

# Framework of the Gospel of John

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The Beginning of Christ's Public Ministry (pages 19-29)

The Great Galilean Ministry (pages 31-82)

The Special Training of the Twelve in Districts Around Galilee (pages 85-113)

The Later Judean Ministry (pages 114-129)

The Later Perea Ministry (pages 131-150)

**First Miracle:** (private) water to wine in Cana Jh2:1-11 'what Christ brings is better than everything that came before'

**Second Miracle:** (public) heal official's son in Capernaum Jh4:46-54 'unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe'

**Third Miracle:** (public) heal lame man at Bethesda Pool on the Sabbath Jh5:2-9 'do you want to be healed'

**Fourth Miracle:** (public) feed 5000 east of the Sea of Galilee Jh6:1-13 (// synoptics) 'God's plan provides for all humanity - the crowd'

**Fifth Miracle:** (private) walk on water on Sea of Galilee Jh6:16-21 (// synoptics) 'enhance the faith of the disciples'

**Sixth Miracle:** (public) heal blind man in Jerusalem on the Sabbath Jh9:1-14 'even the blind of the world (leaders) will be shown the way'

**Seventh Miracle:** (public) raise Lazarus from the dead in Bethany Jh11:11-15, 38-44 'only through Christ is the resurrection from the dead possible'

The Holy Spirit descends as a dove on Jesus Jh1:32

First Passover in Jerusalem Jh2:13-25

Un-named Feast in Jerusalem Jh5:1

Passover in Galilee Jh6:4

Tabernacles and Last Great Day in Galilee and Jerusalem Jh7:2-14, 37-39 (Lk9:51)

Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem Jh10:22

Last Passover in Jerusalem Jh11:55, 12:1

Several months

Several months or 1 year

Several months or 1 year

6 months or 18 months

3 months or 15 months

3 months or 15 months

At least 1 year (most likely 2 years, perhaps more)

At least 1 year (possibly 2 or more years)

## Messianic Teaching

- Behold the Lamb of God Jh1:29, 36  
- this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit Jh1:33  
- this is the Son of God Jh1:34  
- ... you will see heaven open ... and the Son of Man Jh1:51

- Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up Jh2:19  
- repentance, baptism, resurrection Jh3:3-8  
- crucifixion required to enable eternal life Jh3:15  
- for God so loved the world ... (not just Israel) Jh3:16  
- living water and true worship Jh4:10, 14, 21-24  
- Messiah is coming ... I ... am he Jh4:25-26

- Sin no more Jh5:14  
- My Father is working ... and I am working Jh5:17  
- the authority of the Father is given to the Son Jh5:19-24  
- the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and ... will live Jh5:25  
- ... seeing a large crowd ... where are we to buy bread Jh6:5  
- It is I; do not be afraid Jh6:20

- ... labour ... for the food that endures to eternal life Jh6:27  
- the bread of life Jh6:32-40  
- New Testament Passover symbols foreshadowed Jh6:53-58

- the world ... I testify ... its works are evil Jh7:7  
- judge with right judgement Jh7:24, 815-16  
- Rivers of living waters Jh7:37-39  
- I am the light of the world ... Jh8:12, 9:5  
- Jesus identifies himself as YHWH Jh8:24, 28, 48-58  
- Jesus identifies himself as the prophesized Good Shepherd Jh10:1-18

- I and the Father are one Jh10:30  
- My sheep hear my voice ... I give them eternal life Jh10:27-28  
- believe the works Jh10:38  
- I am the resurrection and the life Jh11:25  
- Lazarus, come out Jh11:43 (see Jh5:28-29)

## Conflict with 'the Jews', the Pharisees, and 'the crowd'

- the Jews sent priests and Levites Jh1:19  
- the Pharisees ... asked him ... why are you baptizing Jh1:24-25

- Jesus drives the merchants and money changers from the temple Jh2:14-16  
- the Jews demand a sign Jh2:18-22  
- Rabbi, WE know that you ... come from God Jh3:2

- the Jews challenge the healed man, and persecute Jesus Jh5:10-16  
- the Jews were seeking ... to kill him Jh5:18  
- the Jews search the scriptures, but do not believe Jh5:39-47

- 'the crowd' begins to turn on Christ: what sign do you do, that we may ... believe Jh6:30  
- the Jews grumbled about him Jh6:41  
- the Jews disputed ... how can this man give us his flesh to eat Jh6:52  
- the Jews were seeking to kill him Jh7:1

- the Jews were looking for him at the feast Jh7:11  
- 'the crowd' answered 'you have demon' Jh7:20  
- the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to arrest him Jh7:32, 45-52  
- the Jews and Pharisees 'cast out' the healed man Jh9:13-34

- the Jews picked up stones again to stone him Jh10:31  
- the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said what are we to do? Jh11:47  
- Caiaphas ... said ... one man should die for the people Jh11:49-50

## Synoptic Material NOT Paralleled by John

All Bible quotations are from the ESV.

- Baptism and temptation of Jesus Mk1:9-13, Mt3:13-17, 4:1-11, Lk3:21-23, 4:1-13

- Early activity in Galilee Mk1:14-15, Mt4:13-17, Lk4:14-31  
- Healings Mk1:21-34, Mt8:14-17, Lk4:31-41  
- Tour of Galilee with four disciples Mk1:35-45, Mt4:23-25, 8:2-4, Lk4:42-44, 5:12-16  
- Activity in Capernaum Mk2:1-22, Mt9:1-17, Lk5:17-39

- Teaching and healing in Galilee Mk2:23-28, 3:1-19, Mt12:1-21, Lk6:1-11  
- Selection of twelve Apostles Mk3:13-19, Lk6:12-16  
- Sermon on the mount Mt5:1-8:1, Lk6:17-49  
- Further activity in Galilee: teaching, healing, and parables Mk3:19-6:29, Mt8:5-13, 11:2-30, 12:22-50, 13:1-53, 14:1-12, Lk7:1-50, 8:1-18, 9:1-9

- Training the twelve in and around Galilee Mk6:53-56, 7:1-9:50, Mt14:34-36, 15:1-18:35, 8:19-20, Lk9:18-62

- Mission of the seventy Lk10:25-37  
- Jesus teaches around Judea Lk10:25-42, 11:1-54  
- Parables and healing Lk12:1-13:21

- Teaching and healing in Perea Lk13:22-35, 14:1-35  
- Teaching in parables Lk15:1-32, 16:1-17:10  
- Travel in Samaria & Galilee Lk17:11-37  
- Further teaching, parables, healing in Perea Mk10:1-52, Mt19:1-20, 20:17-34, Lk18:1-43, 19:1-28,