

A Proposed Outline for a Harmonistic Study of the Gospel Accounts of Jesus Life

I. Introduction: The Background to Jesus' Life

- A. Luke's prologue (Luke 1:1-4)
- B. John's prologue (John 1:1-18)
- C. The genealogies of Jesus (Matt. 1:1-17, Luke 3:23-38)

II. The Birth and Childhood of Jesus

- A. Pronouncement to Zacharias of John's birth (Luke 1:5-25)
- B. Pronouncement to Mary of Jesus' birth and Magnificat (Luke 1:26-56)
- C. Birth, naming, and childhood of John (Luke 1:57-80)
- D. Pronouncement to Joseph of Jesus' birth (Matt. 1:18-25)
- E. Jesus' birth attended by the shepherds (Luke 2:1-20)
- F. Circumcision, naming, and presentation of Jesus in the temple with Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:21-40)
- G. Worship of wise men and experiences of Jesus' infancy (Matt. 2:1-23)
- H. Visit to the temple (Luke 2:41-52)

III. Preparation for Jesus' Ministry Throughout Palestine

- A. Ministry of John the Baptist (Matt. 3:1-12, Mark 1:1-8; Luke 3:1-18)
- B. Baptism of Jesus (Matt. 3:13-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22)
- C. Temptation of Jesus (Matt 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)
- D. John's witness to Jesus (John 1:19-34)
- E. The first disciples (John 1:35-51)
- F. Changing water into wine at Cana of Galilee (John 2:1-11)
- G. Cleansing the temple (John 2:12-22)
- H. Challenge to Nicodemus to be born again (John 3:1-21)
- I. The overlapping ministries of John and Jesus (John 3:22-36)
- J. John's imprisonment and Jesus' departure to Galilee (Matt 4:12; Mark 1:14; Luke 3:19-20; 4:14; John 4:1-14)
- K. The Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:5-42)

IV. The Ministry in Galilee

- A. Beginning the ministry in Galilee with the healing of a nobleman's son and making a home in Capernaum (Matt. 4:13-17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:15; John 4:43-54)
- B. Additional contact with the first disciples (Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)
- C. Beginning ministries in Capernaum, including teaching, healing, and exorcising (Matt. 4:23-25; 8:14-17; Mark 1:21-39; Luke 4:31-44)
- D. Cleansing a leper (Matt. 8:2-4; Mark 1:40-45; Luke 5:12-16)
- E. Forgiving and healing a paralytic (Matt. 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26)
- F. The call of Matthew/Levi (Matt. 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)
- G. Debate over fasting (Matt. 9:14-17; Mark 2:18-22; Luke 5:33-39)
- H. Healing the lame man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-47)
- I. Reaping and eating grain on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:1-8; Mark 2:23-28; Luke 6:1-5)
- J. Healing the man with the withered hand on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:9-14; Mark 3:1-6; Luke 6:6-11)
- K. Withdrawing from the multitude (Matt. 12:15-21; Mark 3:7-12)
- L. Selecting the twelve apostles (Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16)
- M. The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5:1-8:1; Luke 6:17-49)
- N. Healing of a centurion's servant (Matt. 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10)
- O. Bringing the widow's son in Nain back to life (Luke 7:11-17)
- P. The doubts of John the Baptist (Matt. 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35)
- Q. Rebuke to the Galilean cities (Matt. 11:20-30)
- R. Jesus anointed by an immoral woman (Luke 7:36-50)

