

Valley Bible Church – Life of Christ

A PROPOSED HARMONY OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

Event **Matt.** **Mark** **Luke** **John**

Unit One: *"I came forth from the Father"*
(John 16:28a)

An Introduction to the Life of Christ 1:1-4

A Theology of the Life of Christ 1:1-18

Unit Two: *"..and am come into the world"* (John 16:28b)

Focus #1 The Nativity & Childhood

The Announcement of John the Baptist's Birth 1:5-25

The Birth of John the Baptist 1:57-80

The Announcement of Messiah's Birth to Mary 1:26-56

The Announcement of Messiah's Birth to Joseph 1:18-25

The Genealogies of Jesus 1:1-17 3:23-28

The Parents' Journey to Bethlehem; The Nativity of the God-Man 2:1-7

The Worship of the Shepherds 2:8-20

The Circumcision of Jesus 2:21

The Presentation of the Child in the Temple 2:22-39

The Visit of the Wise-men 2:1-12

The Family's Flight to Egypt; The Slaughter of Bethlehem Children; The 2:13-23

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Return to Nazareth

Jesus' Childhood in Nazareth	2:40
The End of Jesus' Childhood	2:41- 52

Focus #2 The First Months of the Public Ministry of Jesus

The Ministry of the Forerunner	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:1- 18
The Baptism of Jesus	3:13- 17	1:9- 11	3:21- 23
The 40 day Temptation of Jesus	4:1-11	1:12- 13	4:1-13
The Forerunner's Testimony before a Sanhedrin Committee			1:19- 28
The Baptist's Identification of Jesus as the Messiah			1:29- 34
The Gathering of the First Disciples			1:35- 51
Emergence into Public Notice: The Miracle at Cana			2:1-11
The Early Transfer from Nazareth to Capernaum			2:12
Jesus Asserts His Messianic Authority by Cleansing the Temple			2:13- 22
Jesus is Interviewed by Nicodemus			2:23- 3:21
Jesus Joins Forces with John the Baptist			3:22- 36
Jesus Leaves for Galilee via Samaria	4:12	1:14	4:1-45
His reasons for leaving Judea	(4:12)	(1:14)	4:1-4
His dealing with the woman at the well			4:5-42
His arrival in Galilee			4:43-

Focus #3 The Great Galilean Ministry of Jesus

An Overview of Jesus' Teaching in Galilee	4:17	1:14-15	4:14-15
The Son of a Nobleman Healed at Cana			4:46-54
The Initial Rejection at Nazareth			4:16-31
Jesus' New Home in Capernaum	4:13-16		
Four Fishermen Called as Fishers of Men	4:18-22	1:16-20	
A Demoniac is Healed on the Sabbath		1:21-28	4:31-37
Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-law and many others	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41
The First Preaching Tour Through Galilee	4:23-25	1:35-39	4:42-44
Four Fishermen Become Fishers of Men			5:1-11
A Leper Healed; Much Excitement	8:2-4	1:40-45	5:12-16
Jesus Heals a Paralytic Lowered through the Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26
The Call of Matthew; The Feast in Honor of Jesus	9:9-13	2:13-17	5:27-32
Jesus Uses 3 Parables to Defend His Disciples for Feasting	9:14-17	2:18-22	5:33-39
Jesus Attends a Feast in Jerusalem (Heals a lame man on the Sabbath)			5:1-47
The Disciples Pluck Grain in the Fields	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5
Jesus Heals a Man with a Withered Hand	12:9-	3:1-6	6:6-11

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Jesus Teaches & Heals Great Multitudes by the Sea of Galilee	12:15- 21	3:7-12
The Master Chooses the 12 Apostles		3:13- 19 6:12- 16
The Preaching of the Sermon on the Mount	5:1-8:1	6:17- 49
The Place & the Audience	5:1-2	6:17- 19
The Introduction	5:3-12	6:20- 26
The Theme	5:13- 20	
The Ethical Teachings of Christ	5:21- 48	6:27- 30, 32-36
Real Righteousness	6:1-18	
Full Devotion to God	6:19- 34	
Concerning the judgment of others	7:1-6	6:37- 42
Prayer & the Golden Rule	7:7-12	6:31
The Conclusion	7:13- 8:1	6:43- 49
Jesus Heals a Centurion's Son at Capernaum	8:5-13	7:1-10
Jesus Raises a Widow's Son at Nain		7:11- 17
John the Baptist Asks a Question	11:2- 19	7:18- 35
Woes Pronounced upon Two Cities	11:20- 30	
Jesus' Feet Anointed by a Sinful Woman;		7:36-

