



# Chronological Eyewitness Gospel: The Life of Jesus Christ

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And the Word was God

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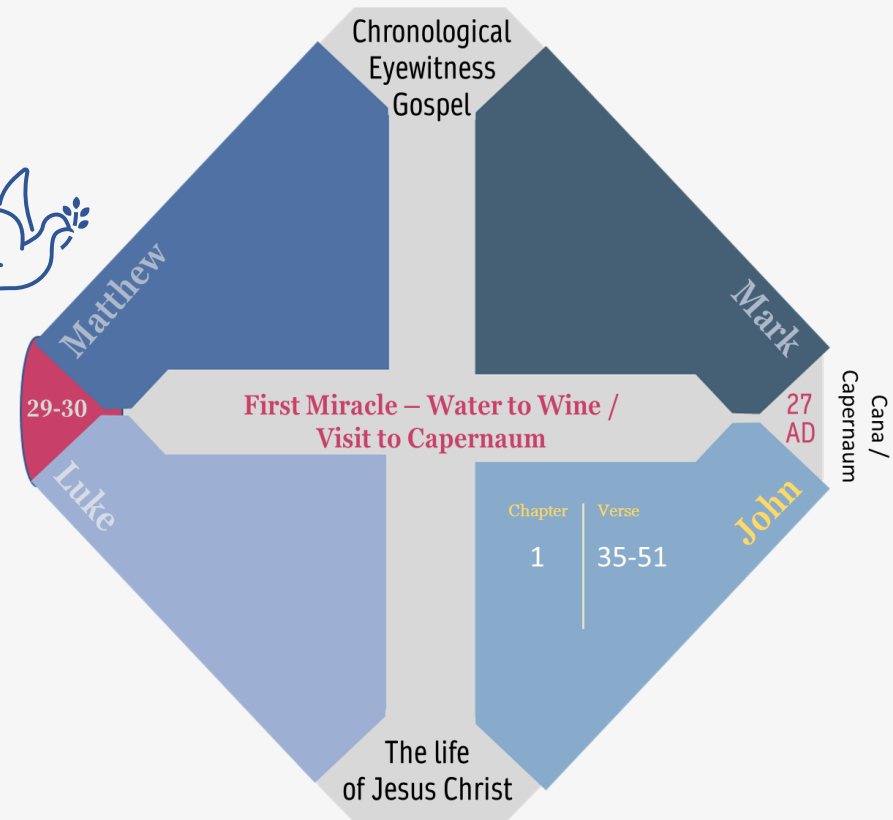
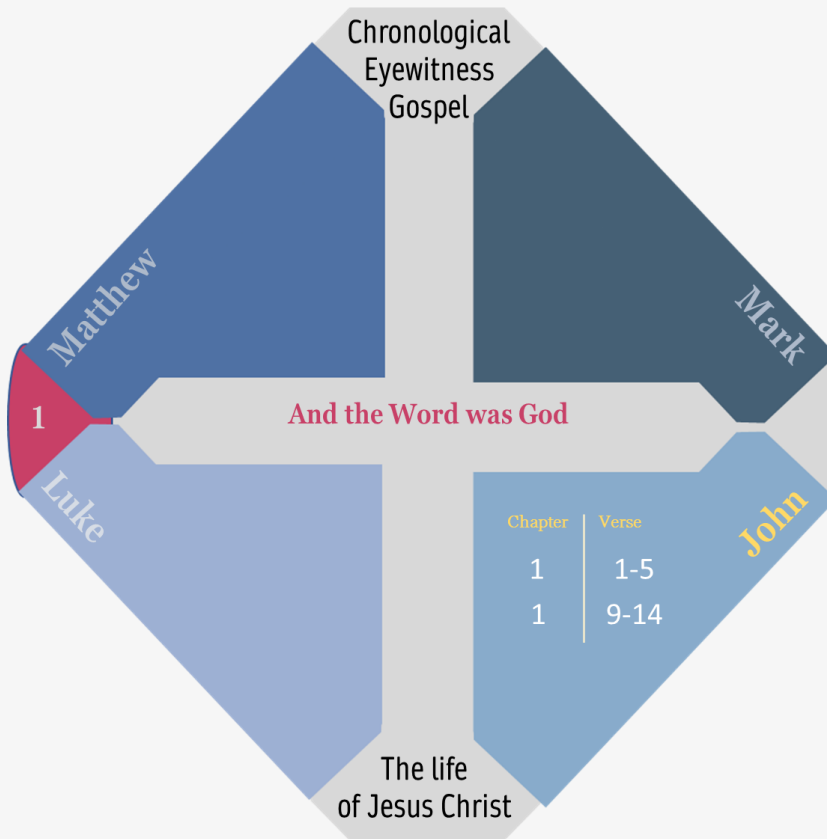
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# BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL ACCOUNTS UNTO THE PUBLIC MINISTRY





# A composite gospel, retold in chronological order

Dr. Jones laid the roadmap for the chronological harmony. As a strong advocate of the King James translation for trusted precision, he presented his work like this:

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C. Youth and Ministry of John:

AD 26 IN THE DESERTS JOHN'S YOUTH LUKE 1:80

Like 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.

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AD 26 THE JORDAN JOHN THE BAPTIST BEGINS HIS MINISTRY MAT. 3:1-12; MARK 1:3-8; LUKE 3:1-18; JOHN 1:6-8

MATTHEW 3	MARK 1	LUKE 3	JOHN 1
<p>1:6 In those days came John the Baptist, c. in the wilderness of Judaea,</p> <p>1:7 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.</p> <p>1:8 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying,</p>	<p>1:6 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;</p> <p>1:7 John did baptize in the wilderness,</p> <p>1:8 and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.</p> <p>1:9 And it is written in the prophet, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.</p>	<p>21 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberias Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,</p> <p>22 Anna and Caiphaz being the high priests,</p> <p>23 the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.</p> <p>24 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.</p> <p>25 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.</p> <p>26 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,</p> <p>27 up 1:23</p>	<p>1:6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.</p> <p>1:7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.</p> <p>1:8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.</p> <p>1:9 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,</p> <p>1:10 up 1:23</p>

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MATTHEW 3	MARK 1	LUKE 3	ep. John 1:23
<p>1:6 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.</p> <p>1:7 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and with a leather girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.</p> <p>1:8 There went out to e. him and all Judaea, h. Jerusalem,</p> <p>1:9 and all the region round about Jordan.</p> <p>1:10 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.</p> <p>1:11 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them,</p> <p>1:12 O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</p> <p>1:13 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:</p> <p>1:14 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.</p> <p>1:15 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p>	<p>1:6 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.</p> <p>1:7 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey.</p> <p>1:8 And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem,</p> <p>1:9 and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.</p> <p>1:10 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him,</p> <p>1:11 O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</p> <p>1:12 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.</p> <p>1:13 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>1:14 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?</p> <p>1:15 He answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats,</p>	<p>1:6 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.</p> <p>1:7 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;</p> <p>1:8 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.</p> <p>1:9 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him,</p> <p>1:10 O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</p> <p>1:11 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.</p> <p>1:12 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>1:13 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?</p> <p>1:14 He answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats,</p>	<p>1:23 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him,</p> <p>1:24 O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?</p> <p>1:25 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.</p> <p>1:26 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.</p> <p>1:27 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?</p> <p>1:28 He answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats,</p>

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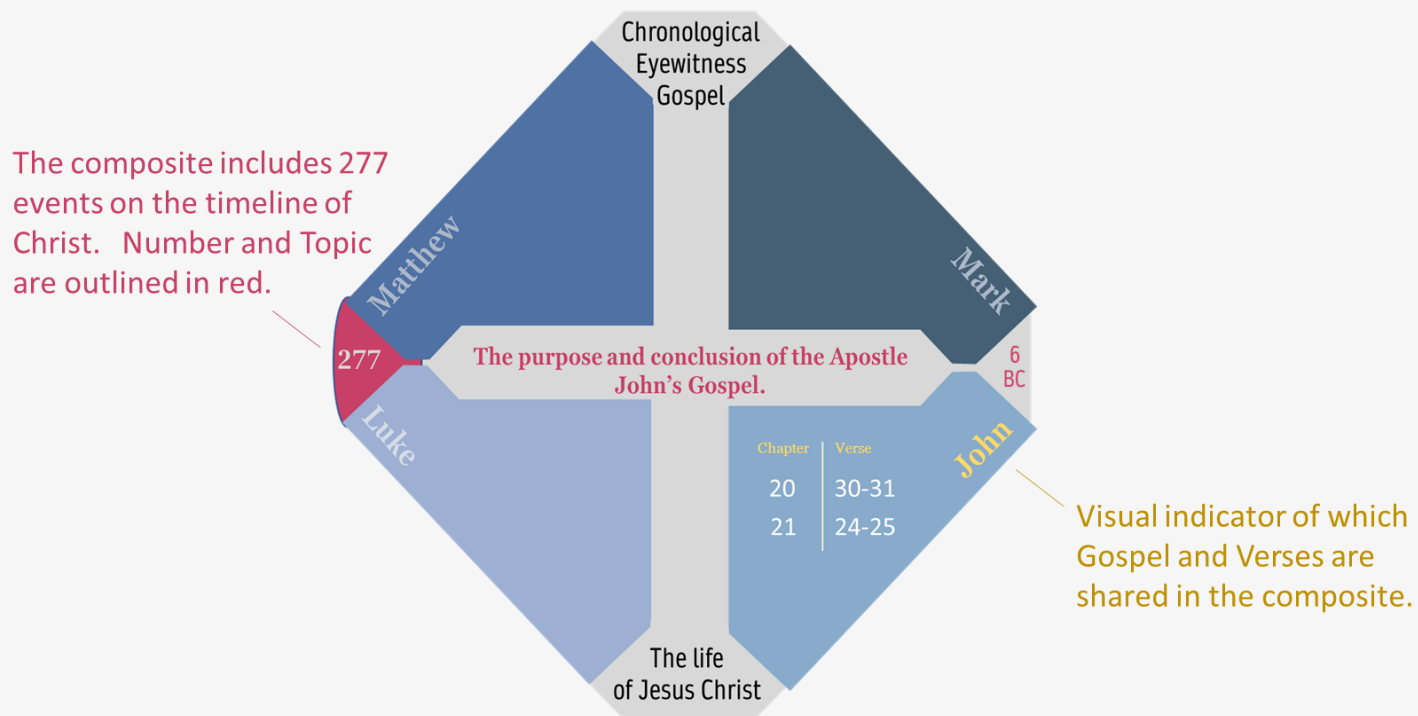
*“An Analytical Red Letter Harmony of the Four Gospels”*

By: Dr. Floyd Nolan Jones

# A composite gospel, retold in chronological order

For a fluid story telling style, this work applies Dr. Jones' map to the New Living Translation to create a single composite text, so the four gospels become one testimony.

