

Testimonies of Jesus the Son of God

Jesus' Early Galilean Ministry Begins

Mark 1:21-45

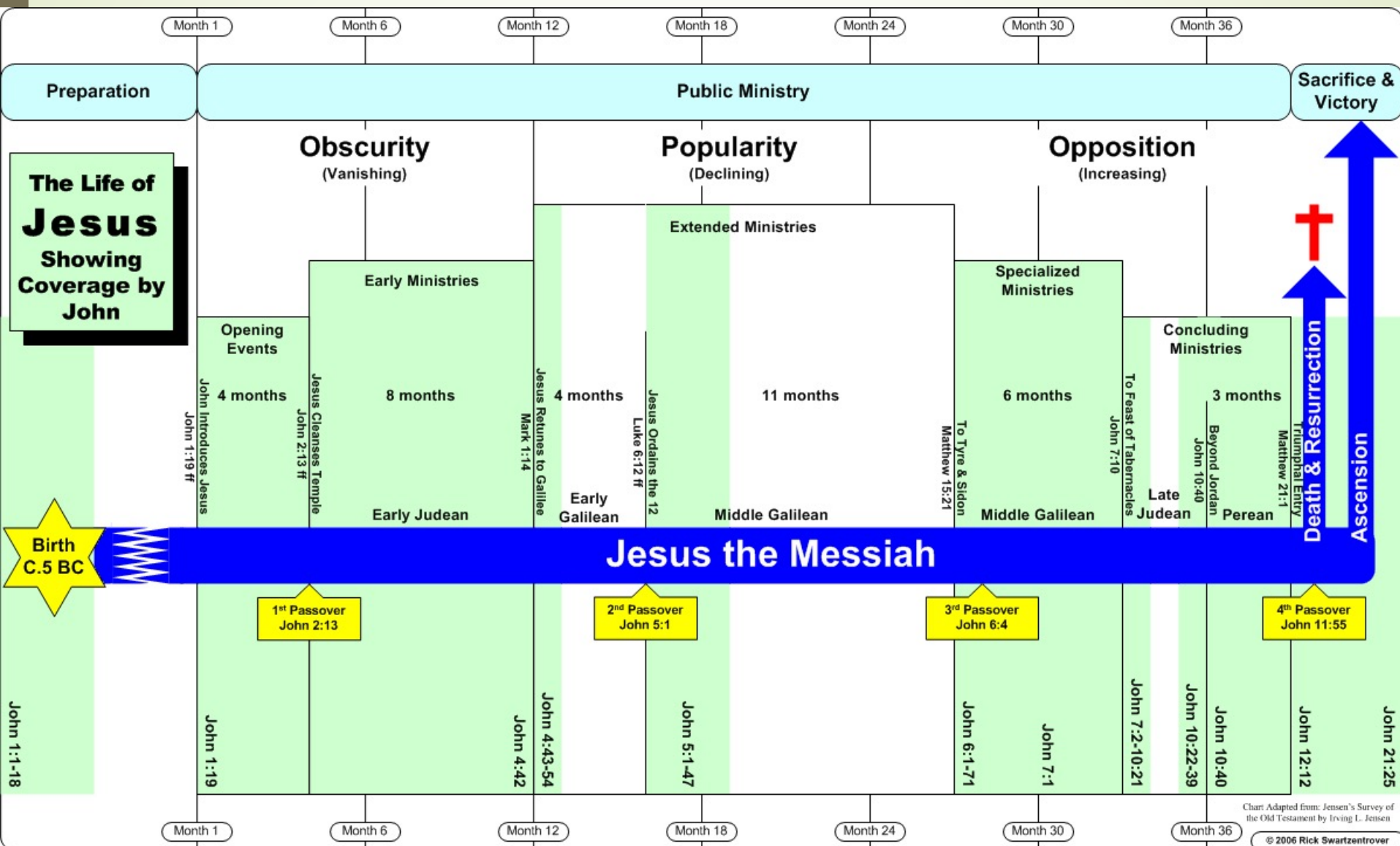
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Review

- The beginning of the gospel of Jesus (the) Christ, the Son of God
- Testimonies of Jesus Christ, Son of God
 - John the Baptist
 - The heavenly Father
 - Ability to withstand severe trials without sin
- Mark skips Jesus' early Judean ministry
- Mark begins Jesus' ministry after John the Baptist's arrest

