

Bereans Bible Institute

Module VI – The Life of Christ

Lesson 5 – The Early Judean Ministry (14 months)

I. The Length of Jesus' Ministry – 3.5 years

- A. Baptized when He was “beginning” his 30th year (Luke 3:23)
- B. Baptized around Rosh Hashanah (because that was His birthday)
- C. Length of ministry determined by a harmony of the Gospels, particularly John
 - 1. Number of Passovers that Jesus attended at Jerusalem
 - a. Mathew, Mark, and Luke only record His last Passover
 - b. John records Jesus attending several feasts:
 - 1. 1st Passover (John 2:23)
 - 2. 2nd Passover (John 5:1)
 - a. “After these things was THE* Feast of the Jews ...” (the primary feast)
* definite article in majority of mss.
 - b. In Samaria 4 months before barley harvest (planted in November), after fall feasts – (John 4:35)
 - 3. 3rd Passover (John 6:4)
 - 4. Tabernacles (John 7:2)
 - 5. Hanukkah (John 10:22)
 - 6. 4th Passover (John 11:55)

II. John & Jesus Parallel ministries in Judea

- A. John immediately pointed out the “Lamb of God” (John 1:29-36)
- B. Jesus calls His first 4 disciples in Judea: Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathaniel (John 1:37-51)
 - 1. vs. 42, Simon’s name changed to “Cephas” Aramaic for “stone,” (Greek “Petros” {Peter}).
 - 2. vss. 44-51, Nathaniel – a true “Israelite,” (Gen. 28:10-22)
- C. Jesus attends the wedding in *Cana of Galilee* with His mother, first miracle? (John 2:1-12)
 - 1. First disciples were apparently called to witness Jesus’ first public miracle.
- D. Jesus cleanses the Temple in Judea (John 2:13-22)
- E. Jesus keeps the Passover (John 2:23-25) AD 27 (6 month mark after baptism)
- F. Jesus approached by Nicodemus (John 3:1-15)
- G. John continues to baptize (John 3:22-36)

III. John cast into prison by Herod (Mark 6:17-18)

- A. Jesus departs to begin Galilean ministry in Nov., 14 months after baptism (Matt. 4:12; Luke 4:14)
- B. The stop in Samaria (John 4:1-4)