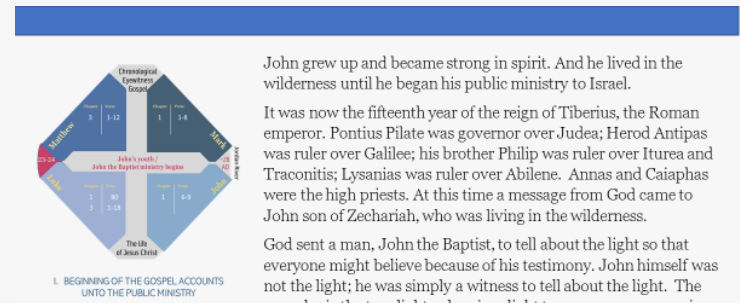
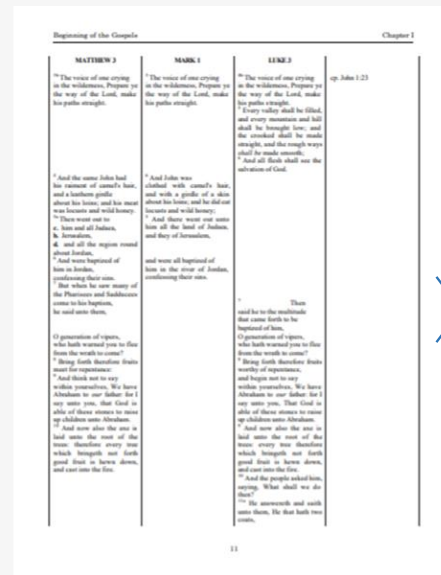
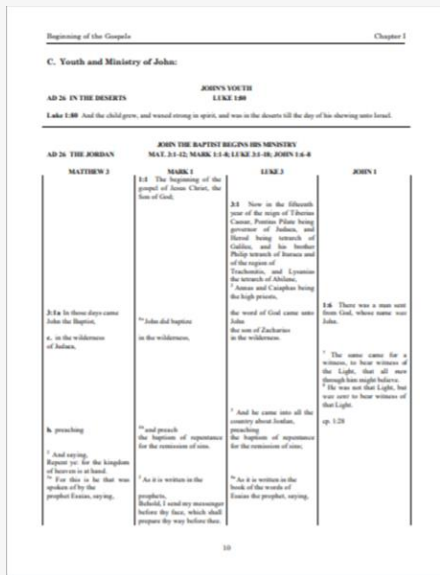
Eyewitness Testimony of Jesus Christ  
as told by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John



# A composite gospel, retold in chronological order

## 2. Every word of text in the resulting composite originates in the bible.

If a story is told in more than one gospel, then it is combined and condensed into a single account. When placed into a single composite gospel, the variants and details from the individual gospels harmonize and self-illuminate the story of Jesus Christ with remarkable clarity.



John grew up and became strong in spirit. And he lived in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.

It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Trachonitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness.

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

"Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, and he will prepare your way.

He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,

'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming!

Clear the road for him!'"

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## 3. The Holy Bible is the source of truth.

This work is a composite of eyewitness testimony. It combines the testimony of the four gospels, into one single chronological testimony.

Some passages are more difficult to place than others, but most are easily placed. For “tweeners,” the text is placed into the narrative in such a way that intends to do no harm to the original meaning.

If there is any source of doubt, questions, or conflict, go to the Bible.



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This work shares the composite testimony of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John by utilizing text from the New Living Translation (NLT). The approach can apply to any translation, but this work used the NLT as the base text.

The original work from Dr. Jones is applied to the King James text for anyone interested in the placement of various scripture onto a cohesive timeline.

At times, for clarity, this work includes a footnote to clarify a translation, otherwise it uses the primary text from the NLT as published on BibleGateway.com.

Special thanks to BibleGateway.com; which made completing this work possible.

Most of all, thanks be to God. This is His preserved testimony and His Story, simply being told through a remix more than 2000 years later. It's all true, so you the reader can put your full trust in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.



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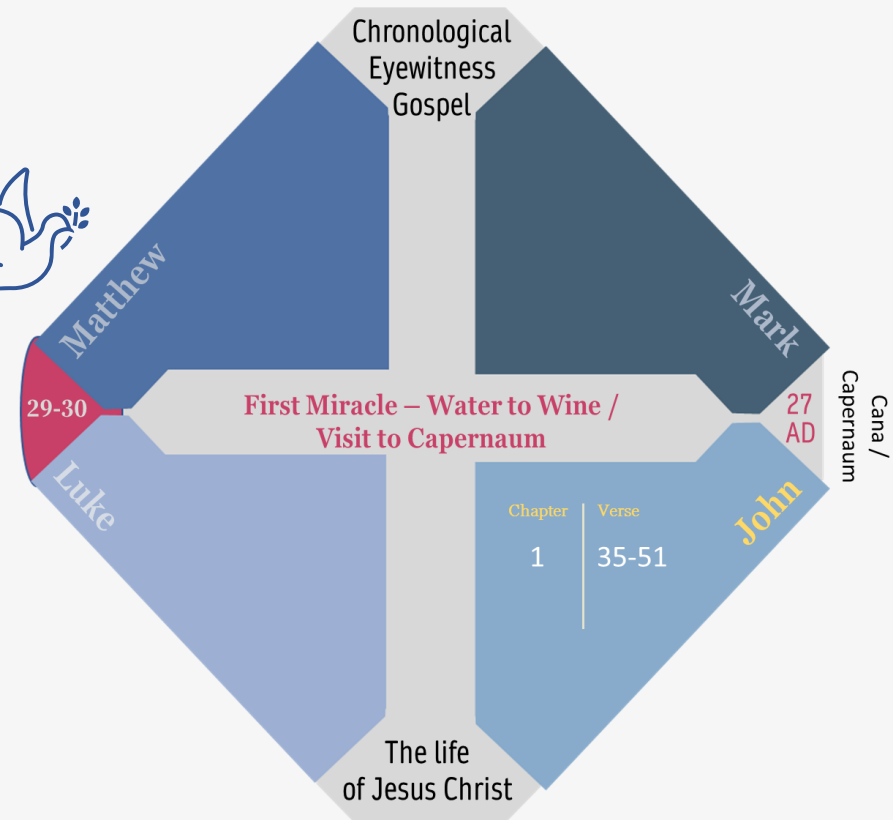
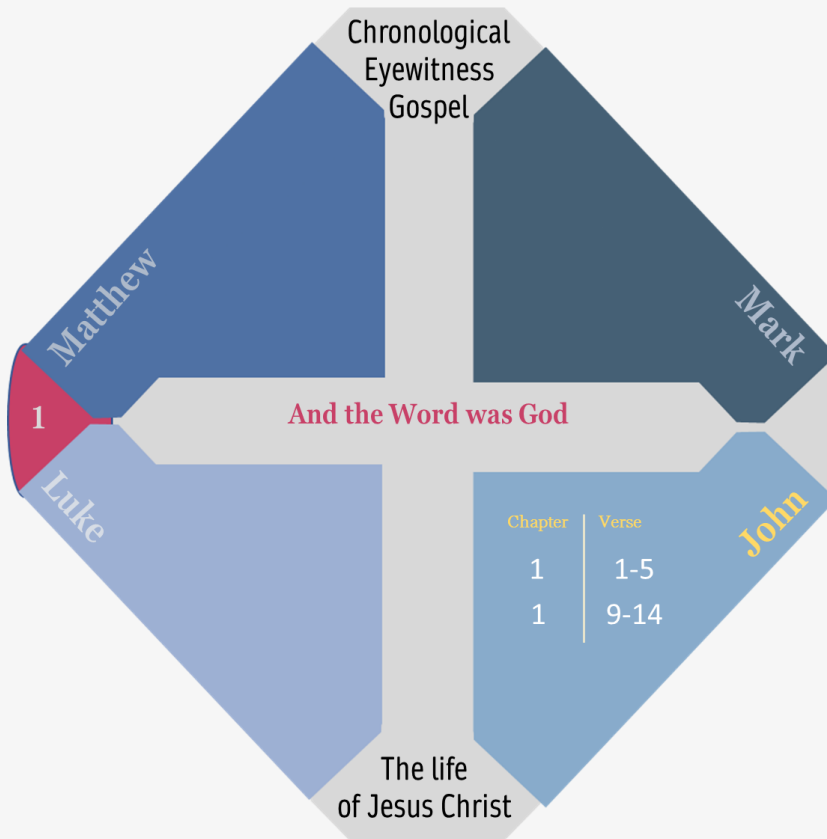
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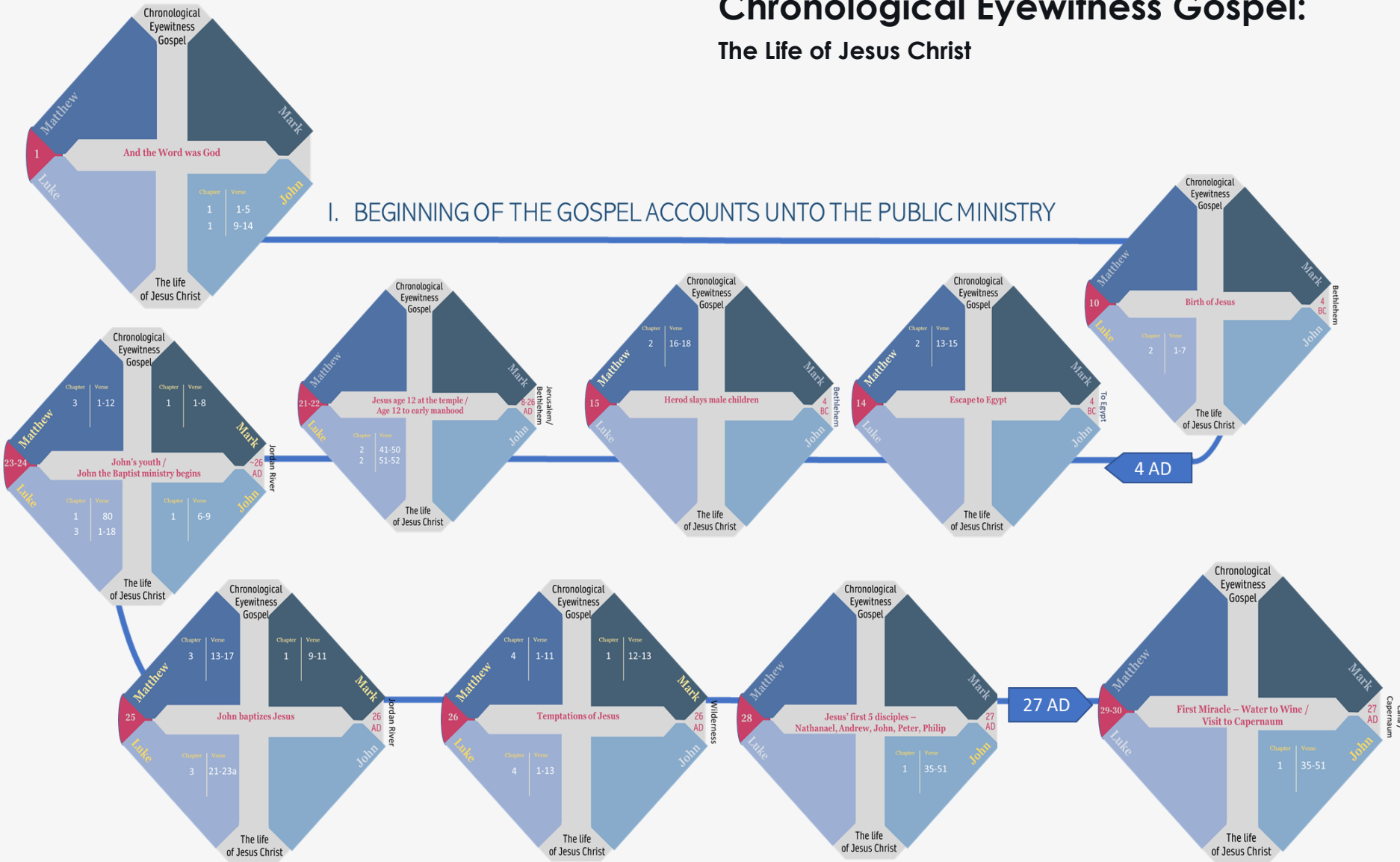
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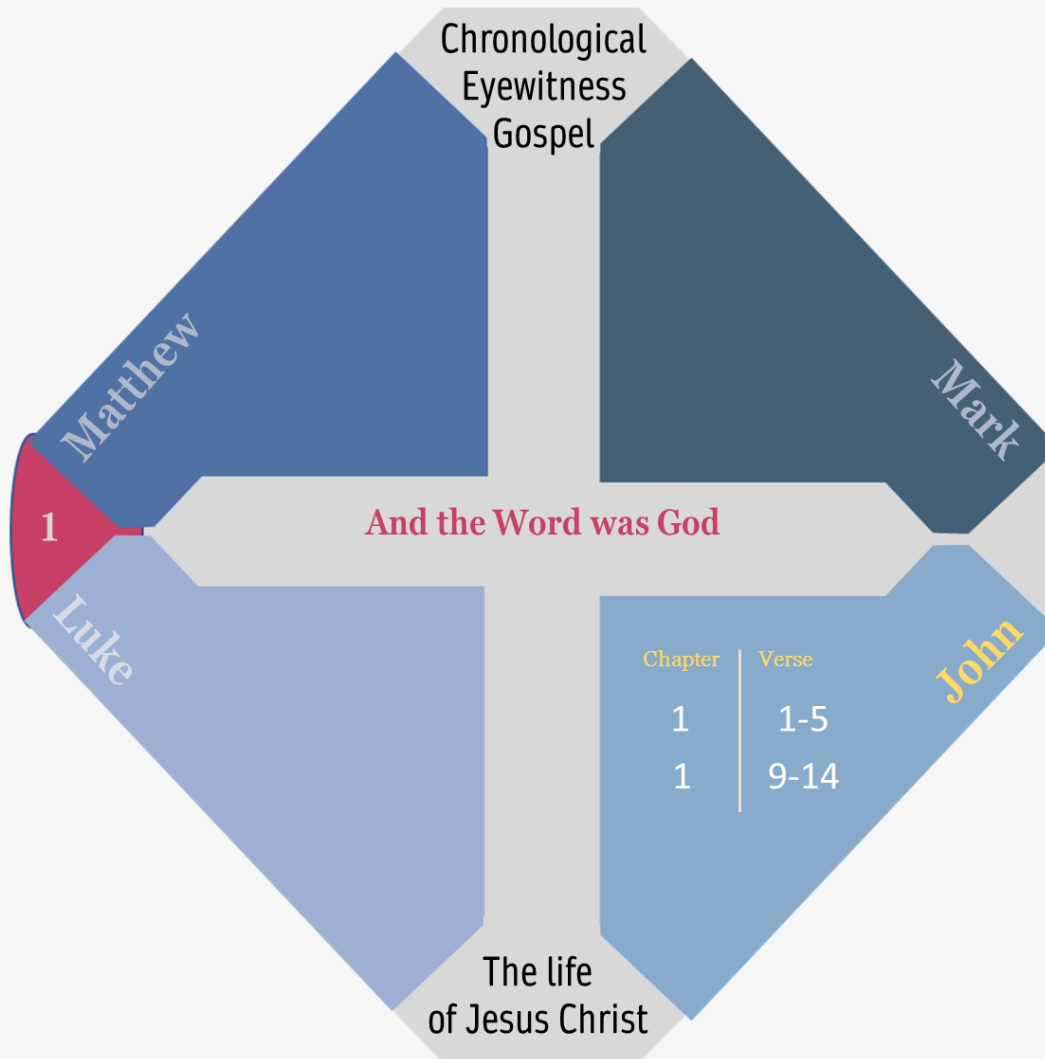
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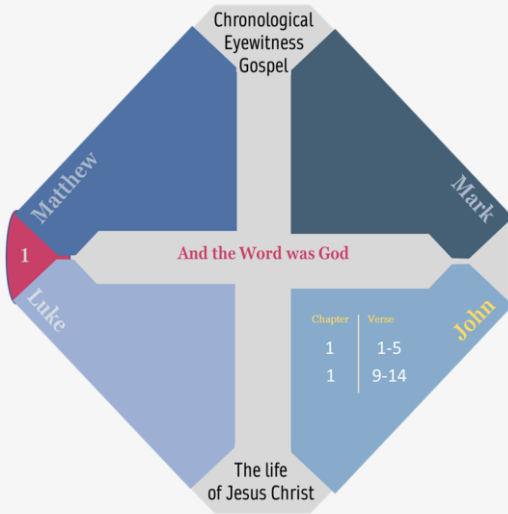
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In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

