

Working Chronology 2017

An editorial compilation of selected results, to test consistency. Will be regularly updated
Many dates circa. **Emperors. Texts.** *Interpolated passages

- 28 [**Tiberius**]. John the Baptist preaches at the Jordan; baptism of Jesus
- 29 John the Baptist executed. Jesus teaches in Galilee; arouses opposition
- 30 Crucifixion of Jesus. *Mark* begun. Saul of Tarsus persecutes Jesus converts
- 31 Jacob of Alphaeus replaces Levi at Capernaum
- 32 Shift to Jerusalem; Matthew replaces Levi at Jerusalem. Resurrection doctrine
- 33 Conversion of Saul > Paul; he visits Jerusalem to confer with Cephas [Peter]
- 34 Paul preaches under the direction of Antioch
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- 37 **Caligula.**
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- 39 *Didache* core?
- 40 Caligula threat to desecrate the Temple is reflected at Mk 13:14
- 41 Caligula assassinated; desecration threat vanishes. **Claudius**
- 42 Abandonment of prediction of Signs of the End (Mk 13:32-37)
- 43 Atonement doctrine appears; is added to *Mark* (Mk 10:45, 11:24)
- 44 Paul visits Jerusalem; receives liberal ruling on Gentiles. Herod kills Jacob Zebedee
Peter flees; Matthew is briefly in charge at Jerusalem
- 45 *Mark* completed by adjustments for Gentiles. John Mark leaves for Antioch
Jacob the Lord's Brother succeeds Matthew; counters previous ruling. *Didache* 6:3?
- 46 Confrontation of Peter and Paul over Gentile commensality at Antioch
John Mark accompanies Paul; is unsuccessful in preaching to Gentiles at Perga
- 47 John Mark goes to Alexandria, where he becomes a leading figure
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- 51 *1 Thessalonians*
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- 53 *Philippians* conflation includes a letter from Paul's imprisonment at Ephesus
Galatians. Philemon. Onesimus becomes Paul's manager at Ephesus
- 54 **Nero**
- 55 *Didache* 12:2-14:3, authorizing longer Apostolic visits such as those of Paul?
- 56 *1 and 2 Corinthians.* Paul proposes a second collection for Jerusalem
Factions at Corinth: Paul, Apollos, Cephas [Peter], "Christ" [Alpha Christians]
- 57 *Romans.* Faith/works dispute between Paul and *Jacob* [of Alphaeus]
- 58 Paul delivers collection to Jerusalem; is arrested there and detained at Caesarea
- 59 Paul transported to Rome
- 60 Paul executed at Rome
- 61 *Didache* 1-5 (Two Ways tract) added?
- 62 Jacob the Lord's Brother killed by Jewish authorities at Jerusalem
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- 64 Nero persecutions at Rome. Peter killed. Post-Apostolic period begins
- 65 Linus becomes first post-Apostolic leader at Rome
- 66 *Luke A* written to fill post-Apostolic gap in Christian literature. Jewish War begins
- 67 Josephus surrenders to Vespasian at Jerusalem
- 68 **Galba.** *Matthew* written as conservative counter to *Luke A*

- 69 **Otho. Vitellius. Vespasian.**
 70 Jerusalem Temple destroyed by Titus
 Rabbinic center established by Yohanan ben Zakkai at Yabneh (Jamnia) in Judaea
 71 Paul's letters edited by Onesimus, Timothy, Titus, Silvanus, Sosthenes
 Paul's editors know *Luke A* and *Matthew*
Colossians written as preface to the Pauline collection. Collection published
 72 *Luke B* written to counter *Matthew*. Lk 21:20 updates Mk 13:14
Acts I (Ac 1:1-15:34) knows Paul's letters. Equates Peter and Paul; stresses amity
 Post-70 detail added at Mt 22:7 to imitate *Luke B*'s post-70 update at Lk 21:20
 73 Jewish War ends
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 75 Josephus *Jewish War* (lost Aramaic original)
 76 Did 15:1-3 (on local church governance) added?
 77 Anacletus becomes second leader at Rome
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 79 **Titus.**
 Josephus *Jewish War*, Greek translation (Books 1-6)
 80 Gamaliel II becomes leader at Yabneh. *I Peter A*, a baptismal homily
 81 **Domitian.** Onesimus becomes Bishop at Ephesus. *Ephesians*
 82 *Didache* 16 (Matthean-style Apocalypse) added?
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 85 Birkat ha-Minim composed at Yabneh.
 86 Birkat effect in Judaea; no literary reflection
 87 Birkat effect in Syria
 88 *Acts II* (Antioch) responds to Birkat separation by "turning to the Gentiles"
 89 Birkat effect in Iconium; no literary reflection
 Clement becomes third leader at Rome
 90 *John D* (*9:2, *12:42, 16:2; Ephesus) speaks of exclusion from synagogues
 91 Birkat effect in Pontus and Nicomedia
I Peter B (1:1-2, 4:12-5:14) reflects the Birkat crisis in Pontus
I Peter B, with added Petrine personalia, bids for recognition as Petrine
Matthew, with added *16:18-20, bids for recognition as Petrine
 92 *John E*, with added *Jn 21, bids for recognition as Petrine
 93 *Hebrews*, with added Pauline personalia *13:22-25, bids for recognition as Pauline
 Josephus *Antiquities*, apologetic defense of Judaism as a philosophy
 94 Birkat effect in Rome; later recalled by Clement in *I Clement*
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 96 **Nerva.** *I Clement* moves to assert domination of other churches by Rome
I Clement begins by recalling the previous (c94) Birkat crisis in Rome
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 98 **Trajan.**
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 100 Death of Clement, said to have been martyred under Trajan
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 108 Renewed trials of denounced Christians at Pontus
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 110 Statement of Papias about *Mark* and *Matthew*, quoted by Eusebius
 111 Pliny, after consulting with Trajan, executes unrepentant Christians at Pontus