

# **FAITH BUILDERS**

## **CHRIST'S SPIRITUAL KINGDOM**

Luke 13:10-35  
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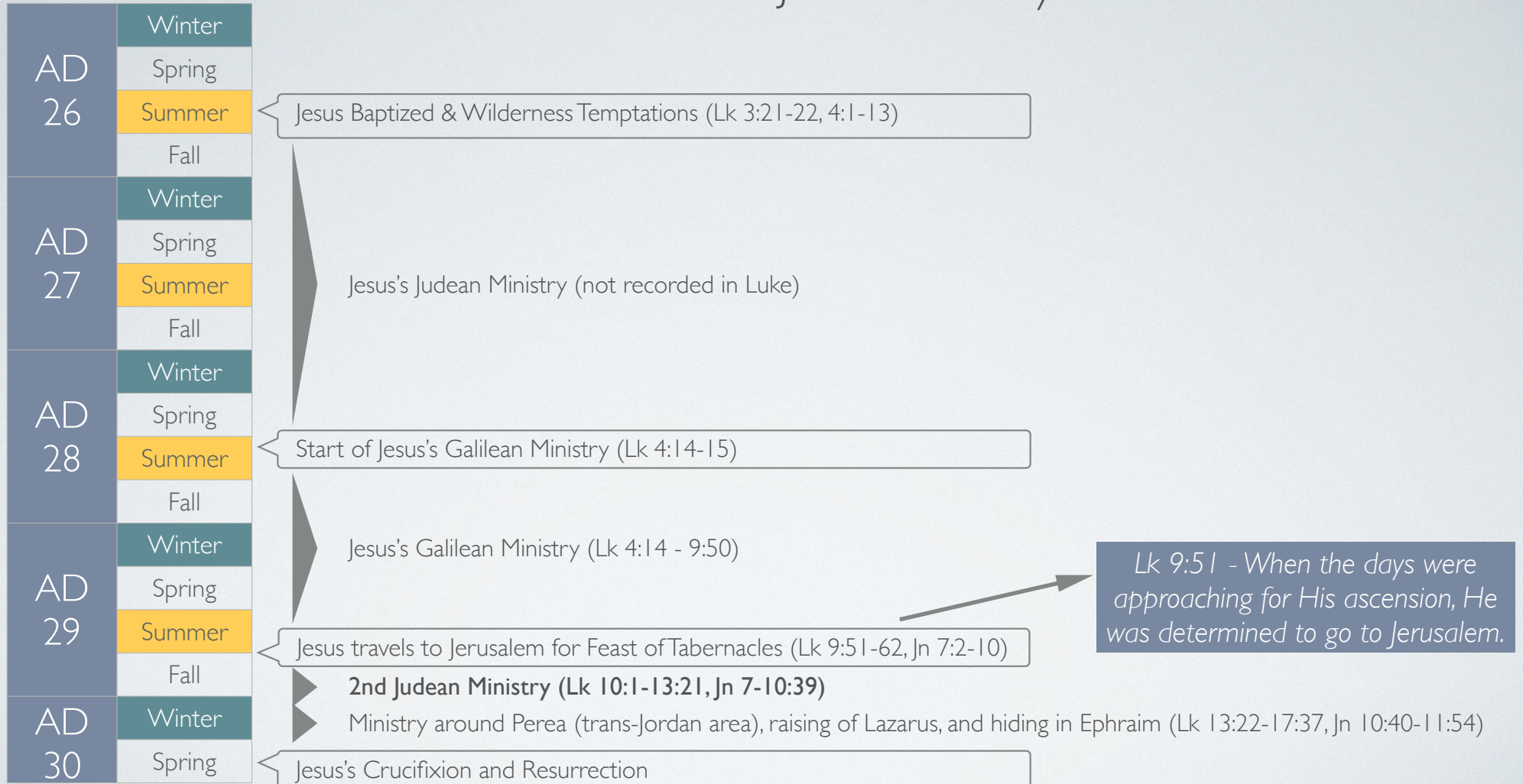
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# Timeline of Jesus's Ministry





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### Key dynamics of Jesus's Judean and Perean ministry

- A. Dynamic 1 - Growing hostility from the Jewish leadership
- B. Dynamic 2 - The crowds debating whether they would accept Jesus or reject Him (e.g. Jn 7:12–13)



## Section 1 - Jesus Publicly confronts the false Jewish leaders (10-17)

- A. The occasion (10) - Jesus teaching in the synagogue
- B. A merciful healing (11-13)
- C. The lecture to the crowd by the synagogue official (14)
- D. Jesus's response (15-16)
  - If you can release a barn animal tied up for a few hours on the Sabbath, then why not release a daughter of Abraham from her 18 year bondage on the Sabbath?
- E. The Result (17)
  - The Pharisees - humiliated
  - The crowd - glorified God



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### F. False narratives about Jesus:

- Jesus casted out demons by the power of the devil (Matt 9:34, Matt 12:24, Mark 3:22, Luke 11:15).
- Jesus was a glutton and a drunkard (Matt 11:19, Luke 7:34).
- Jesus improperly associated with sinners (Luke 5:30, Luke 15:2, Luke 19:7, Matt 9:11)
- Jesus violated the 4th commandment by not properly keeping the Sabbath (Matt 12:2, Matt 12:10, John 7:23, John 9:16, Luke 14:3)



## Section 2 - The growth and influence of Jesus's spiritual Kingdom (18-21)

- A. "So" - connects to the previous section
- B. Comparison Illustrations - The kingdom of God is like ...
- C. Illustration 1 - A mustard seed which becomes a large plant
  - Christ's Kingdom will start small but grow large and significant
  - People from all ethnicities, families, nationalities will partake.
- D. Illustration 2 - Leaven and flour
  - Christ's spiritual kingdom will grow in its influence until it permeates all nations.
  - Note: this growth is subtle and accomplished through ordinary means.



## Section 3 - The narrow entry to Jesus's spiritual Kingdom (22-30)

- A. The occasion (22) - teaching in cities and villages in Perea
- B. An interesting question (23) - Are there just a few being saved?
- C. The narrow door and the fate of those outside (23b - 28)
- D. The true citizens of the Kingdom (29-30)



## Section 4 - The coming King! (31-35)

- A. The odd warning from the Jewish leaders (31)
- B. Jesus's response (32-33)
  - Herod has no jurisdiction over Jesus's plan and timetable
  - Jesus will be back in Jerusalem soon enough
- C. Lament over Jerusalem (34)
- D. Curse on Jerusalem and hope filled promise (35)