

New Testament chronology

Bible scholars do not agree on all the details of this chronology, except on those in bold print. Some scholars prefer the period AD 30–33 for Jesus' ministry.

- 37–4 BC** Herod the Great (Luke 1:5; Matt 2:1–19) rules Palestine under the sovereignty of the Roman Emperor.
- 31 BC–AD 14** Augustus (Luke 2:1) rules the Roman Empire.
- 6 or 5 BC Jesus is born in Bethlehem during the reign of king Herod the Great (Matt 2:1).
- 5 BC Jesus' family flees to Egypt to escape from king Herod's plan to kill Jesus (Matt 2:13–15).
- 4 BC** Jesus' family returns to Palestine and settles in Nazareth in southern Galilee (Matt 2:19–23) after the death of king Herod the Great in 4 BC. Herod's kingdom is divided between three of his sons: Archelaus, Herod Philip II, and Herod Antipas.
- 4 BC–AD 6** Archelaus (Matt 2:22), son of Herod the Great, rules Judea until AD 6, when he is removed by the Romans and replaced by a Roman governor.
- 4 BC–AD 34** Herod Philip II ("Philip the tetrarch" in Luke 3:1), son of Herod the Great, rules the areas north and east of Galilee.
- 4 BC–AD 39** Herod Antipas ("Herod the tetrarch" in Luke 3:1, 19–20; 9:7–9 and Matt 14:1–12; "king Herod" in Mark 6:14–28; Luke 23:7–15), son of Herod the Great, rules Galilee and the area east of the Jordan River.
- AD 6** Archelaus (Matt 2:22), son of Herod the Great, is removed by the Romans. He is replaced by a Roman governor in charge of Judea.
- AD 14–36** Tiberius (Luke 3:1) rules the Roman Empire.
- AD 18–36** Caiaphas (Matt 26:3) is high priest in Jerusalem.
- Around AD 26 John the Baptist begins his ministry in the Desert of Judea, around the Jordan River (Matt 3:1).
- AD 28 or 29 John the Baptist is killed by king Herod (Matt 14:1–12; Mark 6:14–29; Luke 9:7–9).
- AD 26–36** Pontius Pilate (Matt 27:2) is Roman governor over Judea.
- AD 26–30 Jesus' ministry, ending with his crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension
- AD 34 or 35 Paul's conversion
- AD 37–41** Gaius Caligula rules the Roman Empire.
- AD 41–54** Claudius (Acts 11:28; 18:2) rules the Roman Empire.
- AD 54–68** Nero rules the Roman Empire.
- Around AD 55 Mark's Gospel is written.
- Around AD 60 Matthew's and Luke's Gospels are written.
- Around AD 66 Peter and Paul are martyred in Rome during the reign of Nero.
- Before AD 70 John's Gospel was written (some scholars date this gospel 10–20 years later).
- AD 70** The Jerusalem temple is destroyed by the Romans.