

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Source</u>
late 36 A.D.	Pilate deposed by Vitellius after 10 years as procurator.	Josephus - <i>Antiquities</i> 18.4.2
16 Mar. 37	Cæsar Tiberius died	Suetonius - <i>Twelve Caesars</i> , Tiberius.73
44	Herod Agrippa I, king of Judea died <i>Acts</i> 12:21-23	Josephus - <i>Antiquities</i> 19.8.2
May, 49~	Barnabas & Mark journeyed to Cyprus: 2 nd trip. <i>Acts</i> 15:39-40	Mark - <i>Acts of Barnabas</i>
50~	Jews expelled from Rome on account of Chrestus. <i>Acts</i> 18:2	Suetonius - <i>Twelve Caesars</i> , Claudius.25
51-52	Gallio was proconsul of Achaia <i>Acts</i> 18:12	Stone inscription discovered at Delphi by Bourquet: 1906
13 Oct. 54	Cæsar Claudius poisoned; the reign of Nero began	Suetonius - <i>Twelve Caesars</i> , Claudius.45
59-60	Felix sent to Rome for trial. Replaced by Festus. <i>Acts</i> 25:1	Josephus - <i>Antiquities</i> 20.8.9; <i>Life</i> .3
61-62	Mark departed from Alexandria in the 8 th year of Nero	Eusebius – <i>History</i> II.24+III.14
19 Jul. 64	Great fire of Rome destroyed 70% of the city	Tacitus - <i>Annals</i> XV.41 <i>Twelve Caesars</i> , Nero.38
65-66	Nero persecuted the Christians	Tacitus - <i>Annals</i> XV.44 Suetonius - <i>Twelve Caesars</i> Nero.16
29 Jun 65 or 67 A.D.	Peter crucified and Paul beheaded “under the prefects”	Eusebius - <i>History</i> II.25.5-8 <i>Acts of the Holy Martyrs</i> <i>Peter & Paul</i> <i>1 Clement to the Corinthians</i> chapter 5
2 Jan. 68	Nero committed suicide	Suetonius - <i>Twelve Caesars</i> Nero.49
5 Aug 70	Romans capture Jerusalem, destroy the Temple and demolish of the city. <i>Luke</i> 21:20-24	Tacitus - <i>Histories</i> V.12 Josephus - <i>Wars of the Jews</i> .6

- 32 On road to Damascus, Saul accepted Jesus's call to convert to Paul (*Acts* 9:1-20)
- 43 Paul and Barnabas taught the brethren at Antioch for one year (*Acts* 11:26)
- 44 James was martyred by Agrippa I, who died suddenly (*Acts* 12:2+23; *Antiquities* 19.8.2)
- 44-47 Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem with food during the famine (*Acts* 11:26-12:25;
Antiquities 20.2.5, 20.5.2)
- 45-48 Paul, Barnabas and Mark travelled to Cyprus, Pamphylia and Galatia (*Acts* 13 - 14)
- 48 Paul and Barnabas went to Jerusalem to resolve the "circumcision" question, and he submitted "the Gospel which I preach" to them. (*Acts* 15:2-30, *Galatians* 2:2)
- 48-49 Paul wrote his *Epistle to the Galatians* with allusions to the "Sermon on the Mount"
- 49 Spring Barnabas and Mark departed for Cyprus with the scroll of Matthew's Gospel; Paul set out for Pamphylia, Phrygia, Asia and Macedonia (*Acts* 15:39-40; *Acts of Barnabas*)
- 49 Barnabas was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus; Mark and Ariston sailed to Alexandria, Egypt (*Acts of Barnabas*)
- 49 Fall** Paul, Silas and Timothy arrived at Corinth and stayed there for 1½ years; he wrote his two *Epistles to the Thessalonians* (*Acts* 18:5-18), with allusions to *Matthew* 24-25. Luke remained at Philippi (*Acts* was written in the third person from 16:19-20:4)
- 51 Summer Paul returned to Antioch and then travelled to Galatia and Phrygia (*Acts* 18:22-23)
- 53 Fall After a journey through the "interior regions", Paul arrived at Ephesus where he stayed for 2½ years (*Acts* 19:1-10). Luke could have published his Gospel at Alexandria.
- 56 Spring Paul wrote his *First Epistle to the Corinthians* (16:8) from Ephesus before Pentecost and the *First Epistle to Timothy* (*Acts* 20:1 + *1 Tim* 1:3) after leaving Asia.
- 56 Summer Paul returned to Corinth (*Acts* 20:3) for three months; he wrote his *Epistle to Titus*
- 57 Mar 28 Feast of the Unleavened Bread: Paul celebrated it at Philippi (*Acts* 20:6) where Luke rejoined him; en route to Jerusalem from Troas, he wrote the *Epistle to the Romans*.
- 57 May 16 Pentecost in Jerusalem: Felix arrested Paul in Jerusalem and held him captive for two years (*Acts* 21:7+24:23-27). Luke published his Gospel later, perhaps at Alexandria.
- 59 Fall** Festus sent Paul to Rome to be tried before Nero; but he was shipwrecked and spent the winter on Malta (*Acts* 27:12 - 28:10).
- 60 Spring Paul arrived at Rome where he remained in his own rented quarters (*Acts* 28:30)
- 62 Luke finished the *Acts of the Apostles* two years later
- 62 Mark was succeeded as bishop of Alexandria by Annianus (Eusebius II:24)
- 62-64 Paul asked Timothy to bring Mark and "the parchments" to Rome (*2 Timothy* 4:11-13)
- 62-64 Mark and Luke were fellow workers with Paul and Peter at Rome (*Colossians* 4:10-14 and *Philemon* 24; *1 Peter* 5:13). Mark started to inscribe Peter's preaching and lessons.
- 64 July 19 Great fire of Rome burned for ten days and destroyed 70% of the city.
- 65 June 29 Peter and Paul were martyred during Nero's persecution of the Christians at Rome. Mark never finished writing his Gospel.