- S. The women who followed Jesus (Luke 8:1-3)
- T. Jesus accused of the unpardonable sin (Matt. 12:22-37; Mark 3:19-30)
- U. The sign of Jonah (Matt. 12:38-45)
- V. The spiritual family of Jesus (Matt. 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21)
- W. Parables of the kingdom (Matt. 13:1-53; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:4-18)
- X. Quieting of the storm (Matt. 8:18-23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)
- Y. The Gadarene demoniac(s) (Matt. 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39)
- Z. Twin miracles: healing the woman with the flow of blood and raising the daughter of Jairus (Matt. 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56)
- AA. Healing the blind men and the man who could not speak (Matt. 9:27-34)
- BB. The rejection at Nazareth (Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6; Luke 4:16-30)
- CC. Sending out the disciples (Matt. 9:35-11:1; Mark 6:6-13; Luke 9:1-6)
- DD. The fear of Herod after beheading John the Baptist (Matt. 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9)
- EE. Feeding the five thousand (Matt. 14:13-23; Mark 6:30-46; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)
- FF. A nature miracle: walking on the water (Matt. 14:24-36; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)
- GG. The message of the bread of life (John 6:22-71)
- HH. The source of true defilement (Matt. 15:1-20; Mark 7:1-23; John 7:1)
- II. Healing the daughter of a Syro-Phoenician woman who had faith (Matt. 15:21-28; Mark 7:24-30)
- JJ. Feeding the four thousand (Matt. 15:29-38; Mark 7:31-8:9)
- KK. The sign of the Messiah (Matt. 15:39-16:4; Mark 8:10-12)
- LL. The leaven of the Sadducees and Pharisees (Matt. 16:5-12; Mark 8:13-26)
- MM. The confession of Peter, the keys of the kingdom, binding and loosing (Matt. 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; Luke 9:18-22)
- NN. First prediction of the passion (Matt. 16:21-26; Mark 8:31-37; Luke 9:23-25)
- OO. The transfiguration (Matt. 16:27-17:8; Mark 8:28-9:8; Luke 9:26-36)
- PP. The relationship between John the Baptist and Elijah (Matt. 17:9-13; Mark 9:9-13)
- QQ. The exorcism of the boy possessed with a demon (Matt. 17:14-20; Mark 9:14-29; Luke 9:37-42)
- RR. Second prediction of the passion (Matt. 17:22-23; Mark 9:30-32, Luke 9:43-45)
- SS. Payment of the temple tax (Matt. 17:24-27)
- TT. A childlike attitude and discipleship (Matt 18:1-14; Mark 9:33-50; Luke 9:43-45)
- UU. The practice of forgiveness, the parable of the unmerciful servant (Matt. 18:15-35)
- VV. A challenge to discipleship (Matt. 8:19-22; Luke 9:57-62)
- WW. Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:11-52; 8:12-59)

V. The Later Ministry in Judea and the Ministry in Perea

- A. Jesus' discussion at the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:11-52; 8:12-59)
- B. Healing the man born blind (John 9:1-41)
- C. Jesus as the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21)
- D. Sending out the seventy (Luke 10:1-24)
- E. The parable of the good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)
- F. Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)
- G. Parables on prayer (Luke 11:1-13)
- H. Jesus' defense against an accusation of being linked with Satan, the parable of the empty house, the sign of Jonah, and developing a healthy spiritual vision (Luke 11:14-36)
- I. Woes on the Pharisees (Luke 11:37-54)
- J. Instruction on hypocrisy, greed (parable of the rich fool), watchfulness and the appearance of the messianic kingdom (Luke 12:1-59)
- K. The parable of the fruitless fig tree (Luke 13:1-9)
- L. Healing on the Sabbath of a woman bent over and the parables of the mustard seed and leaven (Luke 13:10-21)

- M. Jesus' claim to be one with God (John 10:22-42)
- N. The narrow door and Jesus' sorrow for Jerusalem (Luke 13:22-35)
- O. Sabbath healing of a man with dropsy, teaching on humility, and the parable of the messianic banquet (Luke 14:1-24)
- P. The cost of discipleship (Luke 14:25-35)
- Q. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son, and the elder brother (Luke 15:1-32)
- R. The parables of the unjust steward and the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:1-31)
- S. Caring for young believers, faith, and service (Luke 17:1-10)
- T. The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)
- U. The Sanhedrin's plot against Jesus (John 11:45-54)
- V. Healing the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
- W. The advent of the kingdom (Luke 17:20-37)
- X. Parables on persistence and humility in prayer (Luke 18:1-14)
- Y. Divorce and remarriage (Matt. 19:1-12; Mark 10:1-12)
- Z. Jesus and the little children (Matt. 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16; Luke 18:15-17)
- AA. The rich young ruler (Matt. 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30)
- BB. The parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matt. 20:1-16)
- CC. Third passion prediction with the selfish request of James and John (Matt. 20:17-28; Mark 10:32-45; Luke 18:31-34)
- DD. Healing of the blind man Bartimaeus (Matt. 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43)
- EE. Jesus and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)
- FF. The parable of the pounds (Luke 19:11-28)

