

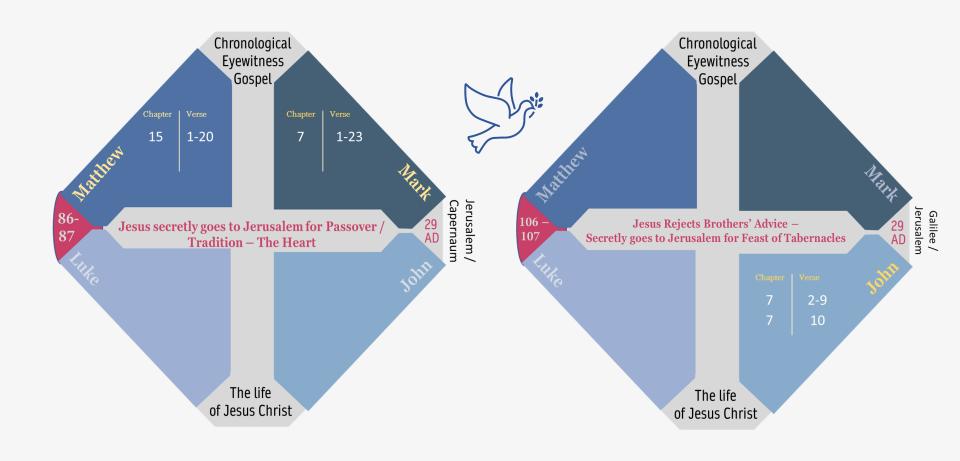
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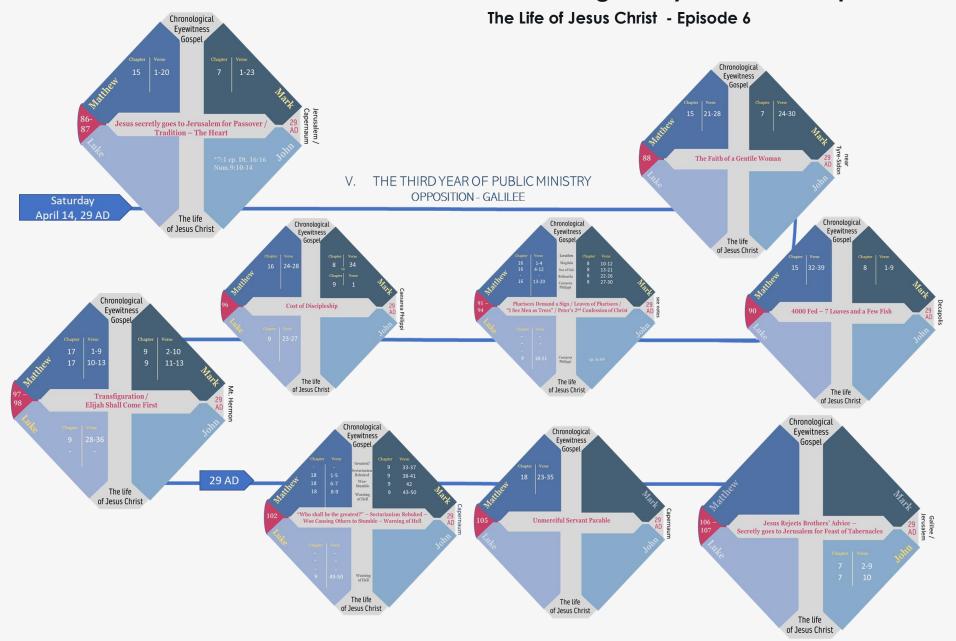
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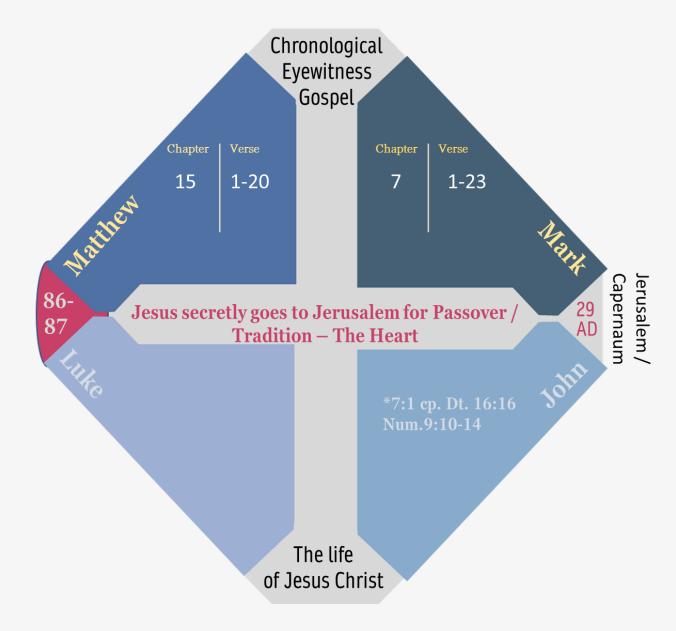
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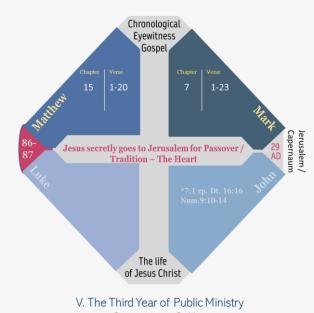