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The Parable of Two Debtors	50
The Second Preaching Tour Through Galilee	8:1-3
A Blasphemous Accusation by the Pharisees	12:22-37 3:20-30
Scribes and Pharisees Demand a Sign	12:38-45
Jesus' Mother & Brothers Seek to Take Him Home	12:46-50 3:31-35 8:19-21
The First Great Group of Parables	13:1-3 4:1-2 8:4
Parable of the Sower	13:3-23 4:3-25 8:5-18
Parable of the Seed Growing by itself	4:26-29
Parable of the Tares	13:24-30
Parable of the Mustard/Leaven	13:31-35 4:30-34
The Tares Explained	13:36-43
Parable of the Hid Treasure	13:44
Parable of the Pearl of Great Price	13:45-46
Parable of the Net	13:47-50
Parable of the Householder	13:51-52
Jesus Stills a Tempest on the Sea	8:18, 23-27 4:35-41 8:22-25
Jesus Heals the Gadarene Demoniac	8:28-34 5:1-20 8:26-39
The Healing of Jairus' Daughter; The Healing of the Woman who Touched	9:18-26 5:21-43 8:40-56

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Jesus

Healing of Two Blind Men and a Demoniac; A Blasphemous Accusation Repeated	9:27-34		
The Last Visit to Nazareth	13:54-58	6:1-6	
The Disciples Instructed & Sent out by Two's; Jesus Tours Galilee	9:35-11:1	6:6-13	9:1-6
Herod's Fears Because of his murder of John the Baptist	14:1-12	6:14-29	9:7-9
The First Retreat from Public Notice; The Feeding of 5,000	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17 6:1-13
Jesus Refuses to be called King	14:22-23	6:45-46	6:14-15
The 12 in a Storm; Jesus Walks on Water	14:24-33	6:47-52	6:16-21
The Reception at Gennesaret	14:34-36	6:53-56	
The Collapse of the Campaign; The People refuse the Spiritual Standards of Jesus			6:22-71
The Pharisees Rebuke Jesus concerning Defilement	15:1-20	7:1-23	7:1
Focus #4 The Training of the Twelve			
Retreat to Phoenecia; Retirement in a Private Home		7:24	
Healing of the Daughter of the Syro-Phoenician Woman	15:21-28	7:25-30	
Withdrawal into the Decapolis; Deaf & Dumb Man Healed	15:29-31	7:31-37	
Great Crowds Assemble; Jesus Feeds 4,000	15:32-38	8:1-9	
Brief Foray Back into Galilee	15:39	8:10	

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The Pharisees Demand a Sign for the third time	16:1-4	8:11-12	
Jesus Rebukes the Dullness of His Disciples	16:5-12	8:13-21	
A Blind Man is Hastily Healed		8:22-26	
Jesus Tests the Faith of the Twelve; Peter's Confession	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-21
Jesus' First Distinct Prophecy of His Soon rejection, trial, death, and resurrection	16:21-28	8:31-9:1	9:22-27
The Transfiguration of Jesus	17:1-8	9:2-8	9:28-36
The Confusion of the Disciples concerning the Resurrection	17:9-13	9:9-13	9:36
The Demoniac Boy Whom the Disciples could not Heal	17:14-21	9:14-29	9:37-43
Returning Privately through Galilee; Jesus again foretells His soon Death & Resurrection	17:22-23	9:30-32	9:43-45
At Capernaum, Jesus Pays a Tax by means of a Miracle	17:24-27		
The 12 Argue Who shall be Greatest under Messiah's Reign (a lesson on humility)	18:1-5	9:33-37	9:46-48
The Apostle John is Rebuked for his sectarian spirit	18:6-14	9:38-50	9:49-50
Instruction Concerning the Settling of Disputes; The Parable of the Merciful Servant	18:15-35		
The Demands of Discipleship are Reiterated as the Death of Jesus Draws Near	8:19-22		9:57-62

Focus #5 The Last Six Months of The Public Ministry of Jesus

1. In Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles

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Jesus receives Bitter Counsel from His Unbelieving Brothers	7:2-9
Jesus Goes Privately to Jerusalem through Samaria	9:51- 7:10 56
The Coming of Jesus to the Feast Creates a Stir-among friends & enemies alike	7:11- 52
An Adulteress is Brought to Jesus	7:53- 8:11
Jesus Proclaims Himself the Light of the World	8:12- 59
A Man Born Blind is Healed and Converted	9:1-41
Jesus' Discourse on the Good Shepherd	10:1- 21
Campaigning in Judea Outside Jerusalem	
The Seventy sent out to Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom	10:1- 24
Jesus Answers a Lawyer's Question Concerning Eternal Life; The Parable of the Good Samaritan	10:25- 37
Jesus Visits Bethany, where He is a guest for the first time at the home of Mary, Martha & Lazarus	10:38- 42
Jesus Again Instructs Concerning Prayer; The Parable of the Importunate Friend	11:1- 13
The Blasphemous Accusation of League with Beelzebub is Repeated	11:14- 36
Dining with a Pharisee, Jesus Denounces Empty Legalism	11:37- 54
Jesus Speaks to His Disciples	12:1- 59
The Command to Repent; The Parable of the Fig Tree	13:1-9
Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the	13:10-

