

The Stages Of Jesus' Ministry

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

The time of inauguration, a period of 15 months, covers the period from Jesus' baptism to his rejection at Nazareth and involves five journeys:

1. From Nazareth to Bethabara. Actual location unknown.
2. From Bethabara to the Wilderness and return
3. From Bethabara to Cana and Capernaum
4. From Capernaum to Jerusalem
5. From Jerusalem to Sychar and Cana

EARLY GALILEAN MINISTRY

The Early Galilean Ministry, a period of about four months, covers the period from his rejection at Nazareth to the Sermon on the Mount and involves four journeys:

1. From Cana to Nazareth, then moved to Capernaum
2. From Capernaum through eastern Galilee and return
3. From Capernaum to Jerusalem and return
4. From Capernaum to the mountain* and return

LATER GALILEAN MINISTRY

The Later Galilean Ministry, a period of ten months, covers the period from the Sermon on the Mount to the feeding of the five thousand and involves four journeys:

1. From Capernaum to Nain through southern Galilee and return
 2. From Capernaum to Gerasa and return
 3. From Capernaum to Nazareth through central Galilee and return
 4. From Capernaum to Bethsaida and return
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JESUS' MINISTRY IN OTHER REGIONS

The time of retirement, a period of six months, covers the period from just before the feeding of the five thousand to the Feast of Tabernacles and involves one long journey taken in four stages:

1. From Capernaum to the borders of Tyre and Sidon in Phoenicia
2. From the borders of Tyre and Sidon to Decapolis
3. From Decapolis through Dalmanutha and Bethsaida to Caesarea Philippi
4. From Caesarea Philippi to Capernaum

PERIOD OF JUDEAN MINISTRY

The Judean Ministry, a period of about three months, covers the time from the Festival of Shelters to the Feast of Dedication and involves only two journeys:

1. From Capernaum to Jerusalem
2. From Jerusalem to Bethabara

PERIOD OF PERAEAN MINISTRY

The Peraean Ministry, a period of about four months, covers the events succeeding the Feast of Dedication to the anointing at Bethany, six days before the crucifixion and involves four journeys:

1. From Bethabara to Bethany
2. From Bethany to Ephraim, where he secluded himself from the rulers for several weeks (possibly instructing the twelve]
3. From Ephraim through Perea to Jericho
4. From Jericho to Bethany

JESUS’ FINAL WEEK

The Passion Week, a period of only five days, covers events from Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his death on the cross and involves nine short journeys:

1. From Bethany to the Temple and return
2. From Bethany to the Temple, when he drove out the merchants, and return
3. From Bethany to the Temple and Mount of Olives and return
4. From Bethany to the Supper
5. From the supper to the Garden of Gethsemane on Mount of Olives
6. From Gethsemane to the house of Annas, then to the house of Caiaphas, the High Priest and the Council
7. From Caiaphas to Pilate
8. From Pilate to Herod and return
9. From Pilate to Calvary

PERIOD OF RESURRECTION

The events during the forty days between Resurrection and Jesus' Ascension cannot be arranged in journeys as Jesus just appeared and disappeared at will. Of the ten recorded appearances, five were on the day of Resurrection, the first Easter Sunday.

1. At Jerusalem: Mary Magdalene, the other women, Simon Peter, ten disciples {Thomas being absent,
a week later to the eleven disciples and then to James, the Lord's brother
2. Near Emmaus to two disciples, not apostles
3. Near the Sea of Galilee with seven of the apostles
4. On a mountain in Galilee with over 500 of his disciples
5. Near Bethany, 40 days after the resurrection, to the eleven disciples