He existed in the beginning with God.

**God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.**

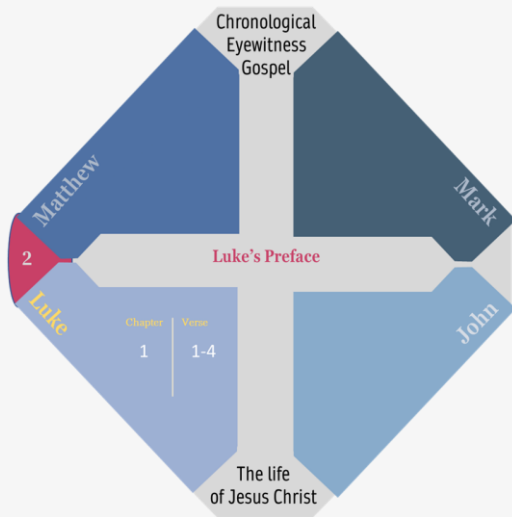
The Word gave life to everything that was created,  
and his life brought light to everyone.

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.

The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

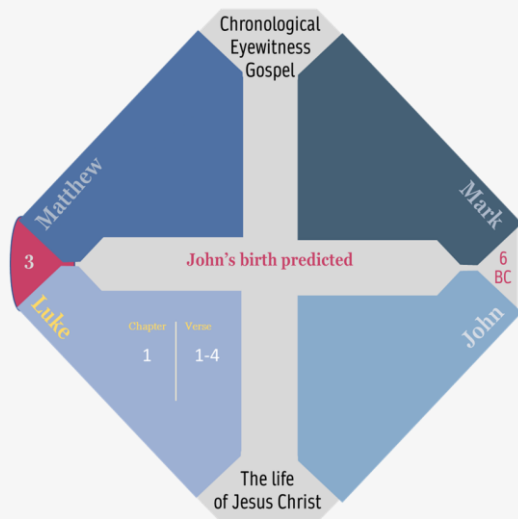
He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to **all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.**

So, the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.



Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus (note to reader, Theophilus, used in Luke and Acts, is an honorable title that translates to “beloved friend of God”) so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

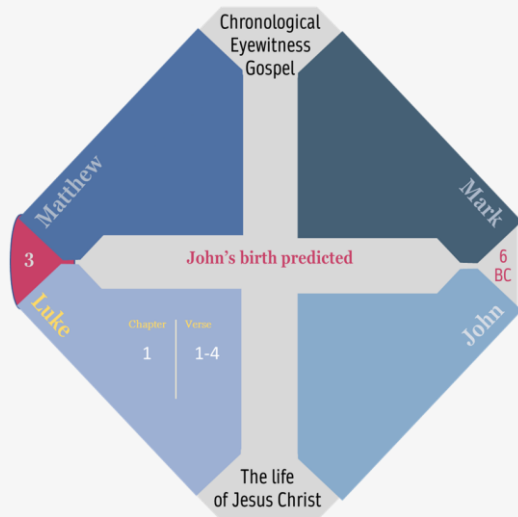




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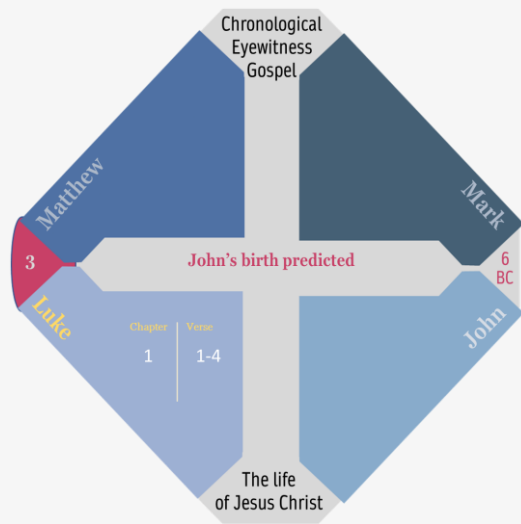
When Herod was king of Judea, there was a Jewish priest named Zechariah. He was a member of the priestly order of Abijah, and his wife, Elizabeth, was also from the priestly line of Aaron. Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old.

One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense. While the incense was being burned, a great crowd stood outside, praying.



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While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, “Don’t be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John. You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth. And he will turn many Israelites to the Lord their God. He will be a man with the spirit and power of Elijah. He will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord. He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and he will cause those who are rebellious to accept the wisdom of the godly.”

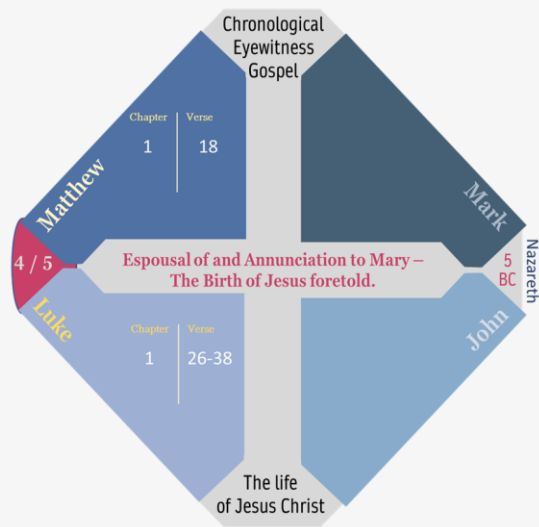


Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I be sure this will happen? I’m an old man now, and my wife is also well along in years.”

Then the angel said, “I am Gabriel! I stand in the very presence of God. It was he who sent me to bring you this good news! But now, since you didn’t believe what I said, you will be silent and unable to speak until the child is born. For my words will certainly be fulfilled at the proper time.”

Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah to come out of the sanctuary, wondering why he was taking so long. When he finally did come out, he couldn’t speak to them. Then they realized from his gestures and his silence that he must have seen a vision in the sanctuary.

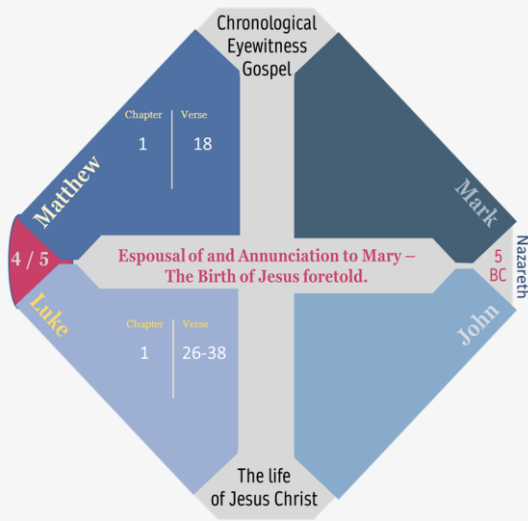
When Zechariah’s week of service in the Temple was over, he returned home. Soon afterward his wife, Elizabeth, became pregnant and went into seclusion for five months. “How kind the Lord is!” she exclaimed. “He has taken away my disgrace of having no children.”



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This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Blessed are you among woman! The Lord is with you!"

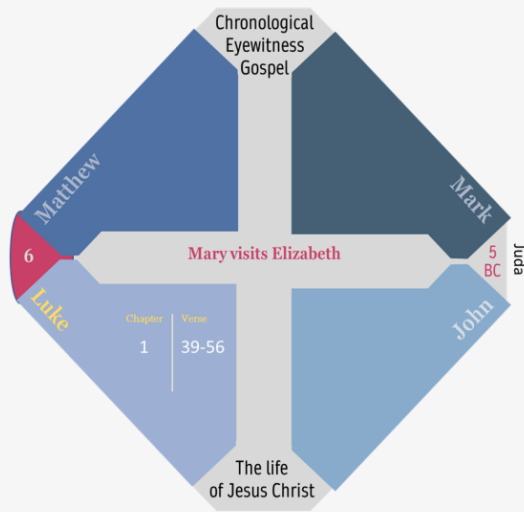


Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. “Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!”

Mary asked the angel, “But how can this happen? I am a virgin.”

The angel replied, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What’s more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail.”

Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” And then the angel left her.



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A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth’s child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, “God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said.”

Mary responded,

“Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.

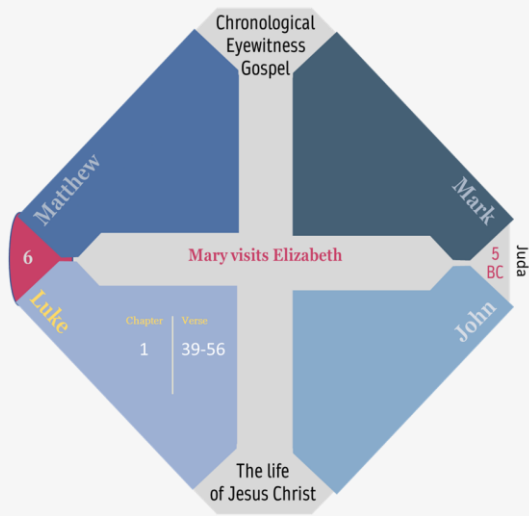
How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!

For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,

and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One is holy,

and he has done great things for me.



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He shows mercy from generation to generation  
to all who fear him.

His mighty arm has done tremendous things!

He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.

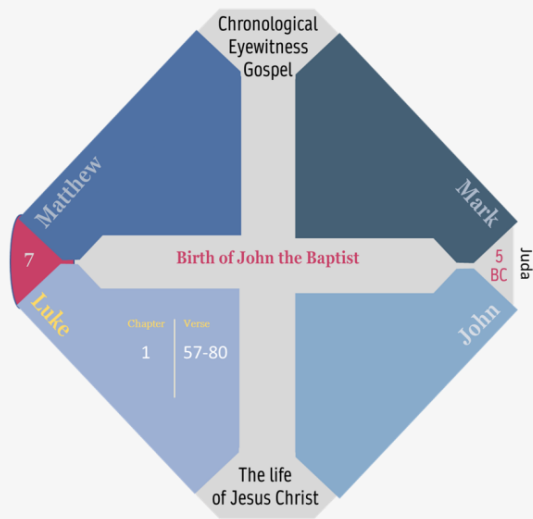
He has brought down princes from their thrones  
and exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich away with empty hands.

He has helped his servant Israel  
and remembered to be merciful.

For he made this promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went  
back to her own home.



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When it was time for Elizabeth’s baby to be born, she gave birth to a son. And when her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had been very merciful to her, everyone rejoiced with her.

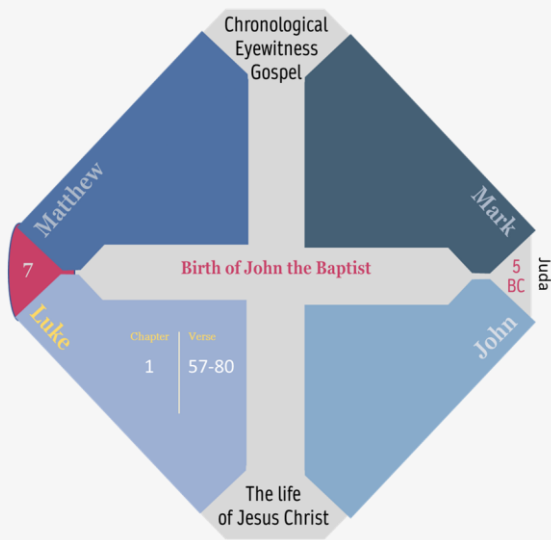
When the baby was eight days old, they all came for the circumcision ceremony. They wanted to name him Zechariah, after his father. But Elizabeth said, “No! His name is John!”

“What?” they exclaimed. “There is no one in all your family by that name.” So they used gestures to ask the baby’s father what he wanted to name him. He motioned for a writing tablet, and to everyone’s surprise he wrote, “His name is John.” Instantly Zechariah could speak again, and he began praising God.

Awe fell upon the whole neighborhood, and the news of what had happened spread throughout the Judean hills. Everyone who heard about it reflected on these events and asked, “What will this child turn out to be?” For the hand of the Lord was surely upon him in a special way.

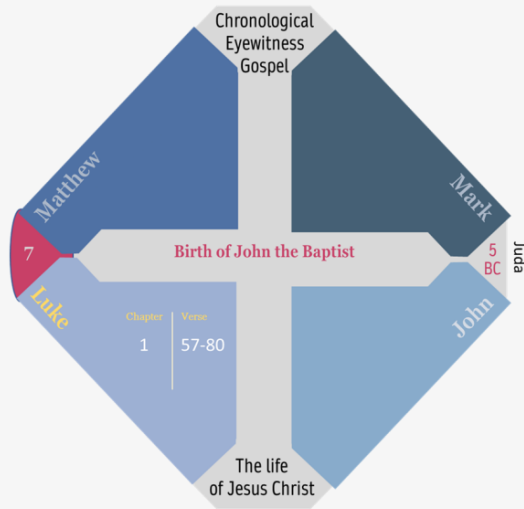
Then his father, Zechariah, was filled with the Holy Spirit and gave this prophecy:





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“Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has visited and redeemed his people.  
He has sent us a mighty Savior  
from the royal line of his servant David,  
just as he promised  
through his holy prophets long ago.  
Now we will be saved from our enemies  
and from all who hate us.  
He has been merciful to our ancestors  
by remembering his sacred covenant—  
the covenant he swore with an oath  
to our ancestor Abraham.  
We have been rescued from our enemies  
so we can serve God without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness  
for as long as we live.



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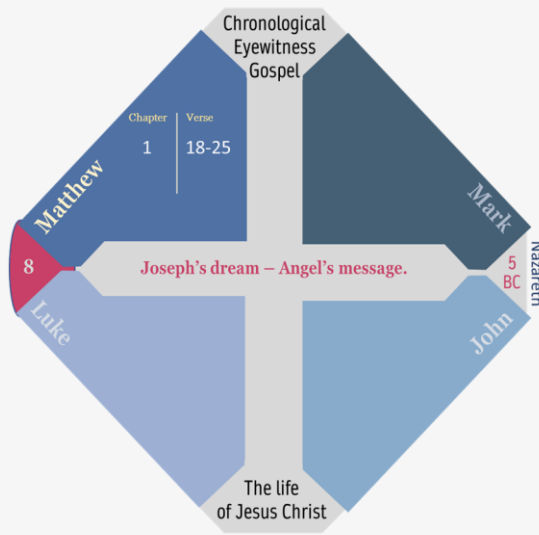
“And you, my little son,  
will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
because you will prepare the way for the Lord.

You will tell his people how to find salvation  
through forgiveness of their sins.

Because of God’s tender mercy,

the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide us to the path of peace.”

John grew up and became strong in spirit. And he lived in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.

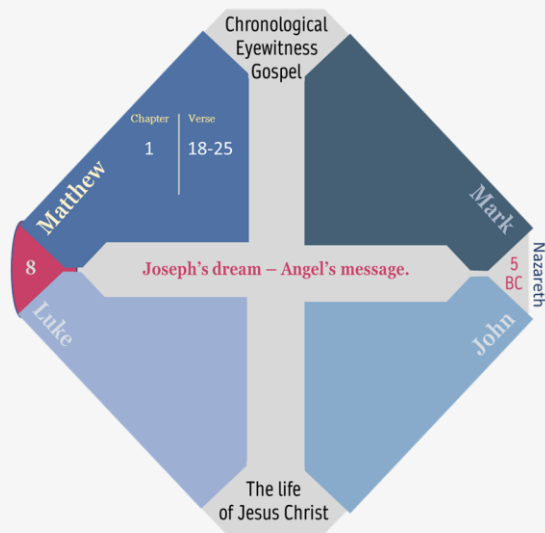


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## This is how Jesus the Messiah was born.

His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph, son of David,” the angel said, “do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”



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All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

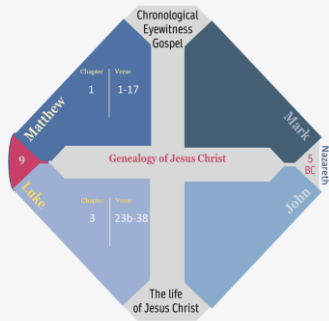
“Look! The virgin will conceive a child!

She will give birth to a son,

and they will call him Immanuel,

which means ‘God is with us.’”

When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. (Which means, “The Lord Saves.”)



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This is a record of the ancestors of Jesus the Messiah, a descendant of David and of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac.

Isaac was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.

Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).

Perez was the father of Hezron.

Hezron was the father of Ram.

Ram was the father of Amminadab.

Amminadab was the father of Nahshon.

Nahshon was the father of Salmon.

Salmon was the father of Boaz (whose mother was Rahab).

Boaz was the father of Obed (whose mother was Ruth).

Obed was the father of Jesse.

Jesse was the father of King David.

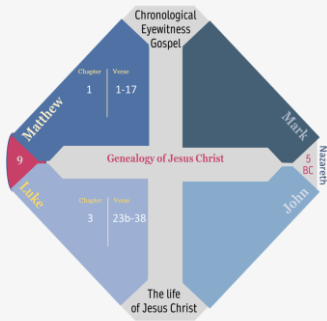
David was the father of Solomon (whose mother was Bathsheba, the widow of Uriah).