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Sabbath; Repeats Parables of Mustard Seed & Leaven	21
2. Back in Jerusalem at the Feast of Dedication	
Jesus Refuses to Openly Proclaim Himself Messiah	10:22-39
Ministering in the Region Beyond the Jordan	
The Pereans Give Jesus a Warm Reception	10:40-42
Teaching in Perea; Jesus Warned about Herod by some Pharisees	13:22-35
Jesus Dines with a Chief Pharisee on a Sabbath Morning; Heals a Diseased Man	14:1-24
Great Crowds Follow Jesus and He Warns them to Count the Cost of Discipleship	14:25-35
Jesus Receives Great Crowds; 3 Parables	15:1-32
The Parable of the Unjust Steward	16:1-13
The Parable of the Rich Man & Lazarus	16:14-31
The Parable of the Unprofitable Servants	17:1-10
3. Third Trip to Jerusalem (Raising of Lazarus at Bethany)	
The Miracle of the Raising of Lazarus	11:1-44
The Effects of the Miracle	11:45-53
The Retreat to Ephraim	11:54
UNIT THREE: <i>"..again, I leave the world.." (John 16:28c)</i>	

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**Focus #6 The Passion Week of Jesus
(Friday-Sunday)**

Jesus' Final Trip to Jerusalem:

On the Way, 10 Lepers are Healed 17:11-19

Teaching Concerning the Imminence of the Kingdom of God 17:20-37

2 Parables on Proper Prayer (the importunate widow/ the Pharisee and the publican) 18:1-14

In Perea, Teaching Concerning Divorce 19:1-12 10:1-12

Teaching Concerning Children & The Kingdom of God 19:13-15 10:13-16 18:15-17

Jesus Teaches Concerning the Perils of Riches 19:16-20:16 10:17-31 18:18-30

Jesus Clearly Foretells His Death & Resurrection privately to the Twelve 20:17-19 10:32-34 18:31-34

James & John Rebuked for Selfish Ambition 20:20-28 10:32-34 18:31-34

At Jericho, Blind Bartameus and Companion are Healed 20:29-34 10:46-52 18:35-43

Jesus Visits Zaccheus, Speaks the Parable of the Pounds, and sets out for Jerusalem 19:1-28

Friday: A Quiet Weekend at Bethany, in the home of Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Jesus Arrives in Bethany on Friday Night 11:55-12:1

Saturday:

Jesus is Served a Feast by the Villagers of Bethany; Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet 26:6-13 14:3-9 12:2-6

Judas, Corrected by Jesus after his Rebuke of Mary, devises a sinister plan 26:14-16 14:10-11 12:7-8

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Sunday: A Day of Messianic Presentation

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem	21:1-11, 14-17	11:1-11	19:29-44	12:9-19
The Praises of the Pilgrims	21:1-19	11:1-10	19:29-38	
The Pharisees Object and are rebuked			19:39-44	
Jesus Arrives at the Temple	21:10-11, 14-16	11:11		
Jesus Quietly Returns to Bethany	21:17	11:11		

Monday: A Day of Messianic Power

The Barren Fig Tree is Cursed	21:18-19	11:12-14		
The Second Cleansing of the Temple	21:12-13	11:15-18	19:45-48	
Some Greeks See Jesus; Jesus foretells His death				12:20-50

Tuesday Morning & Afternoon: A Time of Messianic Controversy

The Barren Fig Tree found to have withered	21:19-22	11:19-26	21:37-38	
Jesus' Authority is challenged; He appeals to John's Baptism, and speaks three hard parables	21:23-22:14	11:27-12:12	20:1-19	
Concerning the tribute to be paid to Caesar	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26	
A puzzling question concerning the resurrection	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40	
A Pharisaic lawyer asks a legal question: Which is the greatest commandment?	22:34-40	12:28-34		
Jesus proves His Messiahship by an	22:41-	12:35-	20:41-	

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appeal to David (Psalm 110)	46	37	44
The last public discourse; Jesus denounces the Scribes & the Pharisees	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47
Jesus comments on the widow's mite		12:41-44	21:1-4
The Olivet Discourse	24 & 25	13:1-37	21:5-36

Tuesday Evening & Night: A Time of Sinister Intrigue

Jesus privately foretells His crucifixion	26:1-2		
The Jews plot to kill Jesus as soon as the Passover season is past	26:3-5	14:1-2	22:1-2
Judas stung by Jesus' rebuke at the feast in Bethany bargains to betray Jesus to the Jews	26:14-16	14:10-11	22:3-6