Colophons: introductory and end notes in ancient & medieval manuscripts:

MATTHEW:

Uncials G & K, Minuscules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 18, 28, 34, 41, 42, 122, 261, 263, 264, 266, 273, 276, 277, 282, 291, 293, 339: “given under Matthew in Jerusalem in the 8th year (41 A.D.) of the Lord’s Ascension.

5, 29, 132, 276, 133 added, “translated by John into Greek”

Peshitta 12, 37, Berol: spoken & preached in Hebrew in Palestine

Bohairic (Egyptian) E₁ and D₁: in Hebrew in the first year of Claudius and 9 years after the Ascension

MARK:

Uncial K + min’s 5, 13, 124, 346, 483, 483: at Rome; Minuscules 9, 10, 160, 161, 293: at Rome in the 12th year (45 A.D.) of the Lord’s Ascension.

Peshitta 3, 7 & 26: at Rome in the Roman tongue

Bohairic (Egyptian) E₁ and E₂: in the 4th year of Claudius (45 A.D.) and 12 years after the Ascension

LUKE:

Minuscules 9, 29, 124, 161, 163, 174, 346: at Alexandria in Greek in the 15th year (48 A.D.) of the Lord’s Ascension. #293 in Attica

Peshitta 37, 40 & 41: at Alexandria in Greek

Bohairic (Egyptian) C₁, E₁ and E₂: in the 11-12th year of Claudius (51-52 A.D.)

During his first missionary journey, Paul proclaimed the forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life for all who believed in Jesus. In his first recorded sermon at Antioch of Pisidia (*Acts* 13:23-52), Paul and Barnabas taught the Jews and Gentiles:

1. Jesus was descended from David and He was savior of Israel.
2. He began His ministry when that of John the Baptist drew to a close.
3. The rulers in Jerusalem neither recognized Him nor did they understand the prophets, so they condemned Jesus and asked Pilate to kill Him for nothing that deserved death.
4. After Jesus was crucified, He was taken down from the cross and laid in a tomb where His body did not decay.
5. God then raised Him up from the dead, and Jesus appeared for many days to those who came with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem.
6. The requirements of the Law and the Prophets have been fulfilled through Jesus Christ.

After Paul returned from his trip to Jerusalem (*Galatians 2:2*), the scope of his teaching was enlarged. In his *Epistle to the Galatians*, Paul started referring to some of the things which Jesus had taught His disciples.

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Galatians</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
3:5	Miracles are wrought by faith.	MT 18:20
5:9	A little leaven leavens the whole lump.	LK 13:21
5:13	Be servants of one another.	MT 20:26 + 23:11
5:14	Love thy neighbor as thyself.	MT 7:12 + 22:39
5:22	The fruits (of flesh and spirit)	MT 7:16-20
6:6	Share with the teacher.	LK 10:7
6:7	As you sow, you shall reap.	MT 7:26
6:10	Do good to all men.	MT 5:43-45
6:16	Peace and mercy upon all.	MT 5:7+9

The *Epistles to the Thessalonians* which were written after Paul left Thessalonica (in the middle of 49 A.D.) and arrived in southern Greece (1:1:7-8), proclaimed the second coming of Christ as Jesus Himself foretold (chapters 24 and 25 of the *Gospel of Matthew*):

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Thessalonians</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
1:1:10	Jesus will return from heaven	MT 24:30
1:2:12	God calls you into His kingdom	MT 25:34
1:3:3	Christians will be destined for afflictions	MT 24:9
+2:1:4	and persecutions	
1:3:8	we live if you stand firm in the Lord	MT 24:13
1:4:16	Lord will descend from heaven with His angels	MT 24:30-31
+2:1:7	at the trumpet's sound and gather His elect	
1:5:2-4	Lord will come like a thief in the night	MT 24:42-44
1:5:6-8	Be vigilant and sober	MT 24:45-50
2:1:8-9	the disobedient will be eternally damned	MT 25:41
2:2:3	let no one deceive you	MT 24:4-5
2:2:4-10	the revelation of the lawless one and his signs	MT 24:11-12, 15, 23-24

Paul also instructed them (2:2:15) to “stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or by letter from us.” Although he did not refer to any “scriptures” at this point, for the first time Paul reminded them that they had been taught how to walk and please God and the commandments **which were given by the Lord Jesus Christ** (1:4:1-2). He finished his epistle by reiterating several themes from *Galatians*:

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Thessalonians</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
1:5:13	Be at peace	MT 5:9
1:5:14	Encourage the faint-hearted; help the weak.	MT 25:37-40
1:5:15	Do not repay evil for evil.	MT 5:38-39
	Do good to each other and to all.	MT 5:43-45
2:3:13	Do not grow weary of doing good	MT 7:24-26
2:3:15	Admonish the disobedient believer	MT 18:15-17

The Thessalonian epistles were not just the work of Paul, but also of Silas, a prophet and leading man of the Jerusalem church (*Acts 15:22+32*), an associate of Barsabbas who had been one of the two candidates to replace Judas Iscariot as one of the “Twelve.”

Doctrines from the Gospel in the **FIRST CORINTHIAN LETTER**

<u>Verse</u>	<u>1 Corinthians</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Luke</u>
3:1	I could not speak to you but as babes in Christ	18:18	whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child shall not enter
4:1-2	regard us as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God . . . it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy	12:42-43	who then is the faithful and sensible steward whom his master will put in charge of his servants ... blessed is that slave when his master finds so doing when he comes.
4:5	the Lord will bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of the heart	12:2-3	there is nothing covered up which shall not be revealed . . . whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light
4:12	when we are reviled, we bless	6:28	bless those who curse you
4:20	kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power	6:47-48	everyone who hears My words and acts upon them...is like a man who laid a foundation upon the rock.
5:6	a little leaven leavens the whole lump	13:20-21	kingdom of God is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three pecks of meal, until it was all leavened
5:7	clean out old leaven	12:1	beware of the leaven of the Pharisees which is hypocrisy
6:2	the saints will judge the world	22:30	you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel
8:9	take care that this liberty of yours somehow becomes a snare to the weak	17:1	snare are inevitable, but woe to him through whom they come
9:14	the Lord directed * those who proclaim the Gospel to get their living from the Gospel	10:7	the laborer is worthy of his wages (see also 9:3-5)
9:19	though I am free from all, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more	22:26	let the leader become as the servant (see also 9:48)
11:23-25	Eucharist/Communion (QUOTES JESUS)	22:19-20	Eucharist/Communion (some mss. lack v. 20)
15:4	He was buried and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures	24:46	Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day

*notice that Paul refers to something that Jesus taught His disciples.

Doctrines from the **Gospels** in the **LETTER TO THE ROMANS**

<u>Verse</u>	<u>Romans</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Luke</u>
2:1+3	for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. . . .When you pass judgment upon those who practice such things and do the same, will you escape the judgment of God?	6:37-8	Judge not and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. . . .for the measure you give will be the measure you get back. MT 7:1
14:13	No longer pass judgments on one another		
2:5	Because of your stubborn and unrepentant Heart, you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.	13:3+5	Unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.
2:13	for not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but doers of the Law will be justified.	11:28	Blessed are those who hear the word of God and obey it. (also Luke 6:47)
3:24-25	they are now justified by His grace like a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ who God put forward as an atoning sacrifice	20:28	<i>Matthew</i> : the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give His life a redemption for many (not in <i>Luke</i>)
3:28	a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the Law. . . . ^{4:5} But to one who without works trust in Him who justified the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.	18:12-14	I fast twice a week; I tithe as much as all that I acquire. . . .the tax collector beat his breast, telling, "God, atone for Me, the sinner!" I tell you, this one went down to his house being acquitted.
5:5	The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.	11:13	Your heavenly Father shall give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.
7:4-5	You also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that we might bear fruit for God. . . .Sinful passions bear fruit for death	6:43-44	No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its fruit. MT 7:18-20
10:9	If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord . . . you will be saved.	12:8	Everyone who would confess Me in front of men, the Son of Man will confess in front of the angels of God.
11:18	Boast not over the branches . . . it is not you who supports the root, but the root supports You. . . . ²² Continue in kindness, otherwise you will be cast off.	15:5-6	<i>John</i> : I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who stay on Me and I in them bear much fruit. . . . ⁶ Whoever does not stay on Me is thrown away like a branch and withers. (not in <i>Luke</i>)
12:14	Bless those who persecute you; bless and and curse not..	6:28	Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. MT 5:44
12:16+13	Do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. + extend hospitality to strangers.	14:13-14	Invite the poor, crippled, lame and blind and you will be blessed. MT 25:35
12:21	Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.	6:27	Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. MT 5:44
13:7	Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due.	20:25	Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. MT 22:21

13:8	He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.	10:27	You shall love . . . your neighbor as yourself. MT 22:39
13:9	The commandments: You shall not commit adultery...murder...steal...covet and any other commandment are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'	18:20	commit not adultery nor murder nor steal nor bear false witness MT 19:18 - kill...adultery...thieve
14:13	resolve never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of another.	10:27	Love your neighbor as yourself.
14:14	nothing is unclean in itself	17:1	It is inadmissable for snares not to come ...woe by whom they come! MT 18:6-7
14:20	everything is indeed clean	11:41	all things are clean for you. MT 15:11
14:17	For the kingdom of God is not food and drink, but righteous and peace	12:23 +29	For life is more than food and drink . . . Seek not what you eat or what you drink. . . . ³¹ Seek the kingdom instead
15:8	Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God...to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs.	22:27	I am among you as One who serves. MT 20:28
		24:44	to fulfill all things written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets

Doctrines from the Gospels in the FIRST LETTER TO TIMOTHY

<u>Verse</u>	<u>1 Timothy</u>	<u>Verse</u>	<u>Luke</u>
1:15	the saying is sure and worthy of acceptance that Christ Jesus came to save sinners	5:32	I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. MT 9:13
		19:10	the Son of Man has come to seek and save what has been lost.
2:3	God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to know the knowledge of the truth.	15:10	in this way it becomes a joy before the angels of God over the one sinner who repents.
5:20	as for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all.	18:15 -17	Matthew: if your brother shall trespass against you . . . ¹⁷ But if he will not hear them, tell the synagogue (not in <i>Luke</i>)
5:25	good works are conspicuous. And even when they are not, they cannot remain hidden.	8:17	Nothing is concealed that will not become revealed. MT 5:16
6:17	for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.	12:16 -21	parable of the rich man: ²¹ In this way, he who amasses for himself is not also rich to God. . . . ³¹ Seek the kingdom instead and these things shall be set before you. MT 6:33
6:18	They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future	12:33	give alms, make yourselves pouches that do not wear out, an unending treasure in the Heavens MT 6:20

MARK: son of Mary who lived in Jerusalem where the believers gathered. Peter took refuge in her home.