VI. The Passion Week in Jerusalem

- A. The arrival of Passover pilgrims in Jerusalem and Sanhedrin's plot against Jesus and Lazarus (John 11:55-12:1, 9-11)
- B. Anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany (Matt. 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; John 12:2-8)
- C. The triumphal entry (Matt. 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:29-44; John 12:12-19)
- D. Cursing the fig tree and cleansing the temple (Matt. 21:12, 13, 18, 19; Mark 11:12-18; Luke 19:45-48)
- E. The Greeks seeking to see Jesus and a warning against unbelief (John 12:20-50)
- F. The withering of the fig tree (Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8)
- G. Question about Jesus' authority (Matt. 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8)
- H. Parable of the two sons (Matt. 21:28-32)
- I. Parable of the vineyard (Matt. 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19)
- J. The parable of the marriage feast (Matt. 22:1-14)
- K. Paying taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:20-26)
- L. Sadducees' question about the resurrection (Matt. 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40)
- M. The greatest commandments (Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34)
- N. The deity of the Davidic Messiah (Matt. 22:41-46; Mark 12:28-34)
- O. Denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees (Matt. 23:1-39; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47)
- P. The widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4)
- Q. The Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24-25; Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-38)
- R. The plan for betrayal (Matt. 26:1-5; Mark 14:1, 2, 10-11; Luke 22:1-6)
- S. Preparing for the last supper (Matt. 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 22:7-13)
- T. Observing the last supper
 1. Washing the disciple's feet (John 13:1-20)
 2. Departure of Judas Iscariot (Matt. 26:21-25)
 3. Prediction of Peter's denials (Matt. 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38; John 13:31-38)

4. Instituting the Lord's Supper (Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 5. The farewell discourses in the upper room (John 14-16)
 6. Jesus' prayer for his disciples (John 17)
- U. Jesus in Gethsemane (Matt. 26:30, 36-46; Mark 14:26,32-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1)
- V. The arrest of Jesus (Matt. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:2-12)

VII. Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion

- A. The trial before the Jews
 1. Hearing before Annas (John 18:12-14, 19-23)
 2. Hearing before Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57, 59-68; Mark 14:53, 55-65; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:24)
 3. Peter's denials (Matt. 26:58, 69-75; Mark 14:54, 66-72; Luke 22:54, 63-65; John 18:15-18)
 4. Official condemnation of Jesus by the Sanhedrin (Matt. 27:1; Mark 15:1; Luke 22:66-71)
- B. The suicide of Judas Iscariot (Matt. 27:3-1-; Acts 1:18-19)
- C. The trial before the Romans
 1. First hearing before Pilate (Matt. 27:2, 11-14; Mark 15:1-5; Luke 23:1-5; John 18:28-38)
 2. Hearing before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-12)
 3. Second hearing before Pilate (Matt. 27:15-30; Mark 15:6-19; Luke 23:13-25; John 18:39-19:16)
- D. Jesus' crucifixion (Matt. 27:31-36; Mark 15:20-25; Luke 23:26-33; John 19:16-18)
- E. The events at the crucifixion site (Matt. 27:37-50; Mark 15:26-37; Luke 23:34-43, 46; John 19:19-30)
- F. Tearing of the veil of the temple (Matt. 27:51-56; Mark 15:38-41; Luke 23:44, 45, 47-49)
- G. Burial of Jesus (Matt. 27:57-66; Mark 15:42-47; Luke 23:50-56; John 19:31-43)

VIII. Jesus' Resurrection, Post-Resurrection Appearances, and Ascension

- A. The empty tomb (Matt. 28:1-4; Mark 16:1)
- B. The women at the tomb (Matt. 28:5-8; Mark 16:2-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1)
- C. The coming of Peter and John to the tomb (Luke 24:9-12; John 20:2-10)
- D. Appearance of Jesus to Mary Magdalene (John 20:11-18)
- E. Appearance of Jesus to the other women (Matt. 28:9-10)
- F. Sanhedrin's bribe of Roman guards for the tomb (Matt. 28:11-15)
- G. Appearance of Jesus to the disciples on the Emmaus Road (Luke 24:13-35; 1 Cor. 15:5a)
- H. Appearance of Jesus to the disciples without Thomas (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25; 1 Cor 15:5b)
- I. Appearance of Jesus to Thomas (John 20:26-31)
- J. Appearance to the disciples at the Sea of Galilee and the restoration of Peter (John 21)
- K. Appearances of Jesus to the Eleven, the five hundred, James and the Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20; 1 Cor. 15:6-7)
- L. The ascension of Jesus (Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:3-12)