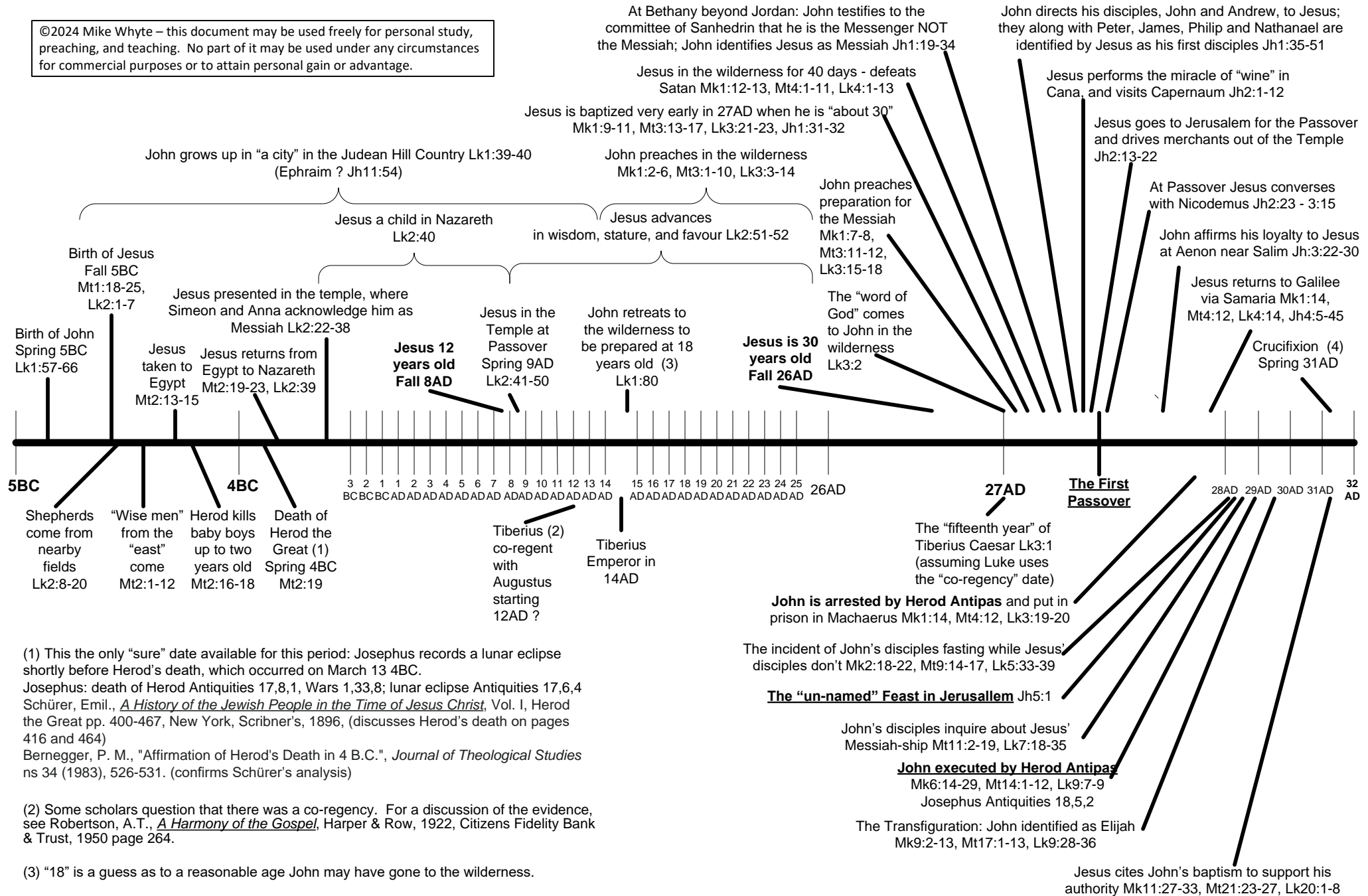


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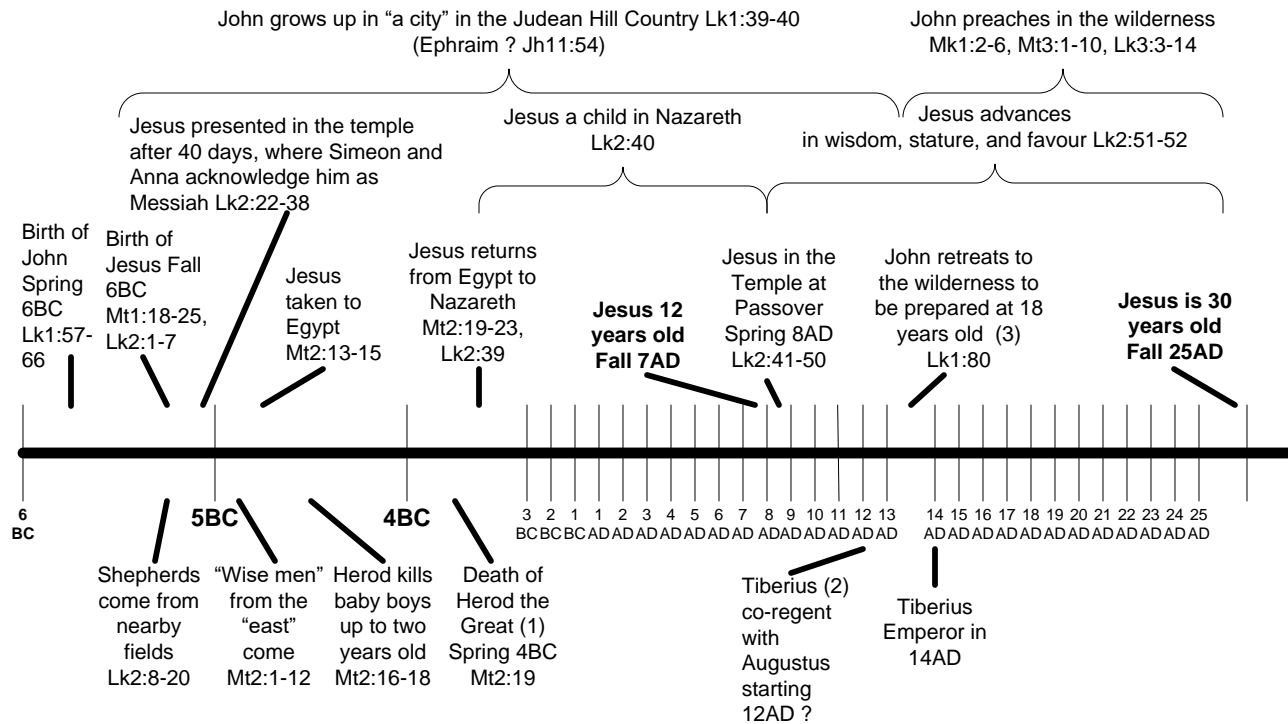
(1) This the only "sure" date available for this period: Josephus records a lunar eclipse shortly before Herod's death, which occurred on March 13 4BC. Josephus: death of Herod Antiquities 17,8,1, Wars 1,33,8; lunar eclipse Antiquities 17,6,4 Schürer, Emil., *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus Christ*, Vol. I, Herod the Great pp. 400-467, New York, Scribner's, 1896, (discusses Herod's death on pages 416 and 464) Bernegger, P. M., "Affirmation of Herod's Death in 4 B.C.", *Journal of Theological Studies* ns 34 (1983), 526-531. (confirms Schürer's analysis)

(2) Some scholars question that there was a co-regency. For a discussion of the evidence, see Robertson, A.T., *A Harmony of the Gospel*, Harper & Row, 1922, Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust, 1950 page 264.

(3) "18" is a guess as to a reasonable age John may have gone to the wilderness.

(4) This assumes that 31AD is the only candidate year with Passover on Wednesday.

The Early Years of John the Baptist



John Witnesses to the Messiahship of Jesus Christ of Nazareth