# **Chronological Eyewitness Gospel:**





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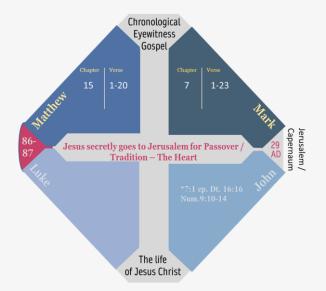
Opposition - Galilee

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After this, Jesus traveled around Galilee. He wanted to stay out of Judea, where the Jewish leaders were plotting his death.

One day some Pharisees and teachers of religious law arrived from Jerusalem to see Jesus. They noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the Jewish ritual of hand washing before eating. (The Jews, especially the Pharisees, do not eat until they have poured water over their cupped hands, as required by their ancient traditions. Similarly, they don't eat anything from the market until they immerse their hands in water. This is but one of many traditions they have clung to—such as their ceremonial washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.)

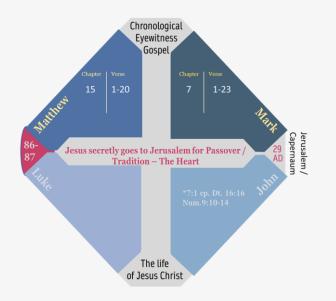
So the Pharisees and teachers of religious law asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old tradition? For they ignore our tradition of ceremonial hand washing before they eat. They eat without first performing the hand-washing ceremony."



Jesus replied, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote,

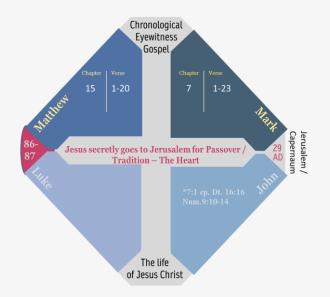
'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.'

"And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? For you ignore God's law and substitute your own tradition."



Then he said, "You skillfully sidestep God's law in order to hold on to your own tradition. For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: God says, 'Honor your father and mother,' and 'Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.' But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, 'Sorry, I can't help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.' In this way, you say they don't need to honor their parents. In this way, you let them disregard their needy parents. And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others."

Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. It's not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your heart. It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."

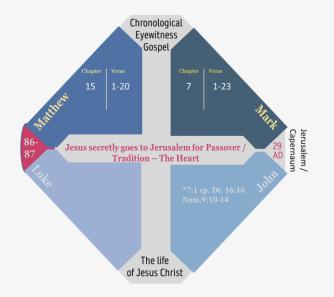


Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?"

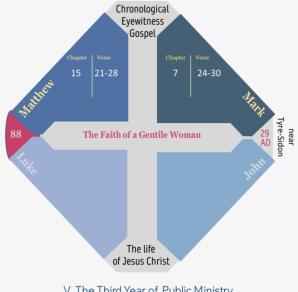
Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch."

