

Saint Paul the Apostle Orthodox Church

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Sundau after the Nativity in the flesh of our Lord,
God and Saviour Jesus Christ

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We Are A Stewardship Parish Of Time, Talent and Treasure

The mission of our parish faith community is to teach the Gospel message in the rich tradition of the Orthodox Church; to enable people to reflect the image of Jesus Christ in every day activities of life; to offer spiritual formation through changing times; and to celebrate community among Orthodox believers in our Freehold area.

We of St. Paul the Apostle Parish dedicate ourselves to maintaining the sanctity of worship and spiritual enlightenment in a family environment that reaches and involves all ages and unifies all people.

We believe in the spirit of ecumenism in which we share our faith by word and example and extend our spiritual insights to all people.

We accept the responsibility of Christian Stewardship that through generous giving we may all experience a faith communion with Christ as the Center of our lives.

We dedicate ourselves to insuring the well-being of all people so that we may truly experience the message of Christ's salutary gospel.

We are a beacon on a hill with the eyes of many upon us; that beacon is the inspired Light of Christ which must shine brightly in our lives.

It is not ourselves we preach but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' has shone in our hearts, that we in turn might make known the glory of God shining on the face of Christ. This treasure we possess in earthen vessels to make it clear that its surpassing power comes from God and not from us. We are afflicted in every way possible, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in us 2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 8.

GLAD TIDINGS

+++ We conclude our celebration today with festival anointing. The customary greeting is "Christ Is Born!" to which we respond, "Glorify Him!"

+++ We pray all are generous as the Wise Men in honoring the new-born Saviour of the world with a generous stewardship offering.

+++ In our exuberant joy over the Nativity of our Lord, there is no fasting until the Feast of Theophany, January 6.

+++ The next Pirohi Sale will be Saturday, January 17.

+++ Every Monday, we have prayerful devotions before the Myrrh bearing icon at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to be present in praise. The Birthgiver invites us to manifest our faith in response to her first shown love, to unite our prayers with hers for the salvation of our souls. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us.

+++ Please keep the intentions of these members of our parish intercession community in your daily prayers: Father George, Anna, Barbara, Betty, James, Yevlogia, Nicholas, Maria, Cynthia, Nicholas, Pani Anna Marie and Andrea.

+++ The sign-up sheet for both the Web Site and Bulletin sponsors is on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Please sign up as soon as possible. Do NOT make payment until your sign-up month has arrived. This will make it easier for Father to keep track of payments. Thanks in advance to all who support the parish in this way.

+++ We offer thanks to the Blessed Trinity for inspiring generosity in the souls of our faithful and the blessing of abundant grace in our midst with the offering received last Sunday: Tithe Offering, \$1136.00; Candles, \$41.00; Kitchen, \$509.00, for a total of \$1686.00. We express our profound gratitude to the parishioner communicants who offer their God-given treasure and labored for the sake of the Lord and the good of our parish. God bless and reward you good and faithful souls!

+++ As faithful believers, we intercede and associate ourselves in prayer with the following who have prayed and offered seven day lights for their intentions: Father Lucas, Maria Idronmenos, Anna Zacharyczuk, Bob Gorbich, Marilyn Korba and Pani Buletza.

+++ We make a **PENNIES FROM HEAVEN** Canister available for our faithful to bring in pennies for our altar and its appointments. We are already in receipt of **\$1819.00** from this apostolate. Even your pennies can help and are a blessing to our parish.

+++ Please be certain to see a member of the Parish Council if you would like to help our parish by using **Shop Rite Food Coupons** available in \$20.00 denominations. We invite **ALL** to be caring and supportive and use Grocery Coupons for food shopping as we have gratefully realized \$5750 on this project to date!

+++ The Clothing Drive is a permanent on-going project in our parish. Please bring any type of clothing and fabrics along with stuffed animals and shoes for the benefit of our parish. The bags can be left in the vestibule or on the front porch of the rectory. Please invite your friends and neighbors to assist us in disposing of unwanted clothing, shoes and fabrics.

+++ We invite all pray the Lord our God grants us the grace of enrichment of our spiritual lives for his glory.

Father Abraham, Father Joseph

There is something strongly engaging and impressive in God's revelation to us about the life of St. Joseph: "Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them...And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and men" Luke 51, 52. The son of God was raised and formed, that is to say, as any little boy should be reared, growing day by day in the practical and moral skills of life, the formation of character taken seriously and sincerely, even commensurately as He grew in height and build. While God's son assumed humanity in his mother's womb, it was Joseph who taught him what it means how to be a man in God's image. Thus Joseph was to leave the formational mark or character of his own manhood on the God-Man. Jesus, in his hometown was known as "...the carpenter's son" Matthew 13: 55.

Few writers have been inspired to witness much exegetical insight into the vocation of St. Joseph who was a man of virtue and who so deserved to be so honored by our heavenly Father that was he has been called, and was believed to be, the father of God.

