

Introduction:

Today we will be looking at *the early Judean ministry*.

Things we will look at in this lesson:

- Part One: Introduction to the Ministry of Jesus
- Part Two: The Challenge of Dating and Chronology
- Part Three: The First Year

Part One: Introduction to the Ministry of Jesus:

01. What were the two major events that inaugurated the ministry of Jesus?

02. What does each Gospel represent?

03. What were the Gospel writers concerned with?

04. During the first 8 months - 1 year, of His ministry, where did Jesus spend the Majority of His time?

Part Two: The Challenge of Dating and Chronology:

05. When it comes to historical records, what does Western thinking expect?

06. What three things must we do to read and understand what the Gospel writers have written?

07. What year do many Bible scholars accept as the year of Christ's birth?

08. What date does "In the fifteenth year of Tiberius" (Luke 3:1-2) point to?

Part Three: The First Year:

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Breakdown of Jesus' First Year of Ministry...

1. Christ is identified by John the Baptist as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (1:29–31).
2. Christ chooses His first disciples (1:35–51).
3. Christ travels to Galilee, performs His first miracle in Cana (2:1–11), and then moves on to Capernaum with His mother, brothers, and disciples (2:12).
4. Christ returns to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast (2:13).
5. Christ drives the money changers from the temple (2:14–17) and speaks with Nicodemus (3:1–21).
6. Christ ministers in the Judean countryside (3:22), and John, simultaneously, baptizes nearby (3:23–36).
7. Christ leaves Judea after a time of ministry and travels through Samaria en route to Galilee (4:1–43).
8. Christ now begins an extended ministry in Galilee (4:45–54).

Figure 1)