Then Jesus went into a house to get away from the crowd, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the parable he had just used. Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat."

"Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that the food you put into your body cannot defile you? Food doesn't go into your heart, but only passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. But the words you speak come from the heart—that's what defiles you." (By saying this, he declared that every kind of food is acceptable in God's eyes.)



And then he added, "It is what comes from inside that defiles you. For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, theft, lying, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you."



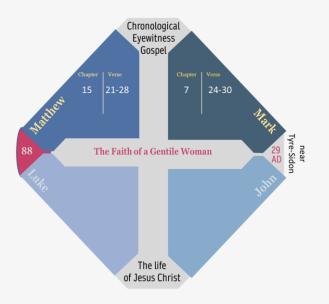
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Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret.

Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter. A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."

But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."

Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."



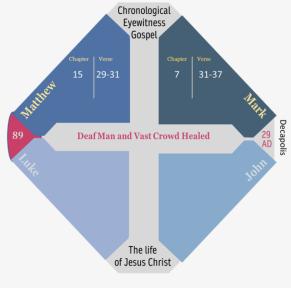
Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews."

But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"

Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates beneath their masters' table."

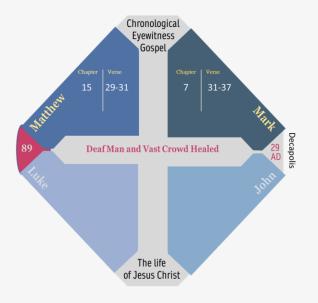
"Good answer!" Jesus said to her, "Dear woman your faith is great. Your request is granted. Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." And her daughter was instantly healed. And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.



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Jesus left Tyre and went up to Sidon before going back to the Sea of Galilee and the region of the Ten Towns. Jesus returned to the Sea of Galilee and climbed a hill and sat down.

A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and the people begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man to heal him. Jesus led him away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then, spitting on his own fingers, he touched the man's tongue. Looking up to heaven, he sighed and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be opened!" Instantly the man could hear perfectly, and his tongue was freed so he could speak plainly!



A vast crowd brought to him people who were lame, blind, crippled, those who couldn't speak, and many others. They laid them before Jesus, and he healed them all.

The crowd was amazed! Those who hadn't been able to speak were talking, the crippled were made well, the lame were walking, and the blind could see again!

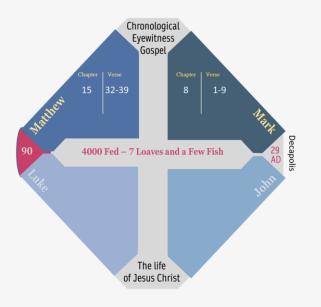
Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news. They were completely amazed and said again and again, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." And they praised the God of Israel.



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About this time another large crowd had gathered, and the people ran out of food again. Jesus called his disciples and told them, "I feel sorry for these people. They have been here with me for three days, and they have nothing left to eat. If I send them home hungry, they will faint along the way. For some of them have come a long distance."

His disciples replied, "Where would we get enough food here in the wilderness for such a huge crowd? How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here in the wilderness?"

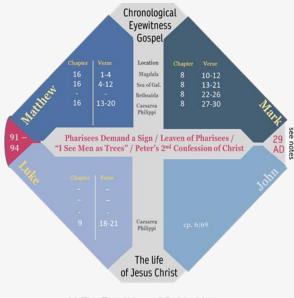


Jesus asked, "How much bread do you have?"

"Seven loaves, and a few small fish," they replied.

So Jesus told all the people to sit down on the ground. Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to his disciples, who distributed the bread to the crowd and did the same with the fish.

They all ate as much as they wanted. Afterward, the disciples picked up seven large baskets of leftover food. There were about 4,000 men in the crowd that day, in addition to all of the women and children, and Jesus sent them home after they had eaten.



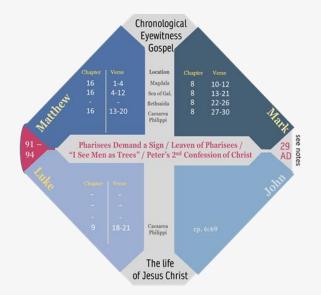
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Immediately after this, he got into a boat with his disciples and crossed over to the region of Magadan in Dalmanutha.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had arrived, they came and started to argue with him. Testing him, the Pharisees and Sadducees demanded that he show them a miraculous sign from heaven to prove his authority.

When he heard this, he sighed deeply in his spirit and said, "Why do these people keep demanding a miraculous sign? I tell you the truth, I will not give this generation any such sign."

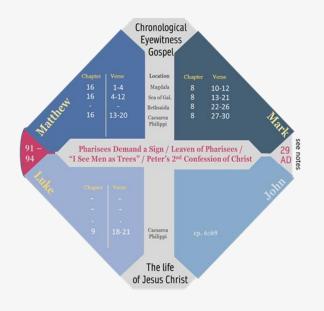
He replied, "You know the saying, 'Red sky at night means fair weather tomorrow; red sky in the morning means foul weather all day.' You know how to interpret the weather signs in the sky, but you don't know how to interpret the signs of the times! Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign, but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah."



So he got back into the boat and left them, and he crossed to the other side of the lake.

Later, after they crossed to the other side of the lake, the disciples discovered they had forgotten to bring any bread. They had only one loaf of bread with them in the boat. As they were crossing the lake, Jesus warned them, "Watch out! Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and of Herod.""

At this they began to argue with each other because they hadn't brought any bread. Jesus knew what they were saying, so he said, "You have so little faith! Why are you arguing with each other about having no bread? Don't you know or even understand even yet? Are your hearts too hard to take it in? 'You have eyes—can't you see? You have ears—can't you hear?' Don't you remember anything at all?



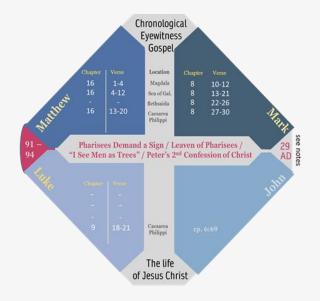
"Don't you remember the 5,000 I fed with five loaves, and the baskets of leftovers you picked up? Or the 4,000 I fed with seven loaves, and the large baskets of leftovers you picked up?

"When I fed the 5000 with five loaves of bread, how many baskets of leftovers did you pick up afterward?"

"Twelve," they said.

"And when I fed the 4,000 with seven loaves, how many large baskets of leftovers did you pick up?"

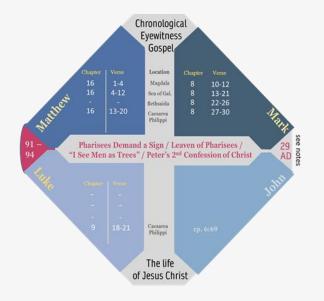
"Seven," they said.



"Don't you understand yet?" he asked them.

"Why can't you understand that I'm not talking about bread? So again I say, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

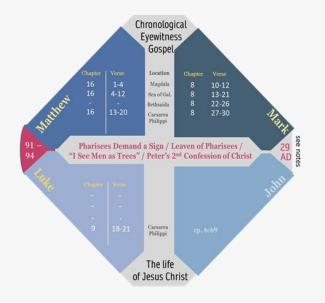
Then at last they understood that he wasn't speaking about the yeast in bread, but about the deceptive teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.



When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?"

The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around."

Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."

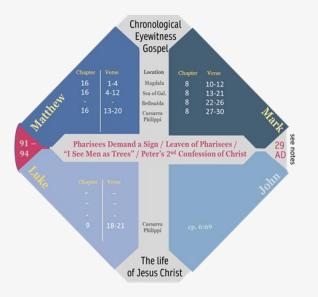


Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am? Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets."

Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

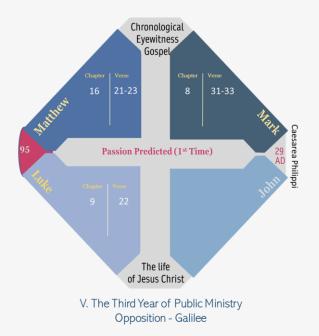
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, sent from God, the Son of the living God."



Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

"Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Then Jesus sternly warned the disciples not to tell anybody about him - not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

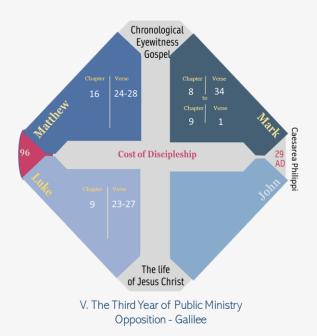


From then on Jesus began to tell his disciples plainly that it was necessary for him to go to Jerusalem, and that he would suffer many terrible things at the hands of the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but on the third day he would be raised from the dead.

"The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. "Heaven forbid, Lord," he said. "This will never happen to you!"

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

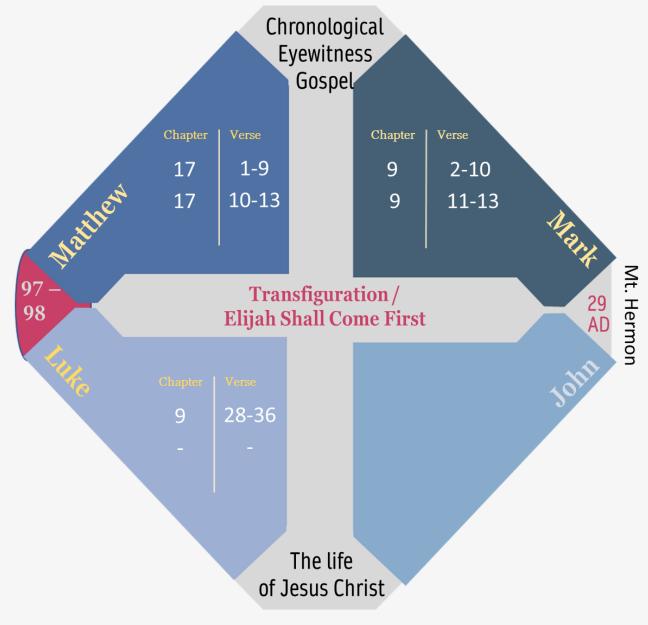


Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

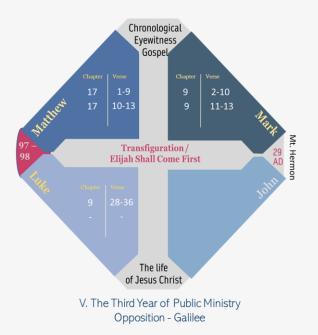
"And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

"If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. For the Son of Man will come with his angels in the glory of his Father and will judge all people according to their deeds."

Jesus went on to say, "I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God arrive in great power!"



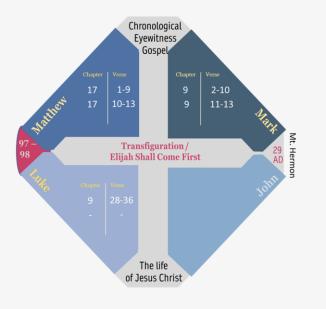
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About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and led them up a high mountain to be alone and pray. As the men watched, and as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed.

Jesus' appearance was transformed so that his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white, far whiter than any earthly bleach could ever make them, as white as light.

Suddenly, two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared and began talking with Jesus. They were glorious to see. And they were speaking about his exodus from this world, which was about to be fulfilled in Jerusalem.

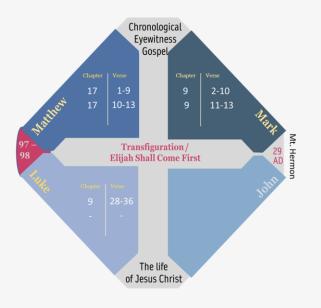


Peter and the others had fallen asleep. When they woke up, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men standing with him. As Moses and Elijah were starting to leave, Peter, not even knowing what he was saying, blurted out, "Master, it's wonderful for us to be here! Let's make three shelters as memorials—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He said this because he didn't really know what else to say, for they were all terrified. But even as he was saying this, a cloud overshadowed them, and terror gripped them as the cloud covered them.

The disciples were terrified and fell face down on the ground.

Then a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him."

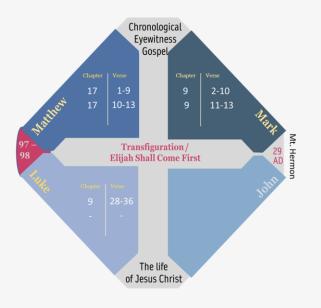
Then Jesus came over and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid."



And when they looked up and around, Moses and Elijah were gone, and they saw only Jesus with them. When the voice finished, Jesus was there alone.

As they went back down the mountain, he told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept it to themselves, but they often asked each other what he meant by "rising from the dead."

They didn't tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

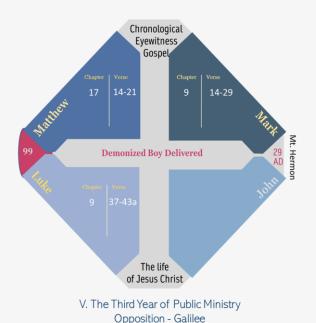


Then his disciples asked him, "Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?"

Jesus replied, "Elijah is indeed coming first to get everything ready. Yet why do the Scriptures say that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be treated with utter contempt?

"But I tell you, Elijah has already come, but he wasn't recognized, and they chose to abuse him, just as the Scriptures predicted. And in the same way they will also make the Son of Man suffer."

Then the disciples realized he was talking about John the Baptist.

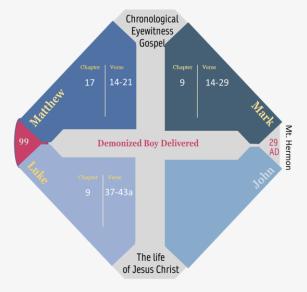


The next day, after they had returned to the other disciples at the foot of the mountain, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him.

"What is all this arguing about?" Jesus asked.

One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, "Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. Lord, have mercy on my son. I beg you to look at my son, my only child. He has seizures and suffers terribly. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won't let him talk. An evil spirit keeps seizing him, making him scream. It throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. It batters him and hardly ever leaves him alone. And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. I begged your disciples to cast out the spirit, but they couldn't do it."

Jesus said to them, "You faithless and corrupt people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you?"



Then he said to the man, "Bring your son here. Bring the boy to me." So they brought the boy.

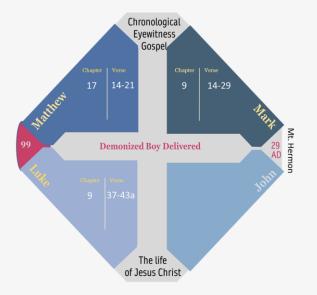
As the boy came forward, the evil spirit saw Jesus. The demon knocked the child to the ground and threw him into a violent convulsion. He fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

"How long has this been happening?" Jesus asked the boy's father.

He replied, "Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us if you can."

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes."

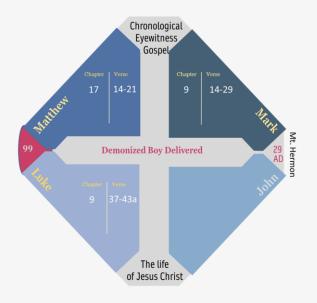
The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!"



When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. "Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak," he said. "I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!"

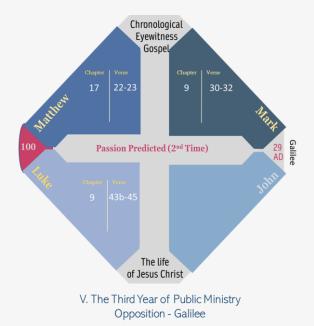
Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. From that moment the boy was well. Then he gave him back to his father.

Awe gripped the people as they saw this majestic display of God's power.



Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, "Why couldn't we cast out that demon?"