Background contexts

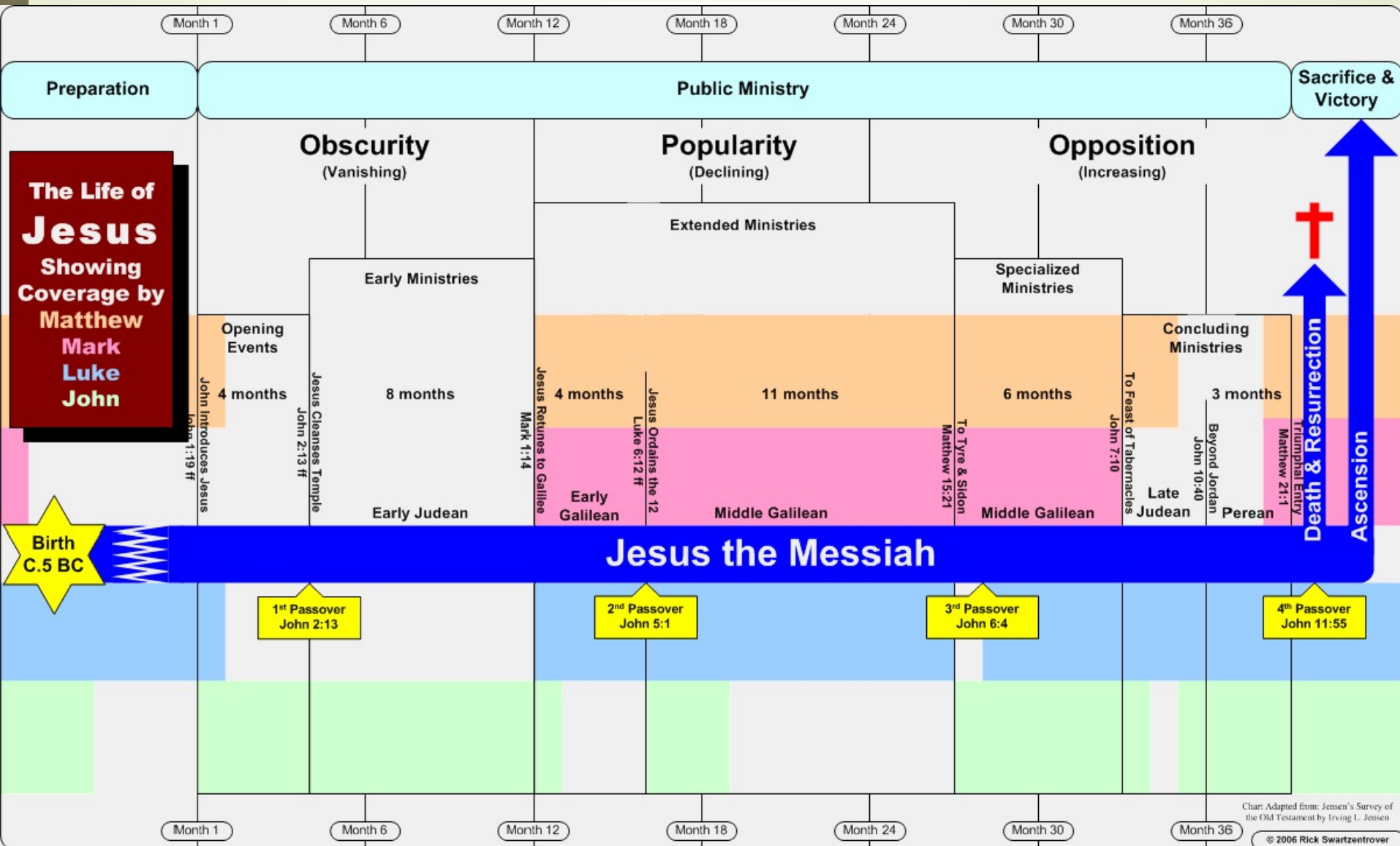


Prior events to Mk 1:21*

	Mk	Mt	Lk	Jn
Jesus baptized	1:9-11	3:13-17	3:21-22	1:29-34
40 days wilderness	1:12-13	4:1-11	4:1-13	
Initial introductions				
Simon, Andrew	1:16-18	4:18-20	5:1-9	1:35-41
James, John	1:19-20	4:21-22	5:10-11	
Philip, Nathanael				1:43-51
Simon called Cephas				1:42
Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
1 st cleansing of temple				2:13-22
Nicodemus				3:1-21
Woman of Samaria				4:7-38
Sermon on the mount		5:1-7:27	6:20-45	
Leper, centurion's faith	1:40-44	8:1-13	5:12-14	
John the Baptist arrested	1:14	4:12	3:19-20	(3:22-36)
Jesus sleeps, calms the storm	4:36-41	8:23-27	8:22-25	
Gadarene demoniac	5:1-20	8:28-34	8:26-39	