Solomon was the father of Rehoboam.

Rehoboam was the father of Abijah.

Abijah was the father of Asa.

Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat.



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Jehoshaphat was the father of Jehoram.

Jehoram was the father of Uzziah.

Uzziah was the father of Jotham.

Jotham was the father of Ahaz.

Ahaz was the father of Hezekiah.

Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh.

Manasseh was the father of Amon.

Amon was the father of Josiah.

Josiah was the father of Jehoiachin and his brothers (born at the time of the exile to Babylon).

After the Babylonian exile:

Jehoiachin was the father of Shealtiel.

Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel.

Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud.

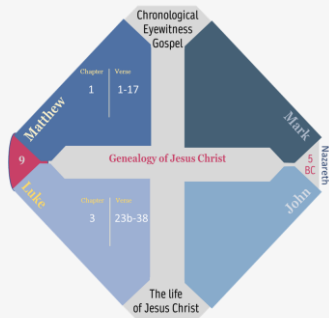
Abiud was the father of Eliakim.

Eliakim was the father of Azor.

Azor was the father of Zadok.

Zadok was the father of Akim.

Akim was the father of Eliud.



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Eliud was the father of Eleazar.

Eleazar was the father of Matthan.

Matthan was the father of Jacob.

Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.

Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

Jesus was known as the son of Joseph.

Joseph was the son of Heli.

Heli was the son of Matthat.

Matthat was the son of Levi.

Levi was the son of Melki.

Melki was the son of Jannai.

Jannai was the son of Joseph.

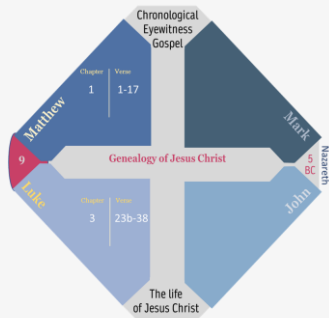
Joseph was the son of Mattathias.

Mattathias was the son of Amos.

Amos was the son of Nahum.

Nahum was the son of Esli.

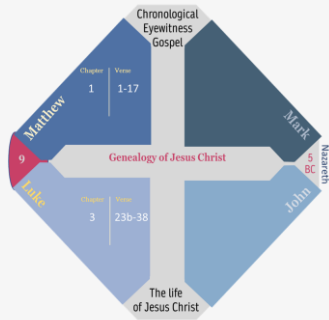
Esli was the son of Naggai.



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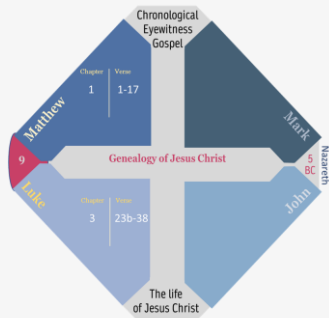
Naggai was the son of Maath.  
 Maath was the son of Mattathias.  
 Mattathias was the son of Semein.  
 Semein was the son of Josech.  
 Josech was the son of Joda.  
 Joda was the son of Joanan.  
 Joanan was the son of Rhesa.  
 Rhesa was the son of Zerubbabel.  
 Zerubbabel was the son of Shealtiel.  
 Shealtiel was the son of Neri.  
 Neri was the son of Melki.  
 Melki was the son of Addi.  
 Addi was the son of Cosam.  
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 Joshua was the son of Eliezer.  
 Eliezer was the son of Jorim.





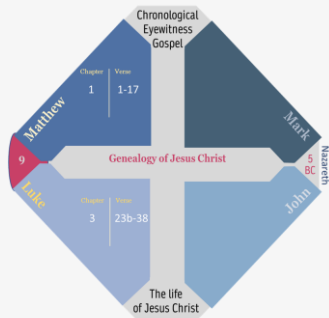
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Jorim was the son of Matthat.  
 Matthat was the son of Levi.  
 Levi was the son of Simeon.  
 Simeon was the son of Judah.  
 Judah was the son of Joseph.  
 Joseph was the son of Jonam.  
 Jonam was the son of Eliakim.  
 Eliakim was the son of Melea.  
 Melea was the son of Menna.  
 Menna was the son of Mattatha.  
 Mattatha was the son of Nathan.  
 Nathan was the son of David.  
 David was the son of Jesse.  
 Jesse was the son of Obed.  
 Obed was the son of Boaz.  
 Boaz was the son of Salmon.  
 Salmon was the son of Nahshon.  
 Nahshon was the son of Amminadab.  
 Amminadab was the son of Admin.



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Admin was the son of Arni.  
 Arni was the son of Hezron.  
 Hezron was the son of Perez.  
 Perez was the son of Judah.  
 Judah was the son of Jacob.  
 Jacob was the son of Isaac.  
 Isaac was the son of Abraham.  
 Abraham was the son of Terah.  
 Terah was the son of Nahor.  
 Nahor was the son of Serug.  
 Serug was the son of Reu.  
 Reu was the son of Peleg.  
 Peleg was the son of Eber.  
 Eber was the son of Shelah.  
 Shelah was the son of Cainan.  
 Cainan was the son of Arphaxad.  
 Arphaxad was the son of Shem.  
 Shem was the son of Noah.



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Noah was the son of Lamech.

Lamech was the son of Methuselah.

Methuselah was the son of Enoch.

Enoch was the son of Jared.

Jared was the son of Mahalalel.

Mahalalel was the son of Kenan.

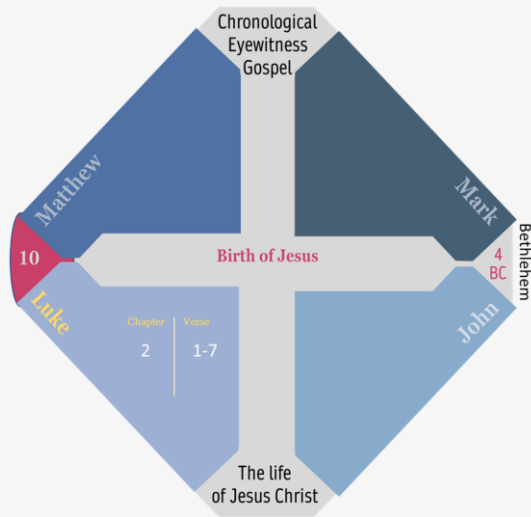
Kenan was the son of Enosh.

Enosh was the son of Seth.

Seth was the son of Adam.

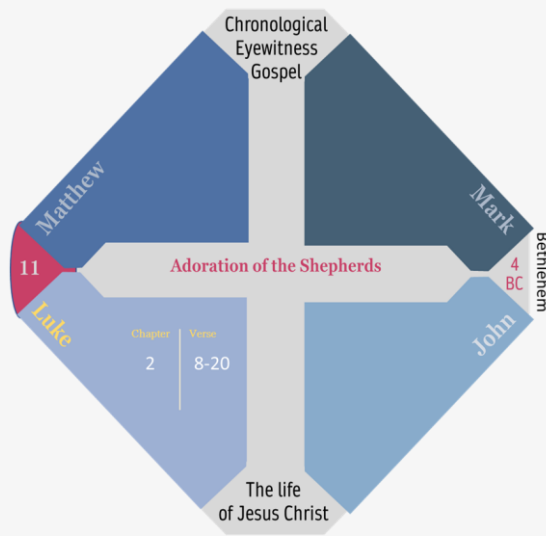
Adam was the son of God.

All those listed above include fourteen generations from Abraham to David, fourteen from David to the Babylonian exile, and fourteen from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah.



At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

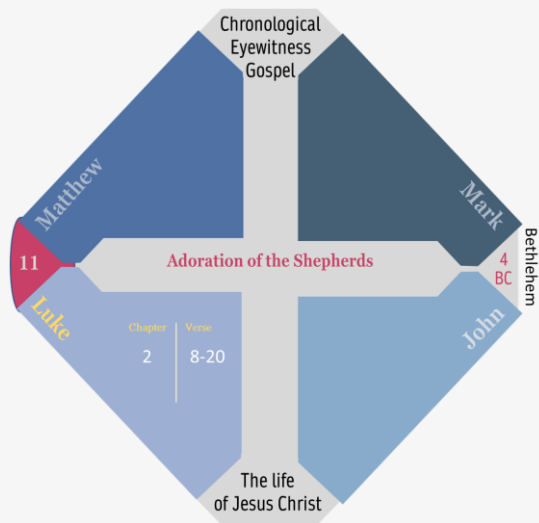


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That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord’s glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger.”

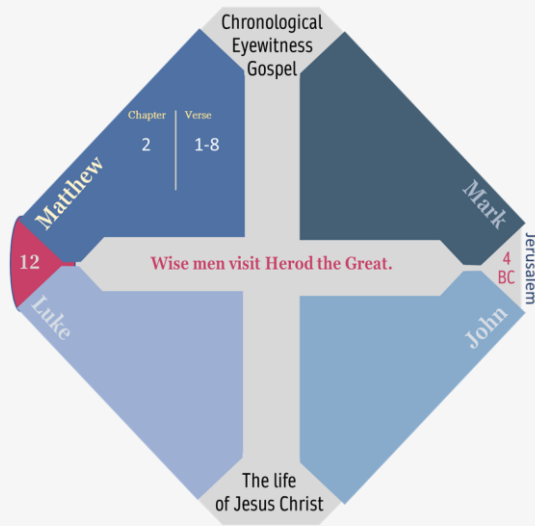
Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in highest heaven,  
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”



When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, “Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds’ story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.



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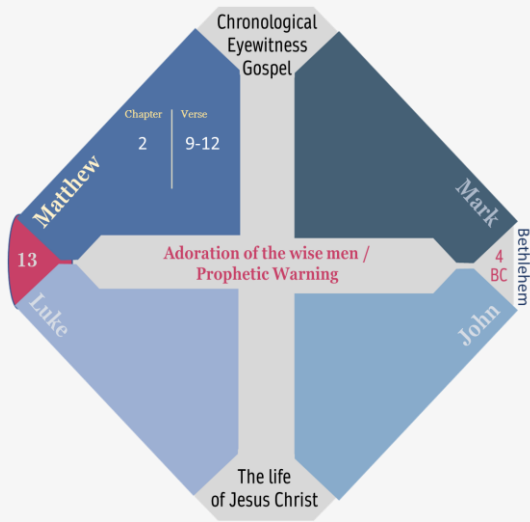
Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.”

King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”

“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

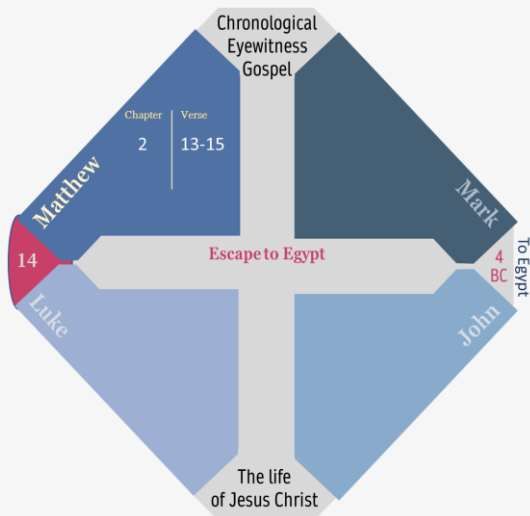
‘And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah,  
are not least among the ruling cities of Judah,  
for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd  
for my people Israel.’”