Wednesday: A Day of Messianic Silence

(No record in the Gospels as to the events on Wednesday)

Thursday Afternoon & Evening: A Time of Messianic Preparation

Preparation is made for the Passover Meal	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13
Jesus partakes of the meal with His disciples	26:20	14:17	22:14-16
During the meal, Jesus washes the feet of the disciples			13:1-20
At the meal, Jesus informs John that Judas is the betrayer	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23 13:21-30
Jesus rebukes the disciples for their greed and jealousy for position			22:24-30
After Judas departs, Jesus warns concerning desertion	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-38 13:31-38
The Lord's Supper is instituted	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:17-20

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The Upper Room Discourse	14
Late Thursday Night: Jesus and His disciples leave the upper room and go to Gethsemane.	
The discourse on the way to Gethsemane- The True Vine, The Ministry of the Holy Spirit	15 & 16
The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus	17
Jesus suffers long in agony in the Garden; the disciples are unable to watch with Him	26:30- 14:26- 22:39- 18:1 46 42 46
Friday: A Day of Messianic Perfection	
Long before dawn, Jesus is betrayed, arrested and forsaken	26:47- 14:43- 22:47- 18:2- 56 52 53 12
The first Jewish trial: Jesus is examined by Annas, the former High Priest before dawn.	18:12- 14, 19-23
The second Jewish trial: A hasty, illegal trial before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin; Jesus is condemned, mocked and buffeted.	26:57, 14:53, 22:54, 18:24 59-68 55-65 63-65
Meanwhile, Peter denies Christ three times, just as Jesus had foretold.	26:58, 14:54, 22:54- 18:15- 69-75 66-72 62 18, 25-27
The third Jewish trial: Jesus is formally condemned by the Sanhedrin after dawn.	27:1 15:1 22:66- 71
Meanwhile, the remorse and suicide death of Judas Iscariot	27:3- 10
The first Roman trial: before Pilate, Jesus remains silent	27:2, 15:1-5 23:1-5 18:28- 11-14 38
The second Roman trial: before Herod Antipas, the Tetrarch (Jesus again remains silent).	23:6- 12
The third Roman trial: before Pilate a second time; Pilate reluctantly surrenders	27:15- 15:6- 23:13- 18:39- 26 15 25 19:16

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to the demands of the Sanhedrin

The Roman soldiers mock Jesus (Friday 6:00-9:00am) 27:27- 15:16-
30 19

Jesus on the way to Golgotha (before 9:00 am Friday) 27:31- 15:20- 23:26- 19:17
34 23 33

The First 3 hours on the cross (9:00am-noon)- 3 sayings, the soldiers gamble for His garments, the inscription is affixed amid much scoffing. 27:35- 15:24- 23:33- 19:18-
44 32 43 27

The 3 hours of darkness (noon-3:00pm), 4 more sayings, the death of Jesus. 27:45- 15:33- 23:44- 19:28-
50 37 46 30

Physical phenomena at the death of Jesus 27:51- 15:38- 23:47-
56 41 49

Jesus' body buried after proof of His death (before sundown, Friday) 27:57- 15:42- 23:50- 19:31-
60 46 54 42

The watch of the women at the Tomb of Jesus 27:61- 15:47 23:55-
66 56

UNIT FOUR: "...and go to the Father"
(John 16:28d)

Sunday: A Day of Messianic Pronouncement

The visit of the women to the Tomb 28:1 16:1

The earthquake, rolling away the stone, fright of the soldiers 28:2-4

The visit of the women and the angel's glad message 28:5-8 16:2-8 24:1-8 20:1

The women report to the apostles; Peter & John visit the tomb 24:9- 20:2-
12 10

Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene 16:9- 20:11-
11 18

Jesus appears to the other women 28:9-
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Meanwhile, some of the soldiers report to the Jewish authorities what has come to 28:11-
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Jesus appears to 2 disciples traveling to Emmaus	16:12- 24:13- 13 32
Jesus appears to Simon Peter	24:33- 35
Jesus appears to the astonished disciples (Thomas is absent)	16:14 24:36- 20:19- 43 25
Jesus appears to the disciples again (Thomas is present and convinced)	20:26- 31
Jesus appears to 7 disciples beside the Sea of Galilee; a miraculous catch of fish.	21
Jesus appears to above 500 brethren gathered in Galilee; The Great Commission	28:16- 16:15- 20 18
Jesus appears to James, His half brother (1 Cor. 15:7)	
Jesus appears to the assembled disciples	24:44- 49
The last appearance and ascension of Jesus to the Father (from Mt. Olivet, between Jerusalem & Bethany)	16:19 24:50- 51
The disciples return to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit	