Things you may not know

.... about the Bible

That were always

.... in the Bible

Studying the Bible

Why bother with this?

My Story - 20 years ago I couldn't care less

Invitation to go to a bible study

Then I started a 18 year journey... teaching it

By Stressing a different perspective NOT an Academic one

Imagine that you were there ... Walking in their sandals



By Walking in their Sandals

You'll question the things you believe

Discover WHY you believe:

- Because someone told you
- Because it was always that way

VS

Things that you hold in your heart ...

... and would defend without question

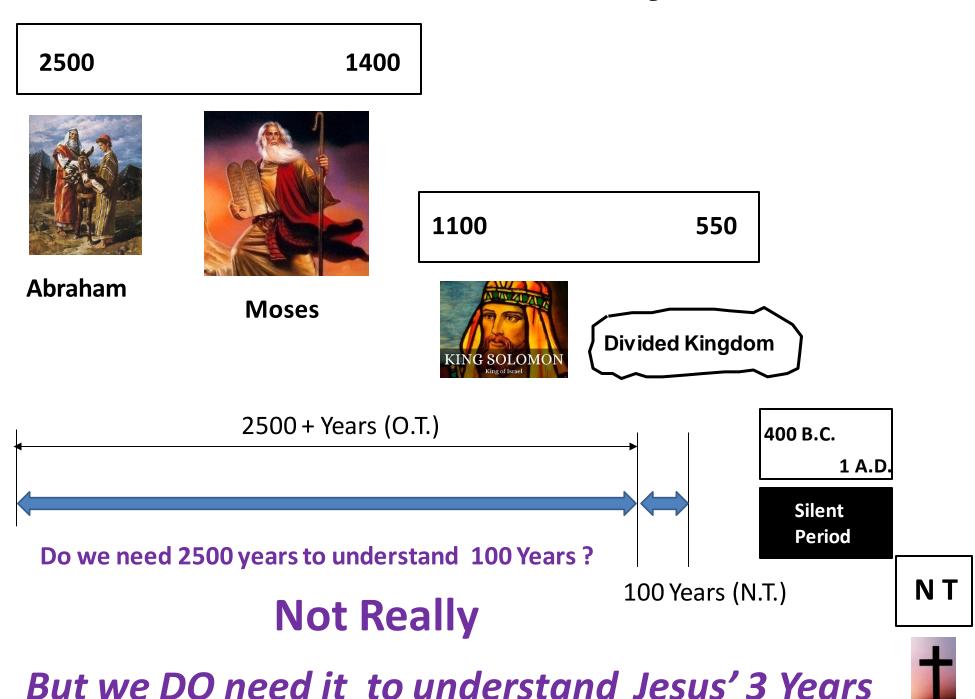
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They can't get into your heart

... without first questioning them

... THIS is the source of GROWTH along your Faith Journey

The Bible - History Line



Old Testament

What do you remember about Exodus?

- but do you remember?

...The Almost Death of Moses

1) The Almost Death of Moses

Background:

- Moses met God at Burning Bush



- Moses had Received his instructions about Pharaoh
- Ex 4: 13
- Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses ... Ex 4:14
- Moses finally agreed and prepared to go to Egypt
- Ex 4: 24

"At a lodging place along the way, the Lord met Mosesand was about to kill him.

Wait

... and was about to KILL HIM?

How would you feel if you were in Moses' sandals?

What about Zipporah's' sandals?