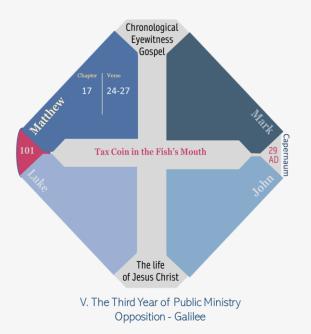
"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible, but this kind of demon won't leave except by prayer and fasting. It can be cast out only by prayer and fasting."



Leaving that region, they traveled through Galilee.

Jesus didn't want anyone to know he was there, for he wanted to spend more time with his disciples and teach them. After they gathered again in Galilee, while everyone was marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus told his disciples, "Listen to me and remember what I say. The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of his enemies. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

The disciples were filled with grief. They didn't know what he meant. Its significance was hidden from them, so they couldn't understand it, but they were afraid to ask him what he meant.



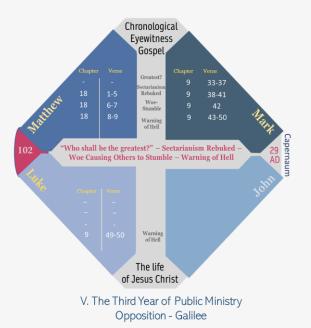
On their arrival in Capernaum, the collectors of the Temple tax came to Peter and asked him, "Doesn't your teacher pay the Temple tax?"

"Yes, he does," Peter replied. Then he went into the house.

But before he had a chance to speak, Jesus asked him, "What do you think, Peter? Do kings tax their own people or the people they have conquered?"

"They tax the people they have conquered," Peter replied.

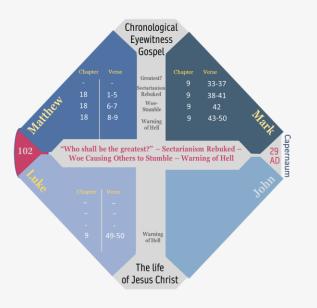
"Well, then," Jesus said, "the citizens are free! However, we don't want to offend them, so go down to the lake and throw in a line. Open the mouth of the first fish you catch, and you will find a large silver coin. Take it and pay the tax for both of us."



After they arrived at Capernaum and settled in a house, Jesus asked his disciples, "What were you discussing out on the road?"

But they didn't answer because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

He sat down, called the twelve disciples over to him, and said, "Whoever wants to be first must take last place and be the servant of everyone else."

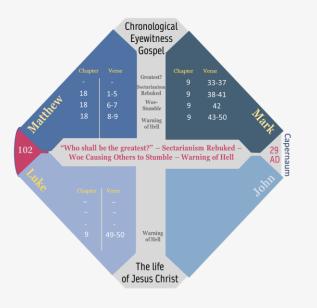


About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?" Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,

"I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

"And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me, and anyone who welcomes me also welcomes my Father who sent me.

"Whoever is the least among you is the greatest. So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

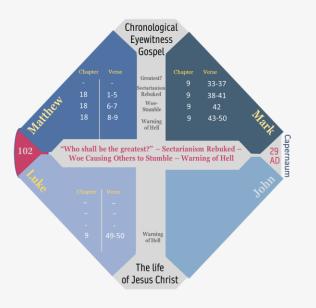


John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone using your name to cast out demons, but we told him to stop because he wasn't in our group."

"Don't stop him!" Jesus said. "Anyone who is not against you is for you. No one who performs a miracle in my name will soon be able to speak evil of me.

"Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you even a cup of water because you belong to the Messiah, I tell you the truth, that person will surely be rewarded.

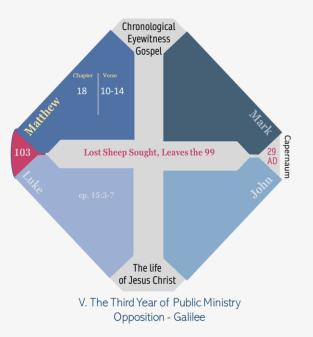
"But if you cause one of these little ones who trusts in me to fall into sin, it would be better for you to have a large millstone tied around your neck and be drowned in the depths of the sea."



"What sorrow awaits the world because it tempts people to sin. Temptations are inevitable, but what sorrow awaits the person who does the tempting.