We can detect the subtle suggestions dropped in the Gospel of St. Matthew as St. Joseph, the foster father is compared to his Old Testament counterpart, Joseph the Patriarch. Both men were men of chastity, unwilling to touch women who did not belong to them. Each man, likewise, was driven into Egypt by the ill-will of others, in the first case by the older sons of Jacob, and in the second, by King Herod, the avowed enemy of God.

Both men were given divine messages in their dreams. The older Joseph provided grain, not only for himself, but for all people, while the later Joseph received for safe keeping the Living Bread from heaven, both for himself and likewise for the whole world.

In the scriptural genealogies, the lineage of Jesus is traced back to David, not through his mother, but through Joseph to whom Jesus had no biological relationship (Matthew 1:16; Luke 3: 23 – 31). Thus, Jesus inherited the messianic title, "Son of David," not through Mary, but through the man who served him, literally *in loco parentis*

We are thus impressed by Joseph's Davidic lineage. Truly of the house of David, this man truly descended from the royal stem, noble in lineage, more noble in mind and heart and soul. Indeed he is a son of David, not only in flesh and blood and bone, but also in faith, in holiness, in devotion, vocation and faith response. Our heavenly Father found him, as it were, another David, a man after his own heart, to whom He could safely commit the most secret, intimate and profoundly most sacred purpose of heaven's heart, to whom, as to the former David, He manifested the deep and concealed values of his wisdom and whom He would not permit to be ignorant of the deep meaningful Mystery which no one among the princes of this world have known. To him it was given to see what many kings and prophets had longed to see, but had not seen, and to hear, but had not heard. And he was given, not only to see and hear, but also to carry, to lead, to actually embrace, to kiss, to nurture and to guard the Creator God in the flesh!

Every vocation is unique, surely in the sense the Good Shepherd calls each of his sheep by its own proper name. Still, there was something more particularly unique about the vocation of St. Joseph, foster Father.

Just how does a man learn the proper form and methodology for being the foster-father of God's Son come in the flesh and the spouse of that divine Son's virgin mother? One suspects that since there is no manual on the subject, Joseph was obliged simply to follow God's call wherever it led. He continued to live his life of faith. Like Abraham, "He went out, not knowing where he was going" Hebrews 11:8. And if Abraham, in thus following God in pure unadulterated faith, is called "our father" Romans 4: 12, there must be meaningful some sense in which St. Joseph serves as our foster-father as well.

With such a distinctive and demanding vocation, we might excuse Joseph if, on occasion, he sometimes felt anxious and insecure. The available evidence, however, indicates this was not the case. St. Joseph appears four times in the Gospel of St. Matthew, and each time he is sound asleep because he trusts in the providence of Almighty God. Whatever troubles Joseph encountered they did not include insomnia or anxiety. His vocation was not simply difficult, it was impossible. Consequently, he realized that all of it, in the end, depended not on himself but on God's grace. And he so nobly fulfilled everything asked of him by our heavenly Father!

WISDOM! BE ATTENTIVE

O Jesus, enthroned on high together with Your eternal Father and divine Spirit; You condescended to be born on earth of a maiden and virgin mother. On the eighth day, You were circumcised. Praised be your most noble decision; praised be your plan of salvation; praised be Your condescension. O Lord, You alone love mankind! Troparion, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord.

The Lord of all endures circumcision and His goodness purifies the sins of men and grants salvation to the world today. Therefore, Basil the priest and torchbearer of the Creator, the divine mystic of Christ, rejoices on high Kontakion, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord.

The Saviour condescended and accepted for the sake of mankind to be wrapped in swaddling clothes. For His mother, He was eight days old, and for His Father, He was eternal. He did not disdain circumcision in the flesh. O you faithful, let us cry out to Him: "You are our God; have mercy on us!" Vesper Hymn, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord.

The most merciful God did not disdain circumcision. He offered Himself instead as a symbol and example of salvation to all. He made the Law, and yet submitted Himself to its commands and to what the prophets had foretold of Him. O our God Who hold all things in Your hands and yet were wrapped in swaddling clothes; O Lord, glory be to You! Vesper Hymn, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord.

Your voice resounds throughout the world which has accepted the lessons so well taught by you. You have given explanation of divine truths, you have clarified the nature of created things, and you have made a rule of life for men. By your royal priesthood, O venerable father Basil, intercede with Christ to save our souls Troparion, Feast of St. Basil the Great.

Father Basil, you have acquired the virtues of the saints; the humility of Moses, the zeal of Elias, the faith of Peter, the divine intuition of John, and like Paul you did not cease to repeat: "Who is weak and I am not weak? Who stumbles and I do not burn?" Since you are in the company of all the saints, intercede for the salvation of our souls Vesper Hymn, Feast of St. Basil the Great.