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”



After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

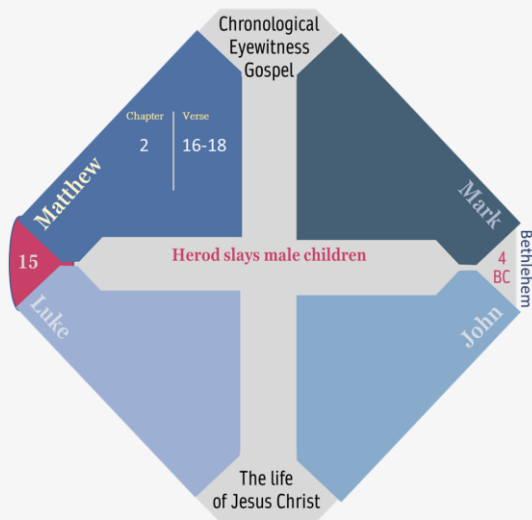
When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod.



After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod’s death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.”



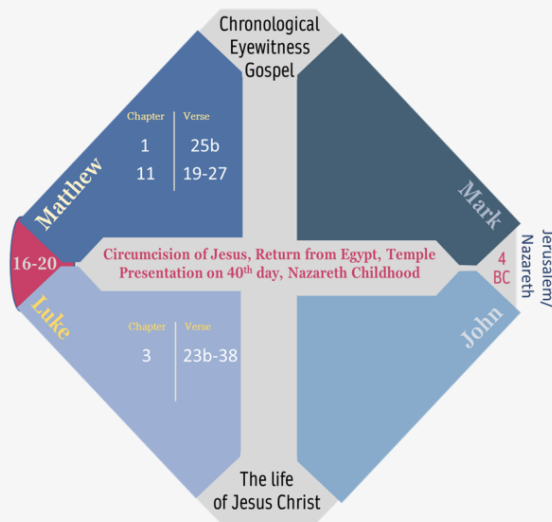


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Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance. Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

“A cry was heard in Ramah—  
weeping and great mourning.

Rachel weeps for her children,  
refusing to be comforted, for they are dead.”



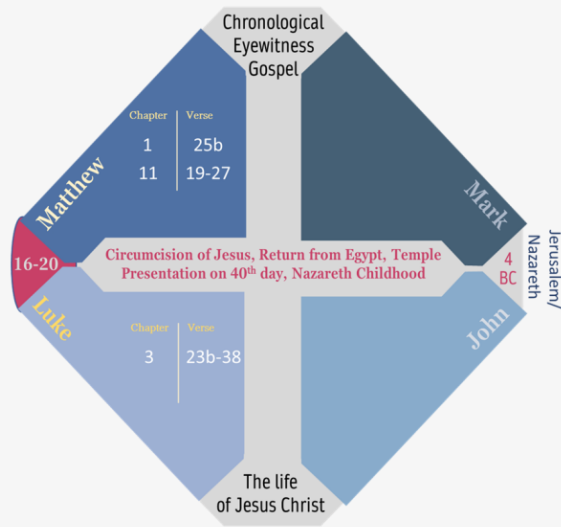
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Eight days later, when the baby was circumcised, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel even before he was conceived.

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. “Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod’s son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there.

It was time for their purification offering, as required by the law of Moses after the birth of a child; so his parents took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. The law of the Lord says, “If a woman’s first child is a boy, he must be dedicated to the Lord.” So they offered the sacrifice required in the law of the Lord — “either a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”



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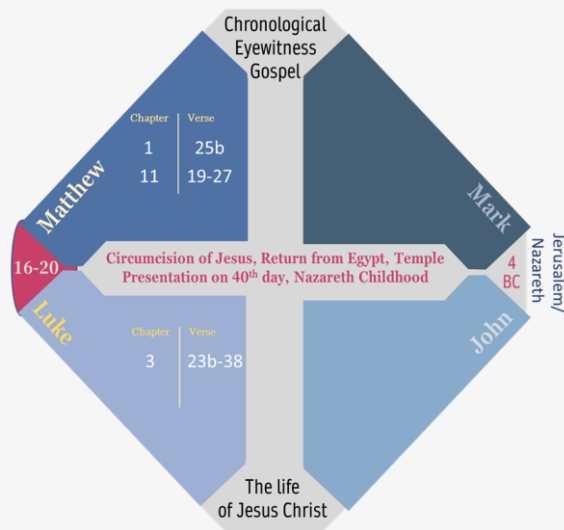
At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout man and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel. The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple. So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace,  
as you have promised.

I have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared for all people.

He is a light to reveal God to the nations,  
and he is the glory of your people Israel!”

Jesus' parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and he said to Mary, the baby's mother, “This child is destined to cause many in Israel to fall, and many others to rise. He has been sent as a sign from God, but many will oppose him. As a result, the deepest thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your very soul.”

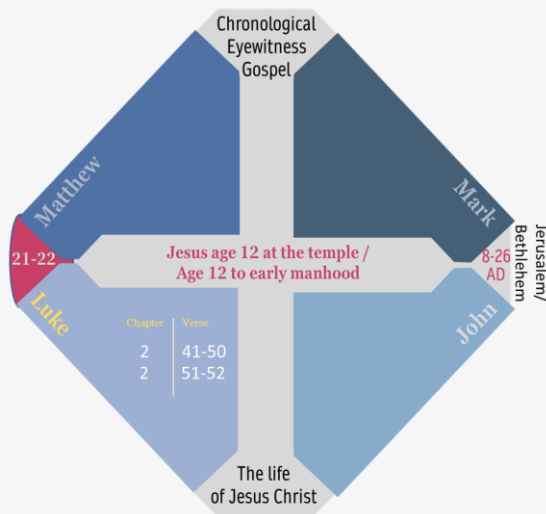


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Anna, a prophet, was also there in the Temple. She was the daughter of Phanuel from the tribe of Asher, and she was very old. Her husband died when they had been married only seven years. Then she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but stayed there day and night, worshiping God with fasting and prayer. She came along just as Simeon was talking with Mary and Joseph, and she began praising God. She talked about the child to everyone who had been waiting expectantly for God to rescue Jerusalem.

When Jesus' parents had fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. So the family went and lived in their hometown called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."

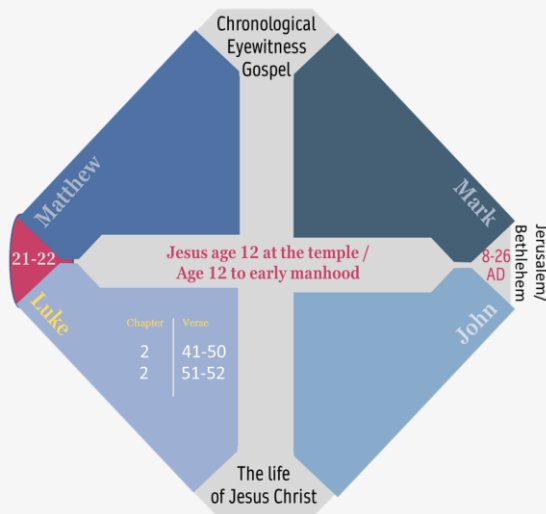
There the child grew up healthy and strong. He was filled with wisdom, and God's favor was on him.



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Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. When Jesus was twelve years old, they attended the festival as usual. After the celebration was over, they started home to Nazareth, but Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents didn't miss him at first, because they assumed he was among the other travelers. But when he didn't show up that evening, they started looking for him among their relatives and friends.

When they couldn't find him, they went back to Jerusalem to search for him there. Three days later they finally discovered him in the Temple, sitting among the religious teachers, listening to them and asking questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.



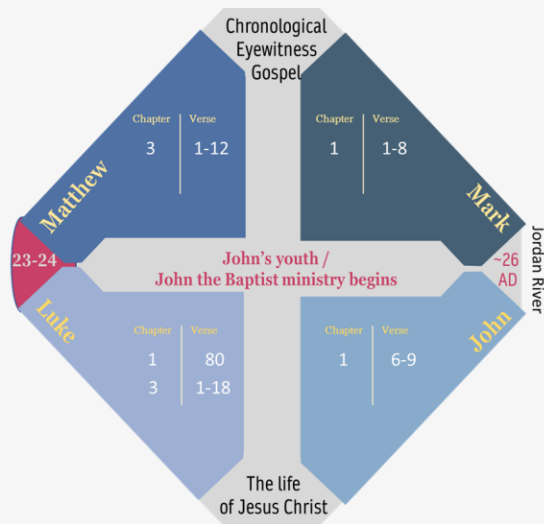
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His parents didn't know what to think. "Son," his mother said to him, "why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been frantic, searching for you everywhere."

"But why did you need to search?" he asked. "Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he meant.

Then he returned to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. And his mother stored all these things in her heart.

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and all the people.

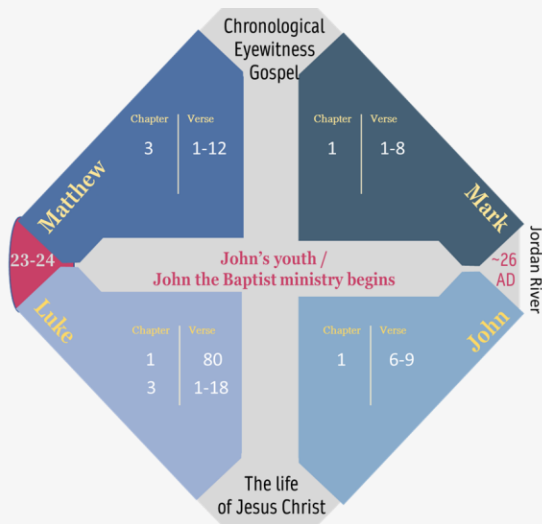


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John grew up and became strong in spirit. And he lived in the wilderness until he began his public ministry to Israel.

It was now the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius, the Roman emperor. Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea; Herod Antipas was ruler over Galilee; his brother Philip was ruler over Iturea and Traconitis; Lysanias was ruler over Abilene. Annas and Caiaphas were the high priests. At this time a message from God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the wilderness.

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.



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This is the Good News about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God.

It began just as the prophet Isaiah had written:

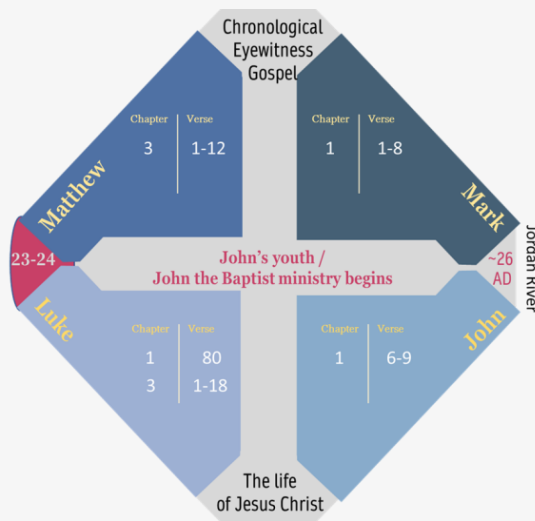
“Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
and he will prepare your way.