Ex 4: 25-26



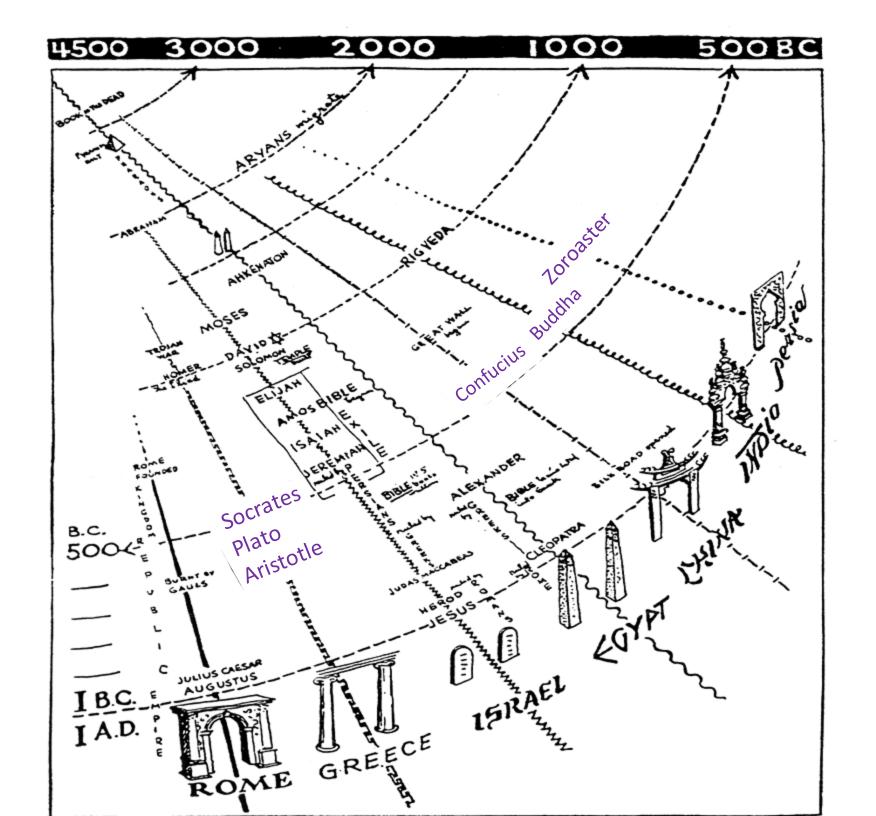
25 Then Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son's foreskin and touched Moses' feet with it. "Surely you are a bridegroom of blood to me." she said.

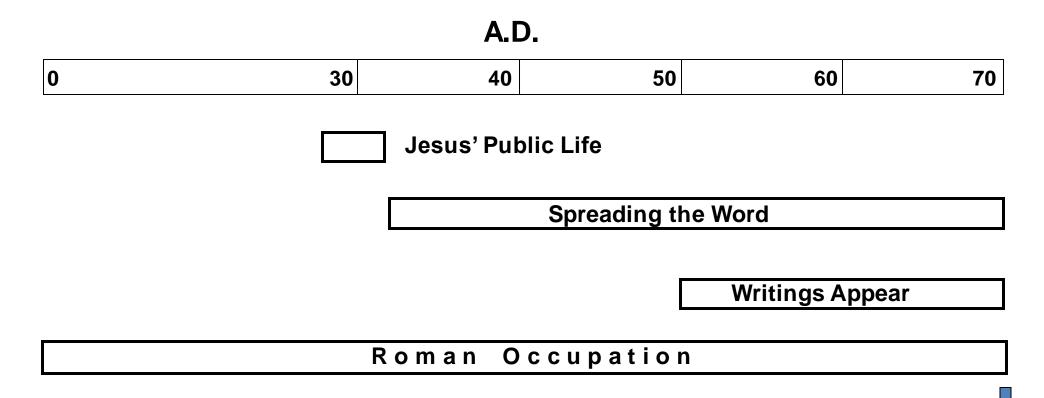
26 So the Lord let him alone.

New Testament

Why did it Happen

... WHEN it Happened?

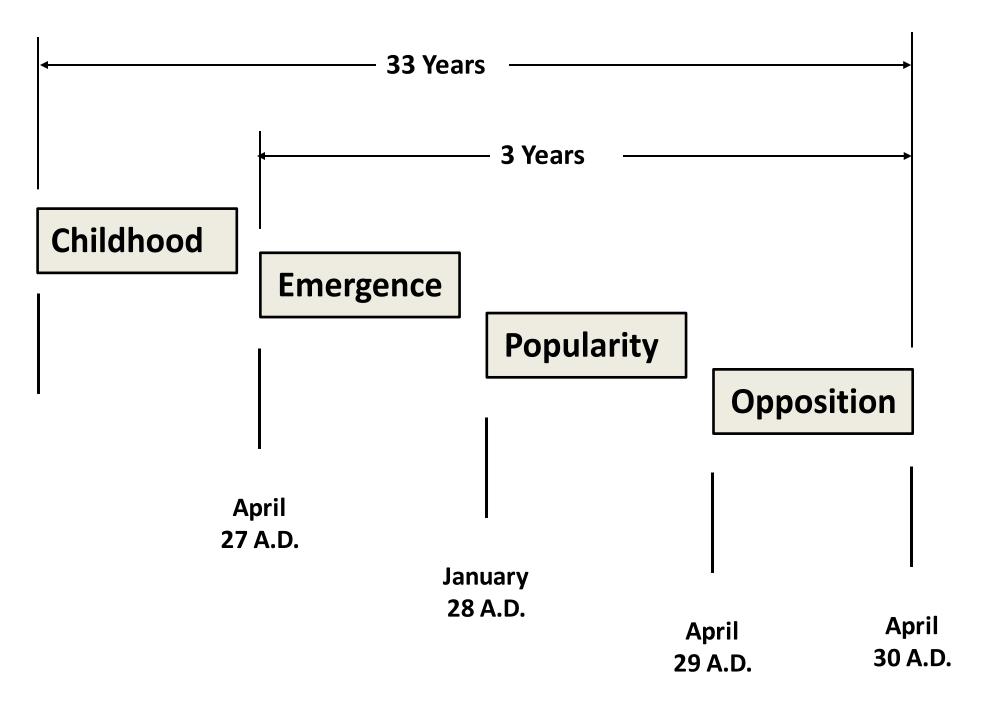




Destruction of Jerusalem

This is how the Chronology typically appears

Jesus' Timeline on Earth



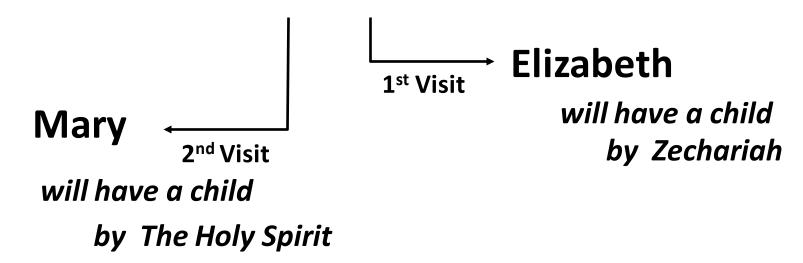
Childhood

- Child Fugitives

- The Magi

The Angel Gabriel gets very Busy



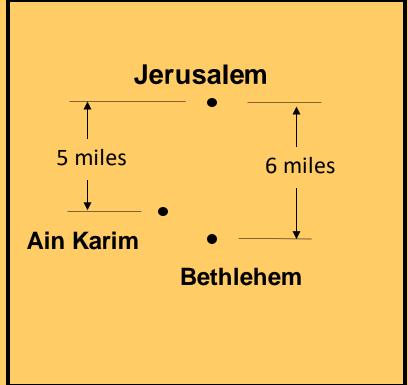


- Mary goes to visit Elizabeth (who is 6 months Pregnant)
- They are "relatives"
- Their children will be relatives



"Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month."

Luke 1: 36



Visit of the Magi

The Magi arrive at Jerusalem Matthew 2: 1-8

They ask Herod where the child was ... exactly

Herod calls chief priests etc., they quote Micah 5:2 (Bethlehem)

Herod tells them it's Bethlehem ... and to report back to him



The Magi go to Bethlehem

Matthew 2:9-11

Magi find Jesus in a "House" and worshipped Jesus

The visit was "some months" after the birth

Did the Magi go back to Herod?

Magi's Sandals?

Escape to Egypt

Angel tells Joseph to bolt to Egypt... WHY?

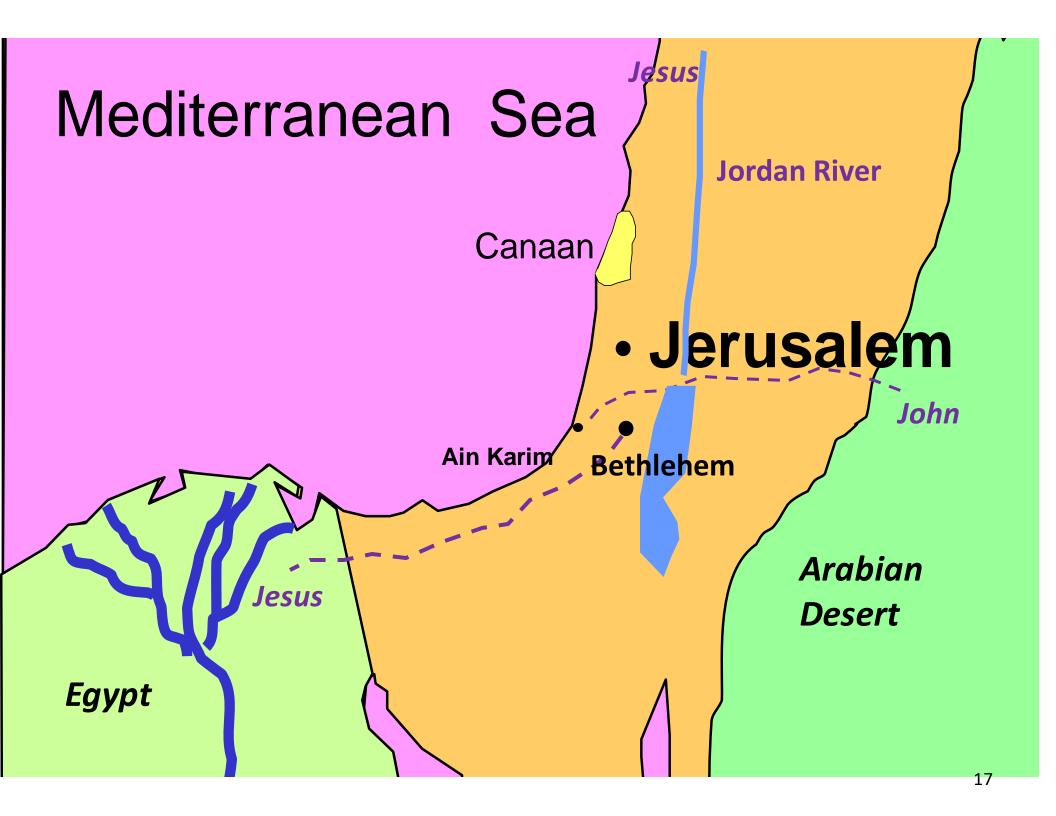
...because Herod IS GOING to kill the child

Herod was mad that the Magi didn't fill him in.

He gave orders to kill all boys in Bethlehem and VICINITY

- 2 years and younger

Who else was at risk here?

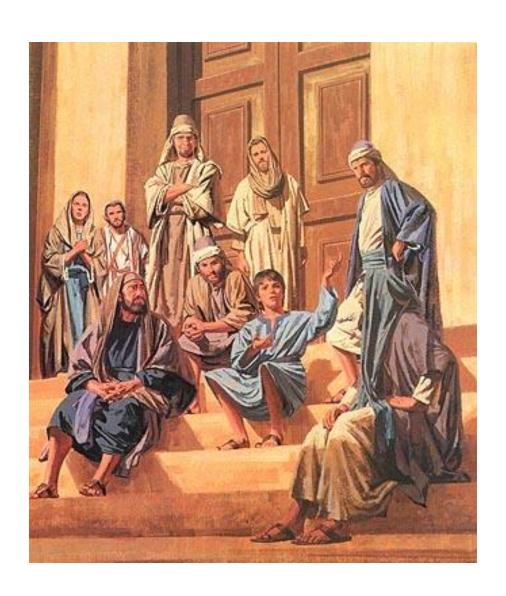


Childhood

How can you Lose a 12 year old?

Boy Jesus in the Temple

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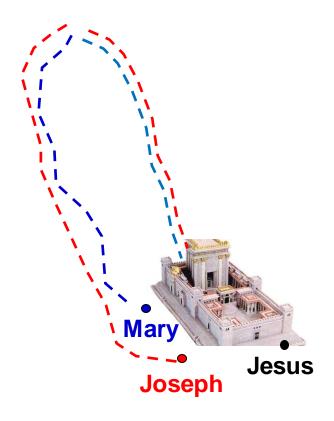


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How could they lose their son?

- 1) Mary leaves early with the Women's Caravan
- 2) Joseph leaves later that day
- 3) They meet at night. Where's Jesus?
- 4) They both head back to Jerusalem the next day
- 4) They search all day, find him on the third day

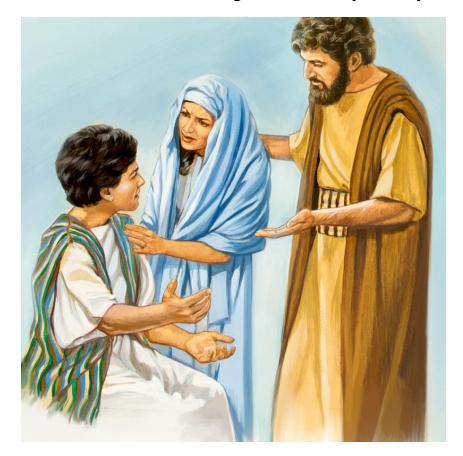


Luke 2: 48-51 Boy Jesus in Temple

They find Jesus in the Temple courts

Mary talks about Jesus' earthly father (Joseph)

Jesus talks about his heavenly father (God)...



First time we are told that Jesus understood his role!

Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them.