Acts 12:12-17

He returned to Antioch from Jerusalem with Barnabas and Paul who came with relief during the famine of 44. Mark accompanied Barnabas and Paul on their first missionary journey to Cyprus, but he deserted them in Perga of Pamphylia and returned to Jerusalem.

Acts 11:29-30; 12:25.

Acts 13:5+13.

He also accompanied Barnabas on a second missionary journey to Cyprus in the spring of 49. Paul refused to allow Mark to join his company which was returning to Pamphylia.

Acts 15:39

Paul asked Timothy to bring Mark to Rome from Ephesus, “for he is useful in my ministry.” Only Luke was with Paul at that time.

1 *Timothy* 4:11

Mark was with Paul, Aristarchus, Justus, Timothy, Luke and Demas when the *Epistle to the Colossians* was written (circa 62). Paul identified Mark as the “cousin of Barnabas” and “one of the circumcision.” These men were also listed in the *Epistle to Philemon* of Colossae.

Colossians 4:10

Philemon 1+23

Mark was with Peter and Silvanus (Silas) at “Babylon” when the *First Epistle of Peter* was written. Peter called Mark “his son.”

1 *Peter* 5:13

Mark founded the churches of Alexandria, Egypt and preached the Gospel there, “which he had written.” Annianus succeeded Mark at Alexandria in the 8th year of Nero.

Eusebius, *History of the Church*, Book 2.16

Eusebius, Book 2.24

Peter went from Antioch to Rome in the 3rd year of Claudius: 43 A.D.

Syriac: *Teaching of Simon Cephas in the City of Rome*

Mark was Peter’s interpreter at Rome.

Papias, Irenæus, Tertullian

The *Gospel of Mark* was based upon the preaching of Peter, who authorized it to be read in the churches of Rome.

Eusebius: Book 2.15, Papias, Irenæus 3.1.2, Origen, Clement: *Hypotyposes*

Mark was a servant of Cyrillius, the high priest of Jupiter. He was baptized by Barnabas at Iconium where his name was changed from John to Mark.

Acts of Barnabas, an autobiography by Mark

On Cyprus, he carried the “documents (on a scroll) which he had received from Matthew.” After Barnabas was burned to dust on Cyprus (June 11th), he and Ariston and Rhodan sailed for Alexandria where he preached “what I had been taught by the apostles of Christ.”

Acts of Barnabas, an autobiography by Mark

Mark left Rome in 65 for Alexandria via the Pentapolis. He set out on a missionary journey to Libya, Egypt and Ethiopia. He was martyred at Alexandria in 68.

Coptic Church history

MATTHEW was a tax collector and one of the Twelve.

Matthew 9:9 + 10:3

LUKE was a physician. He wrote the *Acts of the Apostles* in the first person from the time that Paul and Silas arrived at Troas until they were imprisoned at Philippi (summer of 49). Luke resumes writing in the first person when Paul and his company returned to Philippi for the Feast of the Unleavened Bread on 28 March 57.

Colossians 4:11

Acts 16:7-11

Acts 20:5

He went with Paul from Judea to Rome, arriving there in the spring of 60.

Acts 28:11

Luke wrote the *Gospel* first, then the *Acts of the Apostles*. The latter ends two years after he and Paul arrived in Rome.

Acts 1:1, 28:30-31

JOHN was a fisherman and one of the Twelve. Jesus loved him, and he “leaned back at the supper upon His breast.” His was one of the disciples who were closest to Jesus along with his brother James and Peter.

Matthew 4:21 et al, *Matthew* 10:2.

John 21:20.

Mark 13:3, 9:2

He was exiled the island of Patmos by Caesar Domitian (reigned from 1 Sep 81 to 18 Sep 96).

Revelation 1:9

Exile: 15th year of Domitian. Returned from Patmos after Domitian was killed.

Eusebius Book 3.18. Clement of Alexandria, *Who is the Rich Man who shall be Saved*, chapter 42.

John lived until the time of the Emperor Trajan (98 AD). He died at Ephesus.

Irenæus, Book 3.3.4

Eusebius Book 3.23+31