THIS



of victory can be yours

if

you cooperate with freely bestowed

grace

and pursue

God's will

instead of your own!

Wisdom Of
The



Byzantine
Fathers

Singing belongs to the one who loves St. Augustine of Hippo

We should offer up doxologies to God with fear and a contrite heart, in order that they be accepted like fragrant incense St. John Chrysostom.

Nothings so arouses the soul, gives it wing, sets it free from the earth, releases it from the prison of the body, teaches it to love wisdom and to despise all the things of this life, as concordant melody and sacred song composed in rhythm St. John Chrysostom.

Psalmody, bringing about corporate singing, a bond as it were, toward unity, and joining people into a harmonious union of one voice, produces also the greatest of blessings: Love St. Basil the Great.

Pray gently, and calmly, sing with understanding the rhythm, then you will soar like a young eagle into the heavens. Psalmody calms the passions and curbs the uncontrolled impulses of the body Evagrius the Solitary.



Jesus, Lover of Our Souls

- One: Jesus, lover of our souls, let us to your bosom fly.
Many: Help us to experience your unconditional love,
O Lord.
- One: Embrace us with your grace and mercy until we
feel that we can sin no more.
- Many: We feel battered; we've had rough places in
our relationships and at work.
- One: Reassure us that your love is unending,
when all has failed.
- Many: Undergird us with your loving arm, soothe us
with our gentle touch, and enable us to
praise you, O God.
- All: Praise God! Praise God! Hallelujah! AMEN.

MALACHI

Author—Malachi, whose name means “angel” or “messenger.” Whatever he prophesied, that very day an angel of God appeared and repeated his message. Malachi spoke with his angel face-to-face as to a friend. Malachi was born in Sopha (Supha), of the tribe of Levi, after the return of the captives from Babylon. He prophesied after the consecration of the temple in Jerusalem, 515 BC. He is commemorated on January 3.

Date—500–350 BC, based on the contents of the book.

Major Theme—*Turn from sin, for the day of the Lord is coming.* Malachi considers the temple, the priesthood, and true worship as the spiritual foundation not only for the people of his day, but also for the messianic kingdom to come. Even in the midst of a multitude of sins and evildoings, Malachi looked ahead with hope to see a new day dawning when Elijah (that is, John the Baptist) would be sent and the darkness would disappear with the coming of the Christ.

Background—After the reconstruction of the temple, the Israelites began grumbling against God, neglecting true worship. In spite of the many times God had delivered them, the people were ungrateful and forgot their history, saying, “And how has God shown His love?” (1:2). The priesthood neglected their sacred duties, no longer teaching the Law, accepting inferior sacrifices (1:7, 8) from men who oppressed the widows and orphans, and abandoning their lawful wives and children (2:14–16). Empty ritualism, hypocrisy, irreverence, apostasy, sorcery, and idolatrous practices were common (3:5). Because of the sins of the priests and the people, droughts, disease, and misfortunes were commonplace. The Book of Malachi addresses these issues.

Outline

- I. Introduction (1:1)
- II. God's Love for Israel (1:2–5)
- III. Israel Rebuked for Unfaithfulness (1:6–2:17)
- IV. The Messiah's Coming Judgment (3:1–7a)

- V. Tithing Will Restore God's Blessing (3:7b–15)
- VI. The Faithful Will Be Vindicated (3:16–18)
- VII. The Day of the Lord (3:19–24)

In The Hope Of The New Year

As we reflect back on the past year, the few victories we achieved seem to be far overshadowed by the mistakes. But that is the way it will always be when we review our works and not God's.

Reflect on the victories; were they accomplished only when we joined forces with God? Contemplate the failures: did they not all occur when we went at it alone? As an unknown poet has captured the spirit...

He came to my desk with quivering lip;
The lesson was done.
"Have you a new sheet for me dear teacher?
I have spoiled this one!"
I took the sheet, all soiled and blotted,
And gave him a new one, all unspotted.
Then into his tired heart I smiled:
Do better now, my child.
I went to the throne with trembling heart;
The year was finally done.
"Have you a new year for me, dear master?
I have spoiled this one!"
He took my year, all soiled and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
Then into my tired heart He smiled:
"Do better now, my child!"

Forget the past. It is behind us and cannot be reclaimed (Philippians 3: 13). Learn from its mistakes; learn from its successes, but do not linger on either. God has given us a new sheet, a new year, and with it, new opportunities. Let us commit ourselves now to the work of God that the victories of this year may far outnumber defeats. "Do better now, my child!"

HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

Date	Event	Location	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Related References
	Luke's Introduction Pre-fleshly state of Christ Genealogy of Jesus Christ		1:1-17		1:1-4 3:23-38	1:1-18	Acts 1:1 Heb. 1:1-14 Ruth 4:18-22 1 Chr. 1:1-4

BIRTH, INFANCY, AND ADOLESCENCE OF JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST IN 17 EVENTS

7 B.C.	(1) Announcement of Birth of John	Jerusalem (Temple)			1:5-25		Num. 6:3
7 or 6 B.C.	(2) Announcement of Birth of Jesus to the Virgin	Nazareth (Hill Country of Judea)			1:26-38		Is. 7:14
c. 5 B.C.	(3) Song of Elizabeth to Mary				1:39-45		
	(4) Mary's Song of Praise				1:46-56		Ps. 103:17
5 B.C.	(5) Birth, Infancy, and Purpose for Future of John the Baptist	Judea			1:57-80		Mal. 3:1
	(6) Announcement of Jesus' Birth to Joseph	Nazareth	1:18-25				Is. 9:6, 7
5-4 B.C.	(7) Birth of Jesus Christ	Bethlehem	1:24, 25		2:1-7		Is. 7:14
	(8) Proclamation by the Angels	Near Bethlehem			2:8-14		1 Tim. 3:16
	(9) The Visit of Homage by Shepherds	Bethlehem			2:15-20		
4 B.C.	(10) Jesus' Circumcision	Bethlehem			2:21		Lev. 12:3
	(11) First Temple Visit with Acknowledgments by Simeon and Anna	Jerusalem			2:22-38		Ex. 13:2 Lev. 12
	(12) Visit of the Wise Men	Jerusalem & Bethlehem	2:1-12				Num. 24:17
	(13) Flight into Egypt and Massacre of Innocents	Bethlehem, Jerusalem & Egypt	2:13-18				Jer. 31:15
	(14) From Egypt to Nazareth with Jesus		2:19-23		2:39		
Afterward A.D. 7-8	(15) Childhood of Jesus	Nazareth			2:40, 51		
	(16) Jesus, 12 Years Old, Visits the Temple	Jerusalem			2:41-50		Deut. 16:1-8
Afterward	(17) 18-Year Account of Jesus' Adolescence and Adulthood	Nazareth			2:51, 52		1 Sam. 2:26

TRUTHS ABOUT JOHN THE BAPTIST

c. A.D. 25-27	John's Ministry Begins Man and Message His Picture of Jesus His Courage	Judean Wilderness	3:1 3:2-12 3:11, 12 14:4-12	1:1-4 1:2-8 1:7, 8	3:1, 2 3:3-14 3:15-18 3:19, 20	1:19-28 1:26, 27	Mal. 3:1 Is. 40:3 Acts 2:38
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BEGINNING OF JESUS' MINISTRY IN 12 EVENTS

c. A.D. 27	(1) Jesus Baptized	Jordan River	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23	1:29-34	Ps. 2:7
	(2) Jesus Tempted	Wilderness	4:1-11	1:12, 13	4:1-13		Ps. 91:11
	(3) Calls First Disciples	Beyond Jordan				1:35-51	
	(4) The First Miracle	Cana in Galilee				2:1-11	
	(5) First Stay in Capernaum	(Capernaum is "His" city)				2:12	
A.D. 27	(6) First Cleansing of the Temple	Jerusalem				2:13-22	Ps. 69:9
	(7) Received at Jerusalem	Judea				2:23-25	
	(8) Teaches Nicodemus about Second Birth	Judea				3:1-21	Num. 21:8, 9
	(9) Co-Ministry with John	Judea				3:22-30	

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A.D. 27	(10) Leaves for Galilee	Judea	4:12	1:14	4:14	4:1-4	
	(11) Samaritan Woman at Jacob's Well	Samaria		1:15	4:15	4:5-42 4:43-45	Josh. 24:32
	(12) Returns to Galilee						

