to April

- **Part One:** Jesus and the Pharisees, Jesus and the multitudes, Jesus and His disciples.
- **Interruption:** Raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus in hiding.
- **Part Two:** To Perea, through Perea, to Bethany.

This marks the close of the second of the final three journeys to Jerusalem.

Three Journeys to Jerusalem

- **Third:** This is the final journey. After raising Lazarus, He possibly continued north to the borders of Samaria and Galilee. From there, Jesus make His final journey to Jerusalem (Lk. 17:11 – 19:28; Mt. 19:1 – 20:34; Mk. 10:1-52).
- Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover (Jn. 11:55-12:1) and remained until His death in A.D. 33.

Summary

Jesus' ministry began in the summer or autumn of A.D. 29 and came to an end at the Passover of A.D. 33.