* Approximate

Background contexts



The good news of Jesus the Christ, the Son of God

- The testimony of His teaching and authority
- The testimony of the demons
- The testimony of His healing power
- The testimony of Jesus as to his purpose – to preach good news
- The testimony of His willingness to serve sinners with compassion

Synoptic events of Mk 1:21-45

	Mk	Mt	Lk	Jn
Initial callings	1:16-20		4:18-22	5:1-11
Testimony of teaching and authority (*incl Beatitudes ?)	1:21-22	5-7* 7:28	6:20-45* 4:31-32	
Testimony of demons	1:23-28		4:33-37	
Testimony of healing power - Simon's mother-in-law	1:29-31	8:14-15	4:38-39	
Testimony of healing power - Crowd healed @ Peter's home	1:32-34	8:16-17	4:40-41	
Testimony of Jesus - must preach	1:35-39		4:42-44	
Testimony of Jesus' willingness to serve sinners - heals leper	1:40-44	8:1-4	5:12-14	
Jesus to unpopulated areas	1:45		5:15	

Note: Matthew particularly differs in chronology with Luke

The testimony of His teaching and authority

➤ Mk 1:21-28

Mt 7:28; Lk 4:31-32

- V22, 27 Teaching as one “having” authority & NOT as the scribes
- Scribes were the “teachers” of the day
 - Spoke more about men (rabbis) than the Scripture
- Message may have resembled the Beatitudes (~ Mt 7:28)
- Jesus’ spoke the Scriptures with authority as one who knew God and his Word personally (because he was God)

Jn 8:28 “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am He, and I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.”

The testimony of the demons

➤ Mk 1: 23-28

Lk 4:33-37

➤ What the demons know for a fact, and boldly testify

➤ Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil

➤ Jesus will bind them one day

➤ Jesus came from Nazareth

➤ Jesus has authority

➤ Jesus is the holy one of God – the Messiah

➤ James 2:19

“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.”

➤ Mk 1:24 “The Holy one of God”