A.D. 27-29

THE GALILEAN MINISTRY OF JESUS IN 55 EVENTS

A.D. 27	(1) Healing of the Nobleman's Son	Cana				4:46-54	
	(2) Rejected at Nazareth	Nazareth			4:16-30		Is. 61:1, 2
	(3) Moved to Capernaum	Capernaum	4:13-17				Is. 9:1, 2
	(4) Four Become Fishers of Men	Sea of Galilee	4:18-22	1:16-20	5:1-11		Ps. 33:9
C. A.D. 27	(5) Demoniac Healed on the Sabbath Day	Capernaum		1:21-28	4:31-37		
	(6) Peter's Mother-in-Law Cured, Plus Others	Capernaum	8:14-17	1:29-34	4:38-41		Is. 53:4
	(7) First Preaching Tour of Galilee	Galilee	4:23-25	1:35-39	4:42-44		
	(8) Leper Healed and Response Recorded	Galilee	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-16		Lev. 13:49
A.D. 28	(9) Paralytic Healed	Capernaum	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26		Rom. 3:23
	(10) Matthew's Call and Reception Held	Capernaum	9:9-13	2:13-17	5:27-32		Hos. 6:6
	(11) Disciples Defended via a Parable	Capernaum	9:14-17	2:18-22	5:33-39		
	(12) Goes to Jerusalem for Second Passover; Heals Lame Man	Jerusalem				5:1-47	Ex. 20:10
	(13) Plucked Grain Precipitates Sabbath Controversy	En Route to Galilee	12:1-8	2:23-28	6:1-5		Deut. 5:14
	(14) Withered Hand Healed Causes Another Sabbath Controversy	Galilee	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11		
	(15) Multitudes Healed	Sea of Galilee	12:15-21	3:7-12	6:17-19		
	(16) Twelve Apostles Selected After a Night of Prayer	[Near Capernaum]		3:13-19	6:12-16		
	(17) Sermon on the Mt. Healed	[Near Capernaum]	5:1-7:29		6:20-49		
	(18) Centurion's Servant Healed	Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10		Is. 49:12, 13
	(19) Raises Widow's Son from Dead	Nain			7:11-17		Job 19:25
	(20) Jesus Allays John's Doubts	Galilee	11:2-19		7:18-35		Mal. 3:1
	(21) Woes Upon the Privileged		11:20-30				Gen. 19:24
	(22) A Sinful Woman Anoints Jesus	Simon's House, Capernaum			7:36-50		
	(23) Another Tour of Galilee	Galilee			8:1-3		
	(24) Jesus Accused of Blasphemy	Capernaum	12:22-37	3:20-30	11:14-23		
	(25) Jesus' Answer to a Demand for a Sign	Capernaum	12:38-45		{ 11:24-26, 29-36		
	(26) Mother, Brothers Seek Audience	Capernaum	12:46-50	3:31-35	8:19-21		
	(27) Famous Parables of Sower, Seed, Tares, Mustard Seed, Leaven, Treasure, Pearl, Dragnet, Lamp Told	By Sea of Galilee	13:1-52	4:1-34	8:4-18		Joel 3:13
	(28) Sea Made Serene	Sea of Galilee	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25		
	(29) Gadarene Demoniac Healed	[E. Shore of Galilee]	8:28-34	5:1-20	8:26-39		
	(30) Jairus' Daughter Raised and Woman with Hemorrhage Healed		9:18-26	5:21-43	8:40-56		
	(31) Two Blind Men's Sight Restored		9:27-31				

Date	Event	Location	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Related References
Monday	(2) Fig Tree Cursed and Temple Cleansed	Bethany to Jerusalem	21:10-19	11:12-18	19:45-48		Jer. 7:11
Tuesday	(3) The Attraction of Sacrifice (4) Withered Fig Tree Testifies (5) Sanhedrin Challenges Jesus. Answered by Parables: Two Sons, Wicked Vine-dressers and Marriage Feast	Jerusalem Bethany to Jerusalem Jerusalem	21:20-22 21:23-22:14	11:19-26 11:27-12:12		12:20-50	Is. 6:10 Is. 5:1, 2
	(6) Tribute to Caesar	Jerusalem	22:15-22	12:13-17	20:20-26		
	(7) Sadducees Question the Resurrection	Jerusalem	22:23-33	12:18-27	20:27-40		Ex. 3:6
	(8) Pharisees Question Commandments	Jerusalem	22:34-40	12:28-34			
	(9) Jesus and David	Jerusalem	22:41-46	12:35-37	20:41-44		Ps. 110:1
	(10) Jesus' Last Sermon	Jerusalem	23:1-39	12:38-40	20:45-47		Lev. 27:30
	(11) Widow's Mite	Jerusalem		12:41-44	21:1-4		Dan. 12:1
	(12) Jesus Tells of the Future	Mt. Olives	24:1-51	13:1-37	21:5-36		Zech. 14:5
	(13) Parables: Ten Virgins, Talents, The Day of Judgment	Mt. Olives	25:1-46				
	(14) Jesus Tells Date of Crucifixion		26:1-5	14:1, 2	22:1, 2		
	(15) Anointing by Mary at Simon's Feast	Bethany	26:6-13	14:3-9		12:2-8	
Thursday	(16) Judas Contracts the Betrayal		26:14-16	14:10, 11	22:3-6		Zech. 11:12
Thursday P.M.	(17) Preparation for the Passover	Jerusalem	26:17-19	14:12-16	22:7-13		Ex. 12:14-28
	(18) Passover Eaten, Jealousy Rebuked	Jerusalem	26:20	14:17	22:14-16, 24-30		
	(19) Feet Washed	Upper Room				13:1-20	
	(20) Judas Revealed, Defects	Upper Room	26:21-25	14:18-21	22:21-23	13:21-30	Ps. 41:9
	(21) Jesus Warns About Further Desertion, Cries of Loyalty	Upper Room	26:31-35	14:27-31	22:31-38	13:31-38	Zech. 13:7
	(22) Institution of the Lord's Supper	Upper Room	26:26-29	14:22-25	22:17-20		1 Cor. 11:23-34
	(23) Last Speech to the Apostles and Intercessory Prayer	Jerusalem				14:1-17:26	Ps. 35:19
Thursday-Friday	(24) The Grief of Gethsemane	Mt. Olives	26:30, 36-46	14:26, 32-42	22:39-46	18:1	Ps. 42:6
Friday	(25) Betrayal, Arrest, Desertion	Gethsemane	26:47-56	14:43-52	22:47-53	18:2-12	
	(26) First Examined by Annas	Jerusalem				18:12-14, 19-23	
	(27) Trial by Caiaphas and Council, Following Indignities	Jerusalem	26:57, 59-63	14:53, 55-65	22:54, 63-65	18:24	Lev. 24:16
	(28) Peter's Triple Denial	Jerusalem	26:58, 69-75	14:54, 66-72	22:54-62	18:15-18, 25-27	
	(29) Condemnation by the Council	Jerusalem	27:1	15:1	22:66-71		Ps. 110:1
	(30) Suicide of Judas	Jerusalem	27:3-10				Acts 1:18, 19
	(31) First Appearance Before Pilate	Jerusalem	27:2, 11-14	15:1-5	23:1-7	18:28-38	
	(32) Jesus Before Herod	Jerusalem			23:6-12		
	(33) Second Appearance Before Pilate	Jerusalem	27:15-26	15:6-15	23:13-25	18:39-19:16	Deut. 21:6-9
	(34) Mockery by Roman Soldiers	Jerusalem	27:27-30	15:16-19			
	(35) Led to Golgotha	Jerusalem	27:31-34	15:20-23	23:26-33	19:16, 17	Ps. 69:21
	(36) 6 Events of First 3 Hours on Cross	Calvary	27:35-44	15:24-32	23:33-43	19:18-27	Ps. 22:18
	(37) Last 3 Hours on Cross	Calvary	27:45-50	15:33-37	23:44-46	19:28-30	Ps. 22:1
	(38) Events Attending Jesus' Death		27:51-56	15:38-41	23:45, 47-49		
	(39) Burial of Jesus	Jerusalem	27:57-60	15:42-46	23:50-54	19:31-37	Ex. 12:46
Friday-Saturday	(40) Tomb Sealed	Jerusalem	27:61-66		23:55, 56		Ex. 20:8-11
	(41) Women Watch	Jerusalem		15:47			

