

A Chronology of Events Affecting the Church of Christ from the First Century to the Restoration

1. The Coming of the Christ and the Founding of His Church: BC 4 to AD 100

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Dates	Events Affecting the Church	Secular Events	Dates
BC [BCE] 4 or 5	Birth of Christ: Matt 1, 2; Luke 2.	Death of Herod I (the Great) and the time of the ordering of the death of all male children in Matt 2 in order to kill the Christ.	BC 4 [CE]
		Augustus Emperor of Rome.	BC 27-AD 14
		Judea made a Roman Province giving them a governor.	AD 6
AD 8	Jesus' visit to the temple at 12 years of Age: Luke 2:41-52.		
		Augustus dies and Tiberius becomes Emperor of Rome.	AD 14
		Caiaphas, high priest in Jerusalem.	AD 25
		Pontius Pilot Procurator in Judea.	AD 26
27	Christ baptized: Matt 3.		
27-30	Christ's three-year ministry where he preaches the coming of his Kingdom, his church: Matt 16.		
c 29,30	Christ said that he would build his church, ushering in his kingdom during the lives of those living. Matt 16:18-20: 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates		

of Hades will not overcome it.
 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." 20

Matt 16:28

"28 I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

30 His death by crucifixion, burial, and resurrection in April. His ascension in May. Matt 26-28.

The Great Commission: Matt 28; Mark 16; Luke 24.

Pentecost after the resurrection: The descent of the Holy Spirit; the preaching of the gospel; the establishment of the church (the coming of the kingdom): Acts 2.

Marcellus Succeeds Pilot; Pilot to Rome. 36

37 Martyrdom of Stephen; Church scattered abroad: Acts 8. Herod Agrippa I, King of Judea and Samaria. 37

40 The Eunuch: Acts 8
 Saul's conversion: Acts 9; Acts 22; Acts 26.

Conversion of Cornelius and the opening of gospel to Gentiles: Acts 10; 11.

Paul's escape from Damascus: Gal 1:16.

44 Paul's first visit to Jerusalem: Gal 1:18. Herod Agrippa I dies a horrible death: Acts 12:21 – struck down, eaten of worms, and died. 44

Persecution of the church.

James beheaded.

- Peter imprisoned and delivered.
- Peter leaves Jerusalem: Acts 12:2-23.
- 45 Paul's 2nd trip to Jerusalem bringing assistance from the church at Antioch: Acts 11:30.
- Conquest of Brittan. 46-51
- 50 Paul set apart to carry the gospel to the Gentiles: Acts 13:2.
- Paul's first missionary journey with Barnabas and John Mark: Acts 13, 14.
- The epistle of James.
- 51 Antioch church sends Paul, Titus, and Barnabas to Jerusalem to discuss the issue of Gentile circumcision—a point of division in the churches. A peaceful solution and a letter to Gentile churches followed. Acts 15; Gal 2.
- 52, 53 Paul's second missionary journey takes the gospel to Asia Minor, Achaia (Greece), and Macedonia, Acts 15:36 to 18:22. Herod Agrippa II becomes Tetrarch of Trachonitis (last of the Herods). 52
- 54-57 Paul at Corinth for a 1 ½ years. He writes 1 Thess and 2 Thess while there. Nero becomes emperor. 54-68
- 54 Paul makes his fourth trip to Jerusalem, from which he returns to Antioch. Fourth missionary journey lasts four years. Paul stays three of these years in Ephesus: Acts 19.
- Revolt of Sicarii was headed by an Egyptian (Acts 21:38). 55
- 56 Paul writes Galatians from either Ephesus or from Greece: Acts 20.
- 57 Paul writes the first letter to Corinthians from Ephesus; he

- starts for Macedonia and writes second letter to the Corinthians from Macedonia.
- 58 Paul wrote the letter to the Roman church from Corinth where he stayed 3 months.
- 60 Goes to Jerusalem for the fifth time and is arrested, brought before Felix and imprisoned for at Caesarea for 2 years: Acts 21:17 to 26:32 . Porcius Festus becomes Procurator. 60
- 61 Paul defends himself before Festus and appeals to Caesar after which he is sent to Rome by ship: Acts 27-28.
- 61-63 Paul arrives at Rome in the spring. Josephus at Rome. 62
 Paul writes his prison epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon from Rome.
 James, the brother of the Lord, martyred in Jerusalem, according to Josephus.
- 62 Paul is supposedly released in Rome: Acts 28:30.
- 63 Epistles to the Hebrews were written from Italy after the release of Timothy: Heb 13:23.
- 64 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude were written. Great fire burned Rome and the first imperial persecution of Christians, leading to the alleged martyrdom of Peter and Paul. 64
- 64-67 The four Gospels and Acts were written.
- 60-67 Paul writes 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. The great war between the Romans and the Jews begins. 66
- 64-67 Paul and Peter allegedly martyred in Rome. Vespasian becomes general in Palestine. 67

	Jerusalem destroyed of by Titus: 70 Matt 24.
	Coliseum begun in Rome. 76
	Titus becomes emperor. 79
	Destruction of Pompeii, 79
80-90	John writes his gospel and three letters.
95	John writes the Revelation of Jesus Christ: the completion of the revelation of God's mystery. Rev 22
98-100	Death of John

Rev 22:17-20

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. 19 And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."