He is a voice shouting in the wilderness,

‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming!

Clear the road for him!’”

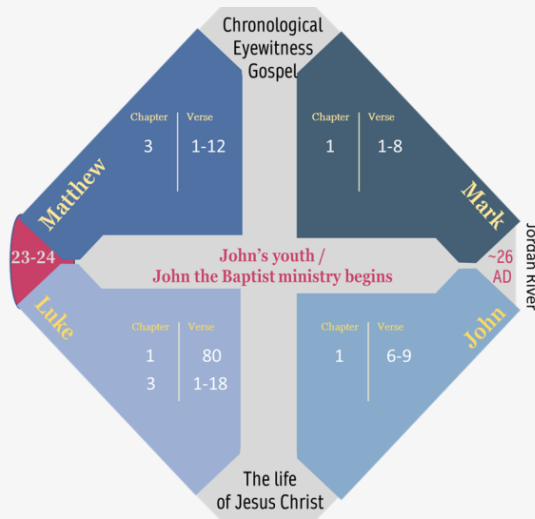




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This messenger was John the Baptist. He was in the wilderness and preached that people should be baptized to show that they had repented of their sins and turned to God to be forgiven. And saying, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

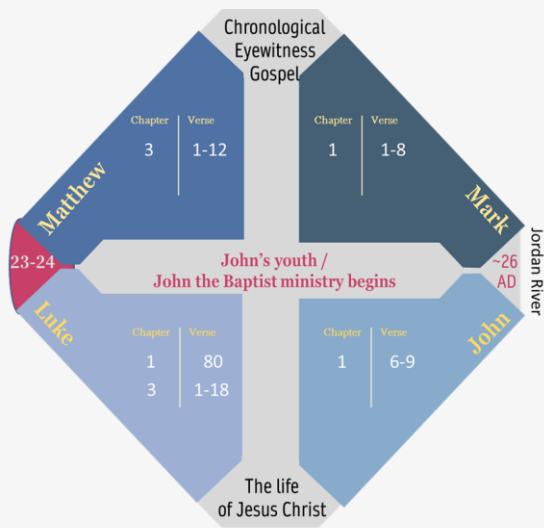
All of Judea, including all the people of Jerusalem, went out to see and hear John. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. His clothes were woven from coarse camel hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. For food he ate locusts and wild honey.



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But when the crowds came to John for baptism, he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to watch him baptize, he denounced them.

“You brood of snakes!” he exclaimed. “Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God. Don’t just say to each other, ‘We’re safe, for we are descendants of Abraham.’ That means nothing, for I tell you, God can create children of Abraham from these very stones. Even now the ax of God’s judgment is poised, ready to sever the roots of the trees. Yes, every tree that does not produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into the fire.”

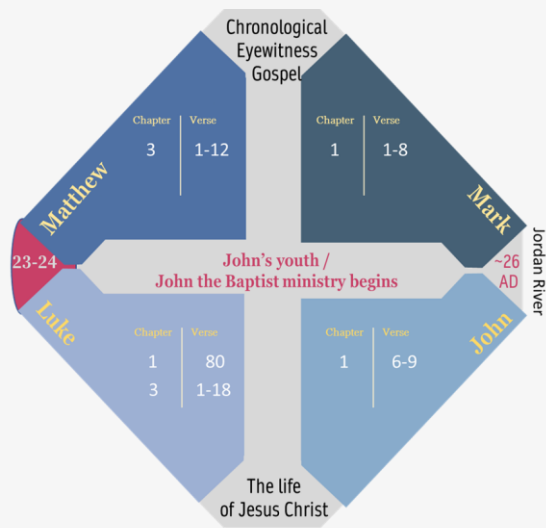


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“I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals.

“I indeed have baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

“He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”



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The crowds asked, “What should we do?”

John replied, “If you have two shirts, give one to the poor. If you have food, share it with those who are hungry.”

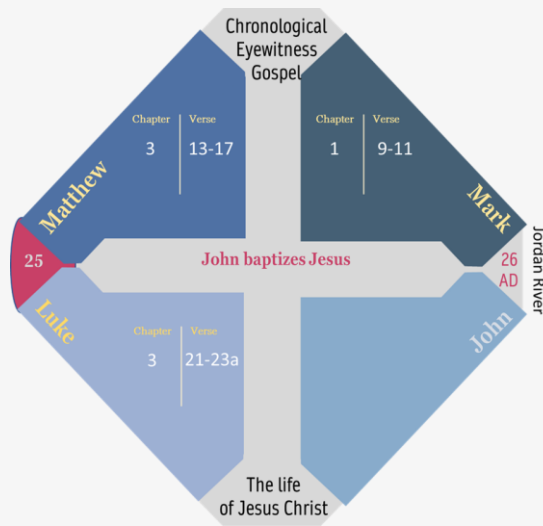
Even corrupt tax collectors came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what should we do?”

He replied, “Collect no more taxes than the government requires.”

“What should we do?” asked some soldiers.

John replied, “Don’t extort money or make false accusations. And be content with your pay.”

John used many such warnings as he announced the Good News to the people.



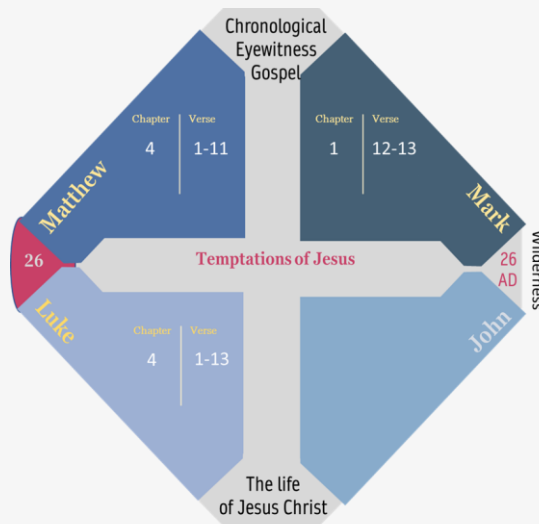
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One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.” So John agreed to baptize him.

After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, as he was praying, the heavens were opened and he saw the Holy Spirit of God, in bodily form, descending like a dove settling and lighting upon him. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his public ministry.



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Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River and was immediately led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where he was out among the wild animals and tempted by Satan the tempter, the devil, for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time. Forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

During that time, the devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

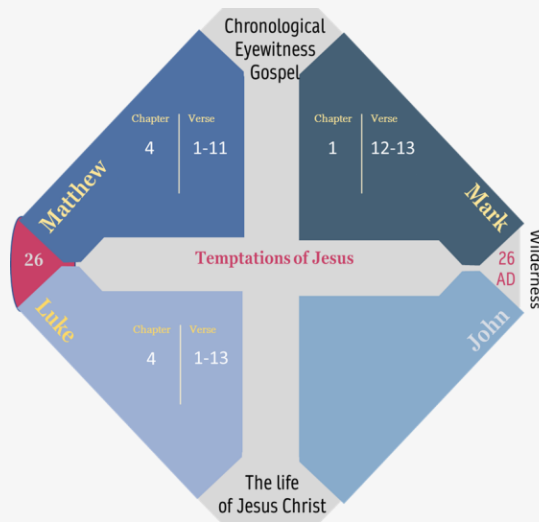
But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you.

And they will hold you up with their hands

so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’”



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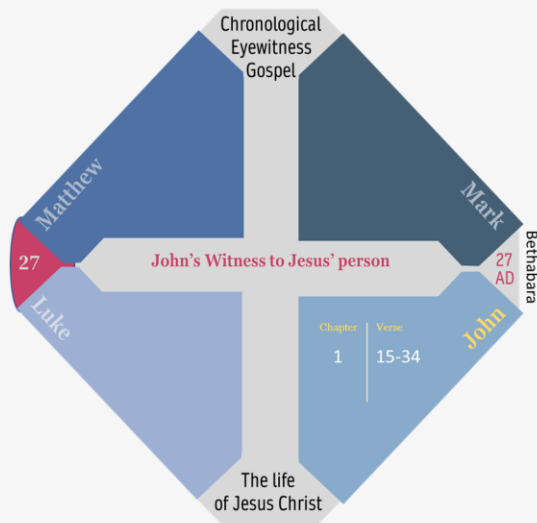
Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’”

Then the devil took him up to the peak of a very high mountain and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory in a moment of time. “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. I will give it all to you if you will worship me.”

Jesus replied, “Get out of here, Satan, for the Scriptures say,

‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’”

When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

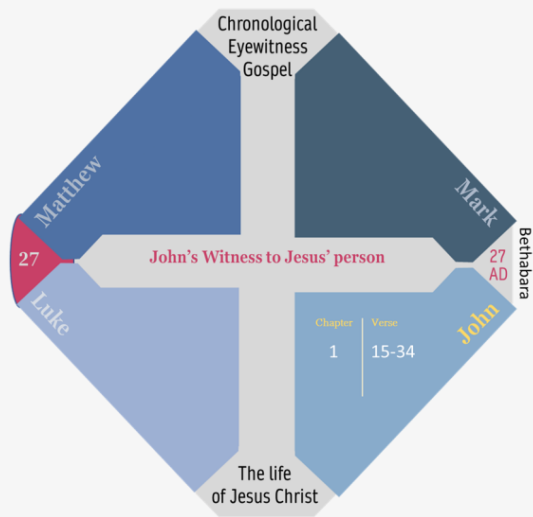


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John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’”

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us.





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This was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" He came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

"Well then, who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No," he replied.

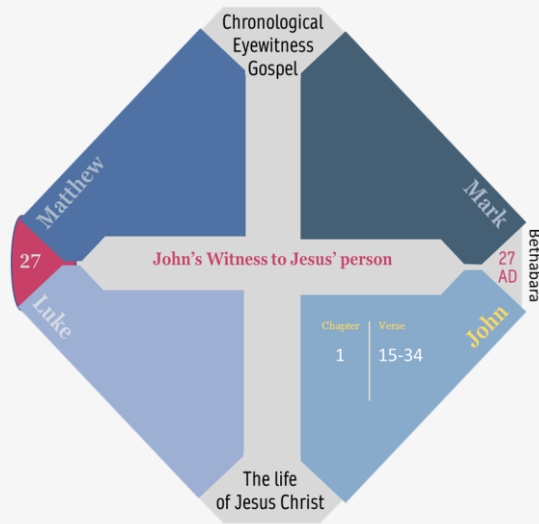
"Are you the Prophet we are expecting?"

"No."

"Then who are you? We need an answer for those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?"

John replied in the words of the prophet Isaiah:

"I am a voice shouting in the wilderness,  
'Clear the way for the Lord's coming!'"