Date	Event	Location	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Related References
A.D. 28	(32) Mute Demoniac Healed		9:32-34				
	(33) Nazareth's Second Rejection of Christ	Nazareth	13:53-58	6:1-6			
	(34) Twelve Sent Out		9:35-11:1	6:6-13	9:1-6		1 Cor. 9:14
	(35) Fearful Herod Beheads John	Galilee	14:1-12	6:14-29	9:7-9		
Spring A.D. 29	(36) Return of 12, Jesus Withdraws, 5000 Fed	(Near Bethsaida)	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-14	
	(37) Walks on the Water	Sea of Galilee	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:15-21	
	(38) Sick of Gennesaret Healed	Gennesaret	14:34-36	6:53-56			
	(39) Peak of Popularity Passes in Galilee	Capernaum				6:22-71	
A.D. 29	(40) Traditions Attacked		15:1-20	7:1-23		7:1	Is. 54:13 Ex. 21:17
	(41) Aborted Retirement in Phoenicia: Syro-Phoenician Healed	Phoenicia	15:21-28	7:24-30			
	(42) Afflicted Healed	Decapolis	15:29-31	7:31-37			
	(43) 4000 Fed	Decapolis	15:32-39	8:1-9			
	(44) Pharisees Increase Attack	Magdala	16:1-4	8:10-13			
	(45) Disciples' Carelessness Condemned; Blind Man Healed		16:5-12	8:14-26			Jer. 5:21
	(46) Peter Confesses Jesus Is the Christ	(Near Caesarea Philippi)	16:13-20	8:27-30	9:18-21		
	(47) Jesus Foretells His Death	(Caesarea Philippi)	16:21-28	8:31-37	9:22-25		Prov. 24:12
	(48) Kingdom Promised		16:27, 28	9:1	9:26, 27		
	(49) The Transfiguration	(Mountain Unnamed)	17:1-13	9:2-13	9:28-36		Is. 42:1
	(50) Epileptic Healed	(Mt. of Transfiguration)	17:14-21	9:14-29	9:37-42		
	(51) Again Tells of Death, Resurrection	Galilee	17:22, 23	9:30-32	9:43-45		
	(52) Taxes Paid	Capernaum	17:24-27				Ex. 30:11-15
	(53) Disciples Contend About Greatness; Jesus Defines; also Patience, Loyalty, Forgiveness	Capernaum	18:1-35	9:33-50	9:46-62		
	(54) Jesus Rejects Brothers' Advice	Galilee				7:2-9	
c. Sept. A.D. 29	(55) Galilee Departure and Samaritan Rejection		19:1		9:51-56	7:10	