Emergence

Timeline for Emergence



- Jesus went because his Mother asked him to
- This will be Jesus' First Miracle

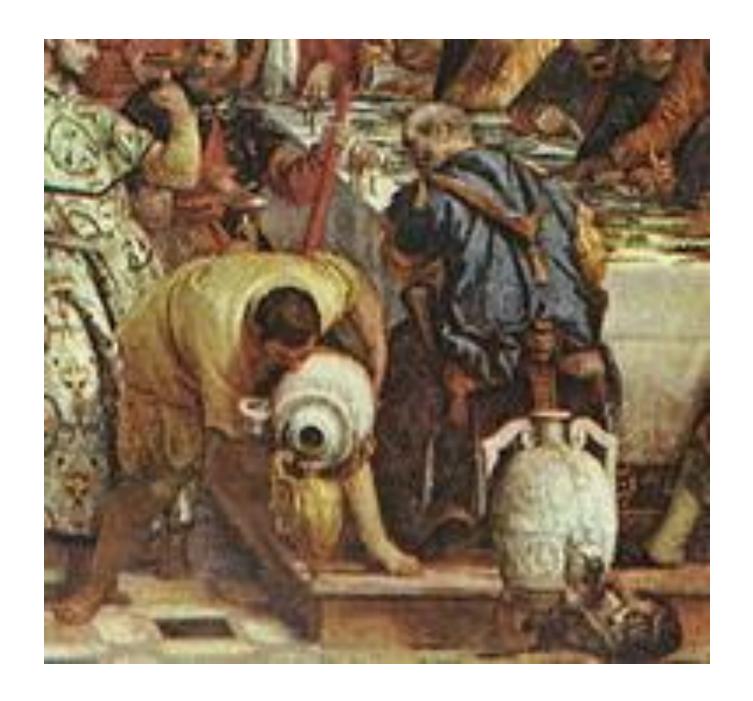
Cana Was in Galilee

Was it a BIG Deal or just a quick wedding?



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The Story John 2: 1-5

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman, [a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Cana Was in Galilee

Questions

Mary and Jesus were there.... Where was Joseph?

Did Jesus have Apostles there? Who were they?

Was Jesus up for a miracle that day?

How did he treat his mother when she made the request?

Did she nag him?

Was the wine thing a big Deal?

The Story John 2: 6-11

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ^[b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 33

Cana Was in Galilee

What kind of water was in the jars?

Was Ceremonial washing a big deal?

What did Jesus say over the water jars?

What was the significance about the WAY this miracle

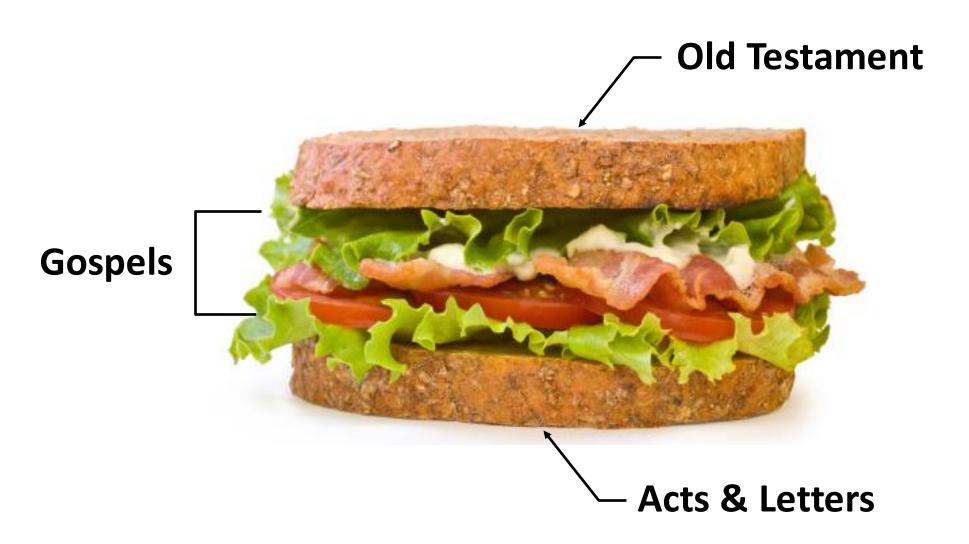
worked?

The Servant's Sandals?

It worked... he pleased Mary

He didn't bring attention to himself

Sometimes the Bible seems like A Sandwich

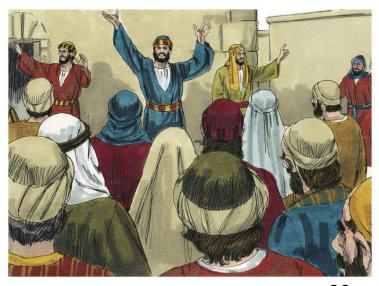


Acts of the Apostles The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost

Background:

- It's 50 days after Easter ... Jesus is gone
- Apostles plus Disciples are in room
- The Holy Spirit descends on them in tongues of fire
- They take to the streets and others are amazed (Acts 2:7-12)

- Acts 2: 13-15



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