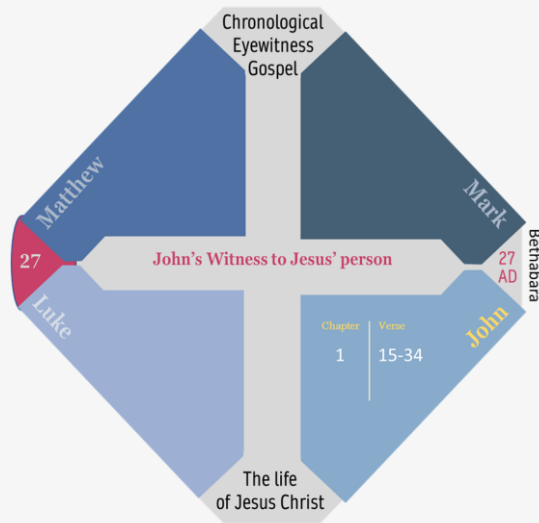


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Then the Pharisees who had been sent asked him, “If you aren’t the Messiah or Elijah or the Prophet, what right do you have to baptize?”

John told them, “I baptize with water, but right here in the crowd is someone you do not recognize. Though his ministry follows mine, I’m not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandal.”

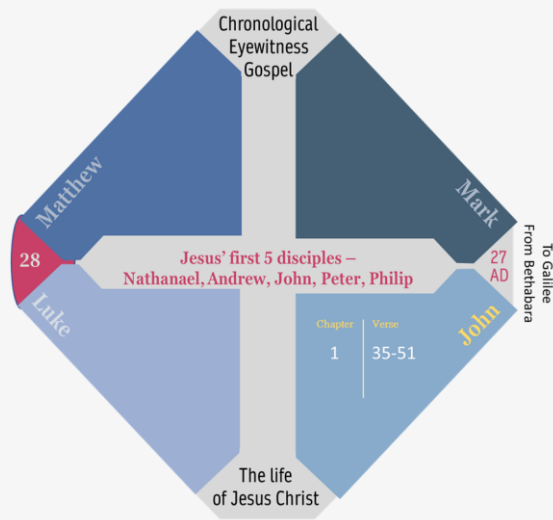
This encounter took place in Bethany, an area east of the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.



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The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’ I did not recognize him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.”

Then John testified, “I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon him. I didn’t know he was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, he told me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God.”



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The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, John looked at him and declared, “Look! There is the Lamb of God!” When John’s two disciples heard this, they followed Jesus.

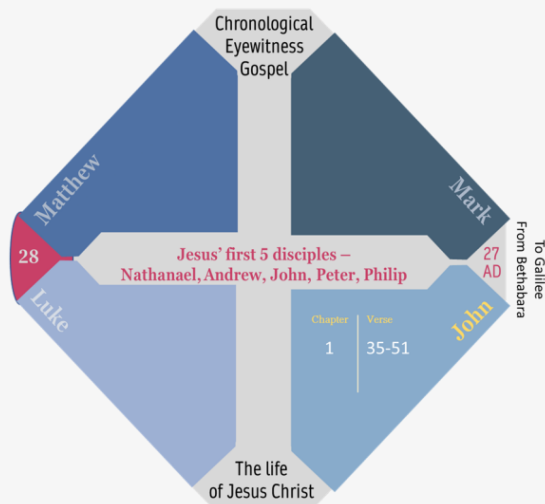
Jesus looked around and saw them following. “What do you want?” he asked them.

They replied, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”

“Come and see,” he said. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means “Christ” and/or “anointed one”)

Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter” and “Rock”).



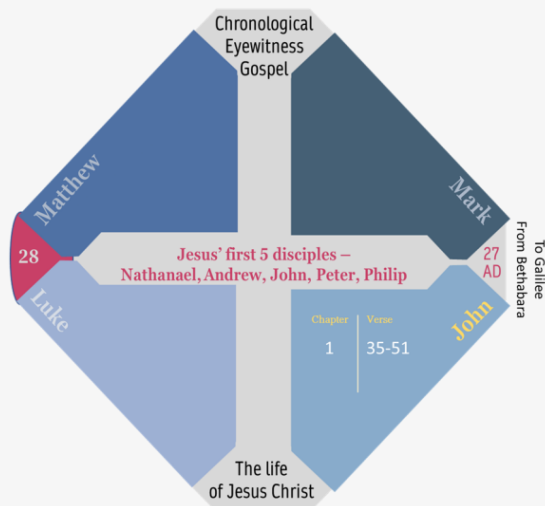
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The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Come, follow me.” Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter’s hometown.

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, “We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth.”

“Nazareth!” exclaimed Nathanael. “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”

“Come and see for yourself,” Philip replied.



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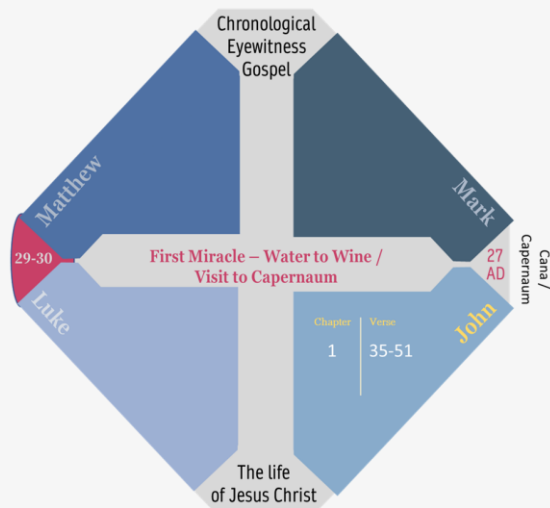
As they approached, Jesus said, “Now here is a genuine son of Israel—a man of complete integrity.”

“How do you know about me?” Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, “I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you.”

Then Nathanael exclaimed, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God—the King of Israel!”

Jesus asked him, “Do you believe this just because I told you I had seen you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this.” Then he said, “I tell you the truth, you will all see heaven open and the angels of God going up and down on the Son of Man, the one who is the stairway between heaven and earth.”



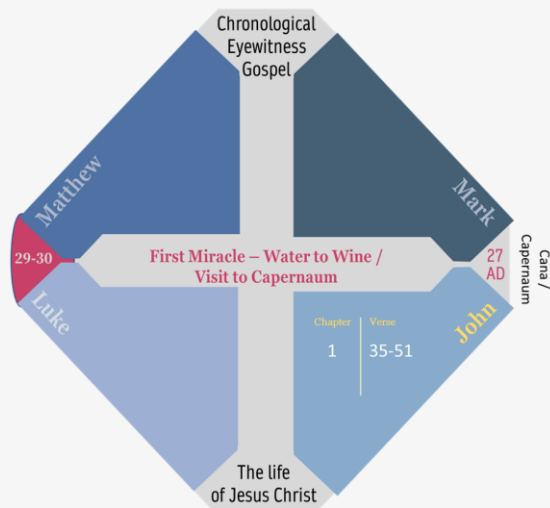
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The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.



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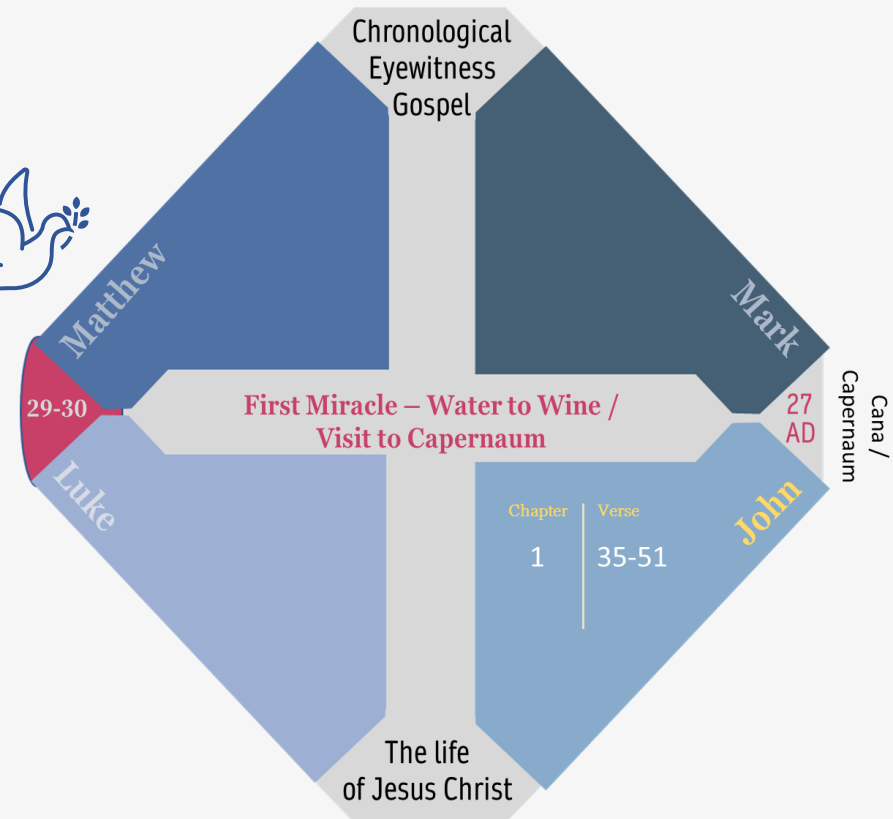
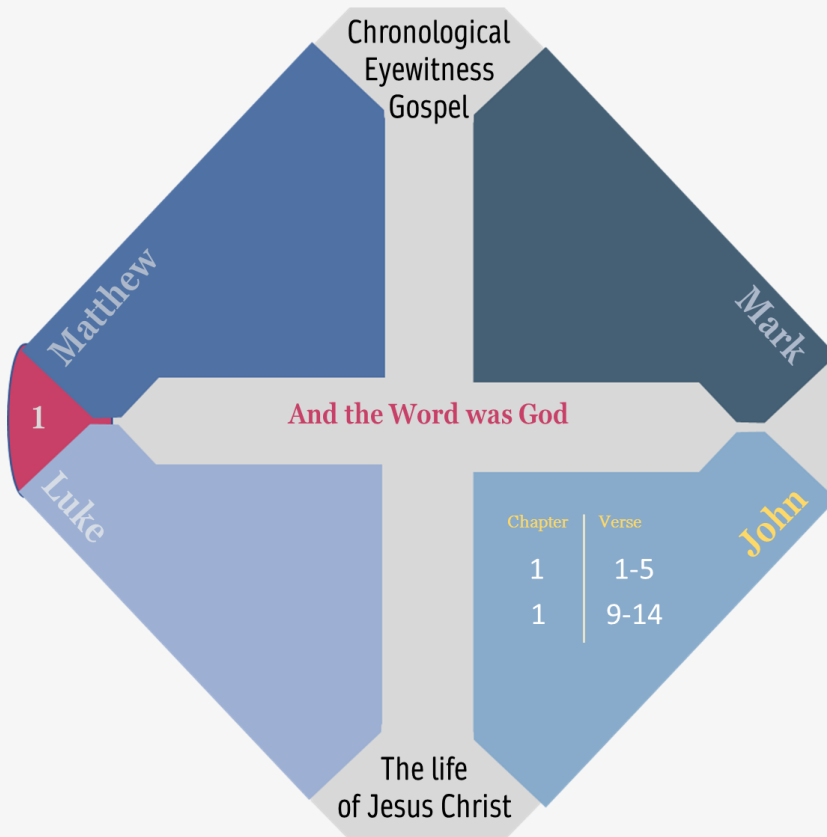
When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. “A host always serves the best wine first,” he said. “Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!”

This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

After the wedding he went to Capernaum for a few days with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples.



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