A.D. 29-30 LAST JUDEAN AND PEREAN MINISTRY OF JESUS IN 42 EVENTS

Oct. A.D. 29	(1) Feast of Tabernacles	Jerusalem				7:2, 11-52	
	(2) Forgiveness of Adulteress	Jerusalem				7:53-8:11	Lev. 20:10
A.D. 29	(3) Christ—the Light of the World	Jerusalem				8:12-20	
	(4) Pharisees Can't Meet the Prophecy Thus Try to Destroy the Prophet	(Jerusalem—Temple)				8:12-59	Is. 6:9
	(5) Man Born Blind Healed, Following Consequences	Jerusalem				9:1-41	
	(6) Parable of the Good Shepherd	Jerusalem				10:1-21	
	(7) The Service of the Seventy	(Probably Judea)			10:1-24		
	(8) Lawyer Hears the Story of the Good Samaritan	Judea (?)			10:25-37		
	(9) The Hospitality of Martha and Mary	Bethany			10:38-42		
	(10) Another Lesson on Prayer	Judea (?)			11:1-13		

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A.D. 29	(11) Accused of Connection with Beelzebub (12) Judgment Against Lawyers and Pharisees (13) Jesus Deals with Hypocrisy, Covetousness, Worry, and Alertness (14) Repent or Perish (15) Barren Fig Tree (16) Crippled Woman Healed on Sabbath (17) Parables of Mustard Seed and Leaven	[Probably Perea]			11:14-36 11:37-54 12:1-59 13:1-5 13:6-9 13:10-17 13:18-21		Mic. 6:8 Mic. 7:6 Deut. 5:12-15
Winter A.D. 29	(18) Feast of Dedication (19) Withdrawal Beyond Jordan (20) Begins Teaching Return to Jerusalem with Special Words About Herod (21) Meal with a Pharisee Ruler Occasions Healing Man with Dropsy, Parables of Ox, Best Places, and Great Supper (22) Demands of Discipleship (23) Parables of Lost Sheep, Coin, Son (24) Parables of Unjust Steward, Rich Man and Lazarus (25) Lessons on Service, Faith, Influence (26) Resurrection of Lazarus (27) Reaction to It: Withdrawal of Jesus	Jerusalem Perea Perea [Perea to Bethany]				10:22-39 10:40-42 13:22-35 14:1-24 14:25-35 15:1-32 16:1-31 17:1-10	Ps. 82:6 Ps. 6:8 1 Pet. 2:25 11:1-44 11:45-54
A.D. 30	(28) Begins Last Journey to Jerusalem via Samaria & Galilee (29) Heals Ten Lepers (30) Lessons on the Coming Kingdom (31) Parables: Persistent Widow, Pharisee and Tax Collector (32) Doctrine on Divorce (33) Jesus Blesses Children: Objections (34) Rich Young Ruler (35) Laborers of the 11th Hour (36) Foretells Death and Resurrection (37) Ambition of James and John (38) Blind Bartimaeus Healed (39) Interview with Zachaeus (40) Parable: the Minas (41) Returns to Home of Mary and Martha (42) Plot to Kill Lazarus	[Samaria, Galilee] Perea Perea [Near Jordan] Jericho Jericho Bethany Bethany	19:1-12 19:13-15 19:16-30 20:1-16 20:17-19 20:20-28	10:1-12 10:13-16 10:17-31 10:32-34 10:35-45	17:11 17:12-19 17:20-37 18:1-14 18:15-17 18:18-30 18:31-34 10:46-52 19:1-10 19:11-27		Lev. 13:45, 46 Gen. 6-7 Deut. 24:1-4 Can. 9:23-25 Ps. 131:2 Ex. 20:1-17 Ps. 22 [11:55-12:1 12:9-11]
Spring A.D. 30	JESUS' FINAL WEEK OF WORK AT JERUSALEM IN 41 EVENTS						
Sunday	(1) Triumphal Entry	Bethany, Jerusalem, Bethany	21:1-9	11:1-11	19:28-44	12:12-19	Zech. 9:9