➤ Demonstration of Jesus’ authority over the entire spiritual realm

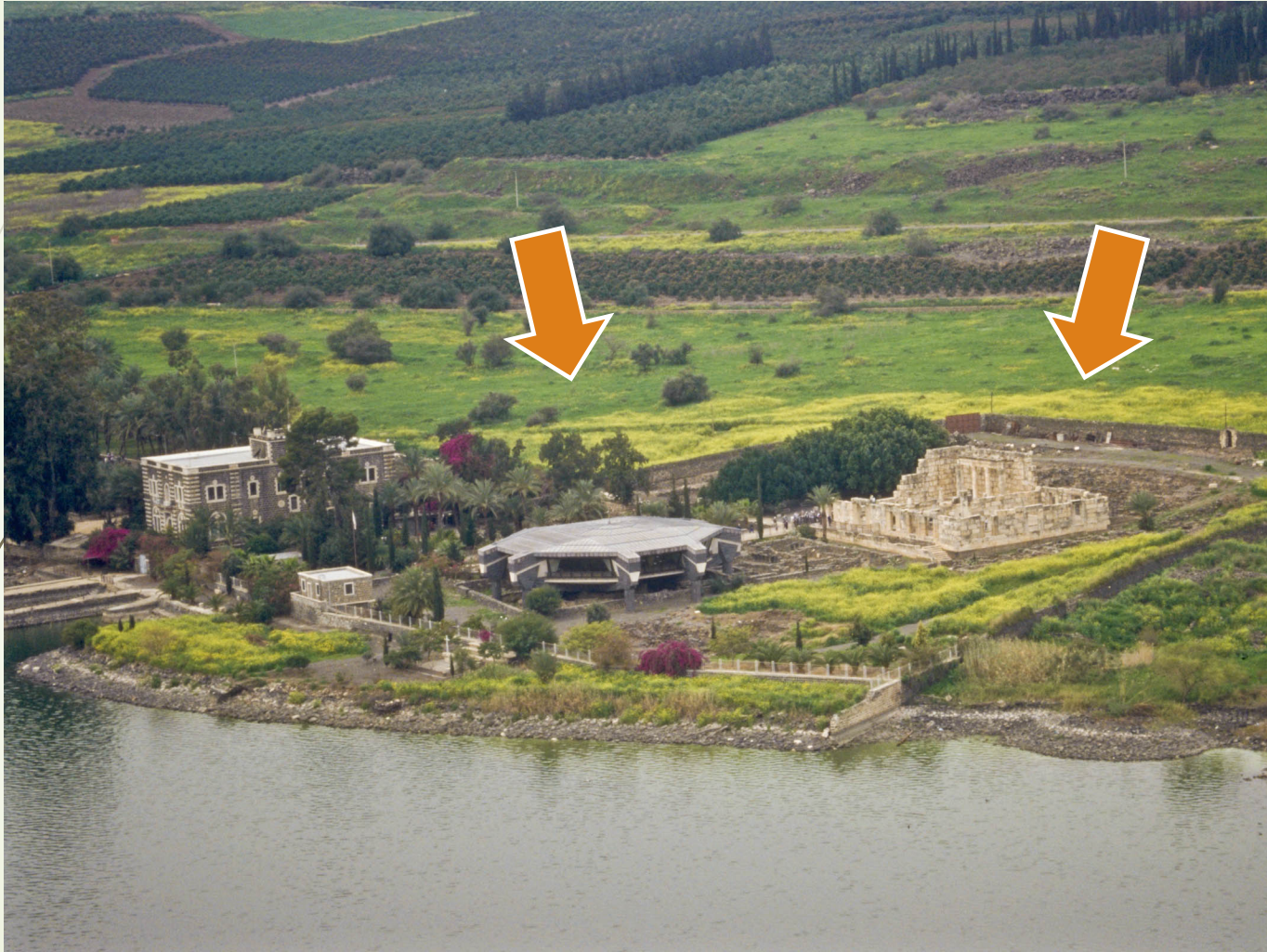
The testimony of His healing power

➤ Mk 1:29-34

Mt 8:14-17; Lk 4:38-41

➤ Simon's mother-in-law – sick with a fever

Peter's house, synagogue



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Peter's house



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Peter's house



The testimony of His healing power

➤ Mk 1:29-34

Mt 8:14-17; Lk 4:38-41

- Simon's mother-in-law – sick with a fever
- Healed many from the city
- Cast out many demons

➤ Jesus' power to heal

- Instant
- Complete
- Both physical and spiritual

The testimony of Jesus as to His purpose – to preach good news

Mk 1:35-39

Lk 4:42-44

“Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for.” v38

➤ Jesus' own testimony

➤ Mt 15:23-25 Came to Israel (re: Syrophoenician woman)

“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

➤ Mk 1:14-15 Came to preach the gospel of God

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”

➤ Mk 1:11 Jesus sent from God as the son to do the work of God

“You are My beloved Son; in You I am well-pleased.”

The testimony of His willingness to serve sinners with compassion

➤ Mk 1:40-45

Mt 8:1-4; Lk 5:12-14

➤ Leper

➤ Falling on his knees before Him

➤ “If you are willing, you can make me clean”

➤ Jesus

➤ “moved with compassion”

➤ “I am willing, Be cleansed”

➤ Mk 10:45 – to serve, to save

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

➤ John 3:17 – not judge, but to save

“For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him”

Applications

- Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God – he alone is able to heal physically and spiritually – because he has all authority in heaven and on earth Mt 28:18
 - Our sin is healed by faith in him as our only sufficient and righteous substitute for our deserved judgment
 - Our physical bodies will ultimately be replaced by new bodies once we pass from this life on earth
 - For our present-day healing – we ask if he is willing, he grants if it is according to his sovereign purposes - and he always has compassion on his people
- As believers, we have the privilege and responsibility to testify of the good news to the rest of the world that Jesus is the Son of God as our redeemer and can reconcile us to God
 - Our witness can be “with authority” in as much as it is consistent with Scripture and the truth of Jesus the Christ – our lives are to testify of Christ by word and deed
 - Our witness should be proclaimed freely and spread all around – Jesus’ ministry on earth has been completed, now is not the time to be silent.