Overview of Jesus' Ministry

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Introduction

Some disagreement on length of Jesus' Ministry
- About 1 year
- 2-3 years
- **3-4 years**

Some disagreement on date of crucifixion
- ~ AD 29
- **~ AD 30**
- ~ AD 33
Outline of Jesus' Life & Ministry

We will follow Guthrie, *A Shorter Life of Christ*

- Thirty Years in Nazareth
- Period of Preparation
- Early Judean Ministry
- Galilean Ministry
- Closing Period
- Passion & Resurrection
Thirty Years in Nazareth

- John's Prologue
  - Jesus' deity, His incarnation

- The Birth Narratives
  - Virginal conception, birth at Bethlehem
  - Matthew: Joseph's perspective, Wise men
  - Luke: Mary's perspective, shepherds

- Jesus at age 12
  - A hint of things to come
Period of Preparation

- John the Baptist
  - His person & message
- Jesus baptized
  - John's reluctance & heaven opened
- Jesus tempted
  - Compare the temptations of Adam & Eve; of Israel in the wilderness
Early Judean Ministry

Only in John:

- First contact with future disciples
- Wedding at Cana
- First cleansing of temple
- Conversation with Nicodemus
- Conversation with Samaritan Woman
Jesus' Galilean Ministry

Subdivided into periods:

- To the choosing of the Twelve
- To the withdrawal northward
- To Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem
To the choosing of the Twelve

- Initial call of the disciples
  - Peter, Andrew, James & John by seaside
- The sermon on the mount
- Healings & other miracles
- Popularity & criticism of Jesus
- The twelve chosen
To the withdrawal northward

- Sabbath controversies & healings
- Division & attack
- Samples of Jesus' teaching
- Unbelief at Nazareth
- Feeding of the five thousand
- Walking on the water
- Tradition of the elders
To Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem

- In Gentile territory
- The feeding of the four thousand
- Peter's confession
- Jesus' transfiguration
- More miracles
- More sayings
The Closing Period

Much from Luke's Perean Ministry section:

- Moving toward Jerusalem
- The journey into Jerusalem
- The ministry in Jerusalem
Moving toward Jerusalem

- Galilee to Bethany
- Some teaching on prayer
- More teaching by parables
- Encounters with Pharisees
- Jesus at two Jewish feasts
- Jesus dines with Pharisees
- Address to the crowds
Moving toward Jerusalem

- More parables for the Pharisees
- Teaching for the disciples
- Another clash with the Pharisees
- Teaching about service
- Healing the ten lepers
- Sayings about the Kingdom & the future
- Two parables on prayer
- Raising of Lazarus
The journey into Jerusalem

- Conclusion of Perean ministry
  - Divorce, children, rich young ruler, vineyard workers
- Jericho
  - Blind man, Zacchaeus
- Jesus at Bethany
  - Anointing by Mary
The ministry in Jerusalem

- Triumphal entry
- Fig tree cursed
- Trying to trap Jesus
- His Olivet discourse
Jesus' Passion & Resurrection

- Plot to kill Jesus
- Last supper
- Arrest in garden
- Jesus’ trials
  - Annas’ house
  - Jewish trial
  - Roman trial
Jesus' Passion & Resurrection

- On the way to the cross
  - Simon of Cyrene, the women of Jerusalem

- On the cross
  - The inscription, thieves, soldiers, mocking, darkness, the temple veil, Jesus’ words

- Jesus' burial
- Jesus' resurrection
Not the end ...

... because He lives!