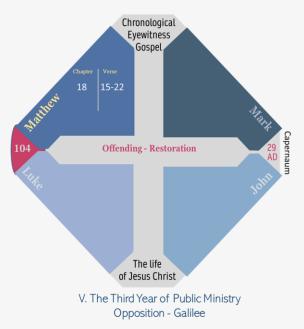
"So if your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one hand or one foot than to be thrown into eternal fire with both of your hands and feet. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It's better to enter eternal life with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell, 'where the maggots never die, and the fire never goes out.'

"For everyone will be tested with fire. Every sacrifice will be salted with salt. Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavor, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other."



"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of my heavenly Father.

"If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them wanders away, what will he do? Won't he leave the ninety-nine others on the hills and go out to search for the one that is lost? And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he will rejoice over it more than over the ninety-nine that didn't wander away! In the same way, it is not my heavenly Father's will that even one of these little ones should perish.



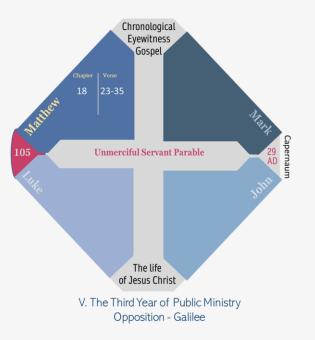
"If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector.

"I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.

"I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

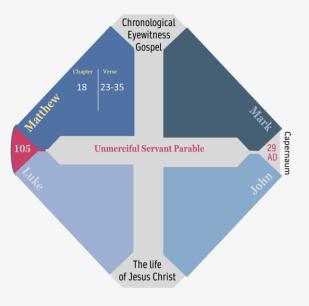
"No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!



"Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

"But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.'

Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt."



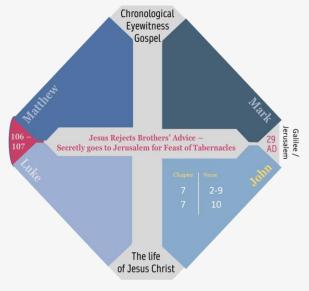
"But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

"His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

"When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?'

"Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

"That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart."



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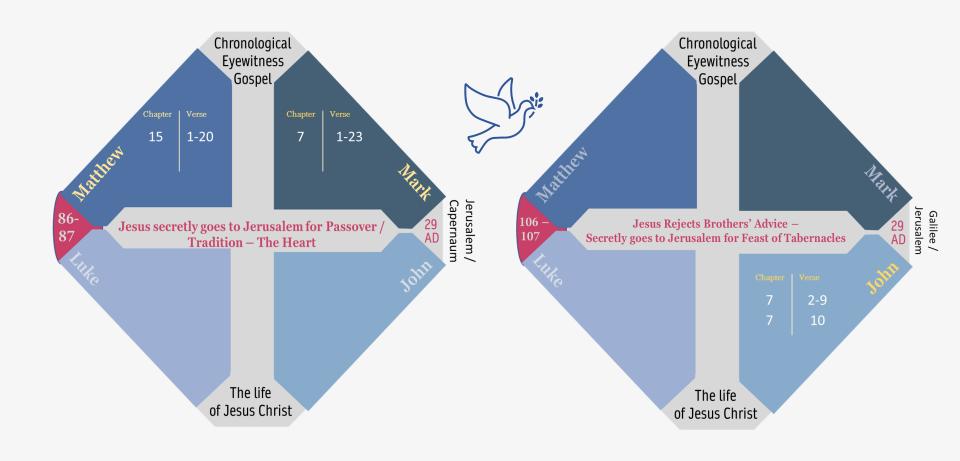
Soon it was time for the Jewish Festival of Shelters, and Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, where your followers can see your miracles! You can't become famous if you hide like this! If you can do such wonderful things, show yourself to the world!" For even his brothers didn't believe in him.

Jesus replied, "Now is not the right time for me to go, but you can go anytime. The world can't hate you, but it does hate me because I accuse it of doing evil. You go on. I'm not going to this festival, because my time has not yet come."

After saying these things, Jesus remained in Galilee.

But after his brothers left for the festival, Jesus also went, though secretly, staying out of public view.

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