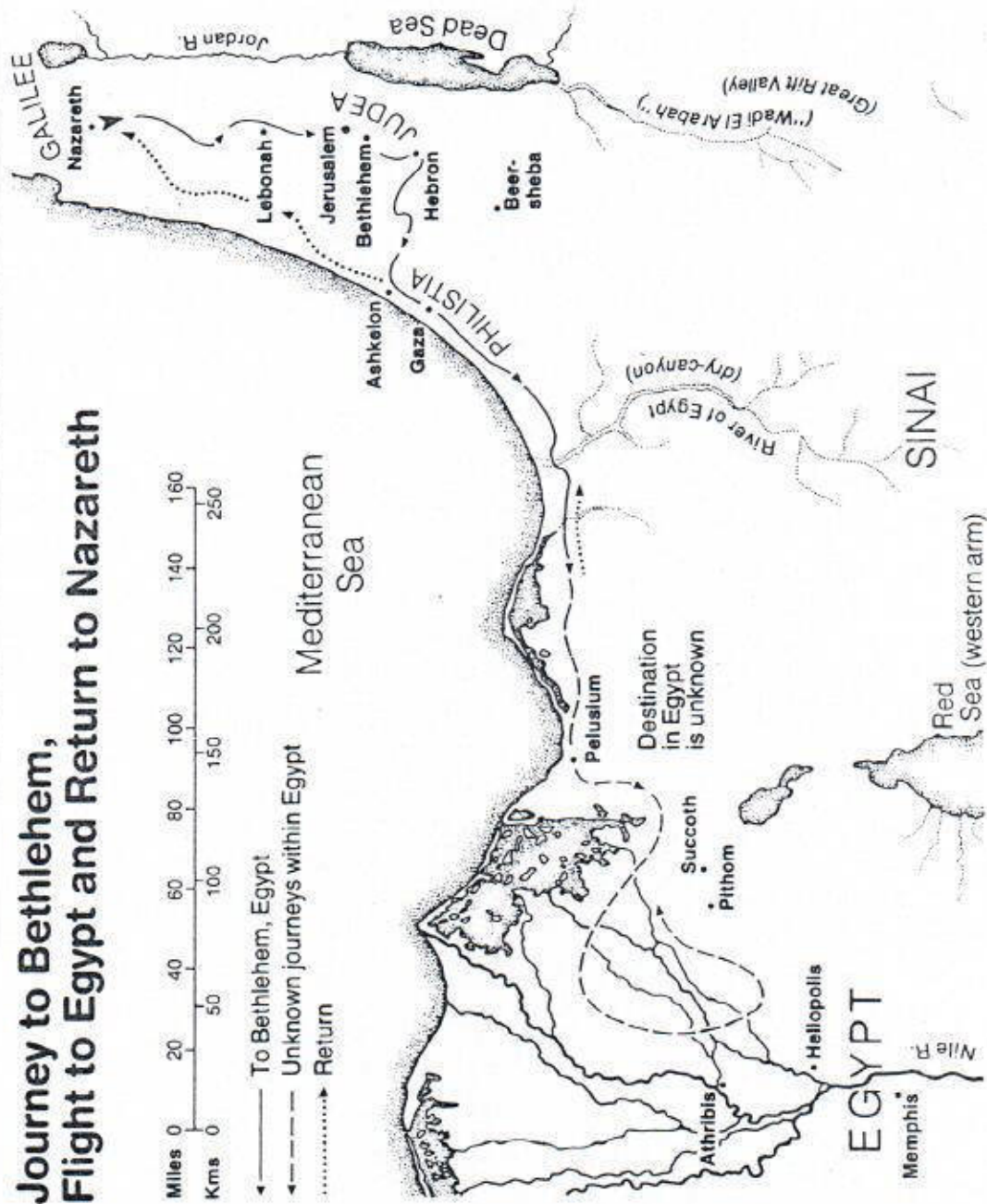
Date	Event	Location	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John	Related References
A.D. 30	THE RESURRECTION THROUGH THE ASCENSION IN 12 EVENTS						
Dawn of First Day (Sunday, "Lord's Day")	(1) Women Visit the Tomb	Near Jerusalem	28:1-10	16:1-8	24:1-11		
	(2) Peter and John See the Empty Tomb				24:12	20:1-10	
	(3) Jesus' Appearance to Mary Magdalene	Jerusalem		16:9-11		20:11-18	
	(4) Jesus' Appearance to the Other Women	Jerusalem	28:9, 10				
	(5) Guards' Report of the Resurrection		28:11-15				
Sunday Afternoon	(6) Jesus' Appearance to Two Disciples on Way to Emmaus			16:12, 13	24:13-35		1 Cor. 15:5
	(7) Jesus' Appearance to Ten Disciples Without Thomas	Jerusalem		16:14	24:36-43	20:19-25	
One Week Later During 40 Days until Ascension	(8) Appearance to Disciples with Thomas	Jerusalem				20:26-31	
	(9) Jesus' Appearance to Seven Disciples by Sea of Galilee	Galilee				21:1-25	1 Cor. 15:6
	(10) Appearance to 500	Mt. in Galilee	28:16-20	16:15-18	24:44-49		
	(11) Great Commission			16:19, 20	24:50-53		Acts 1:4-11
	(12) The Ascension	Mt. Olivet					

Journey to Bethlehem, Flight to Egypt and Return to Nazareth

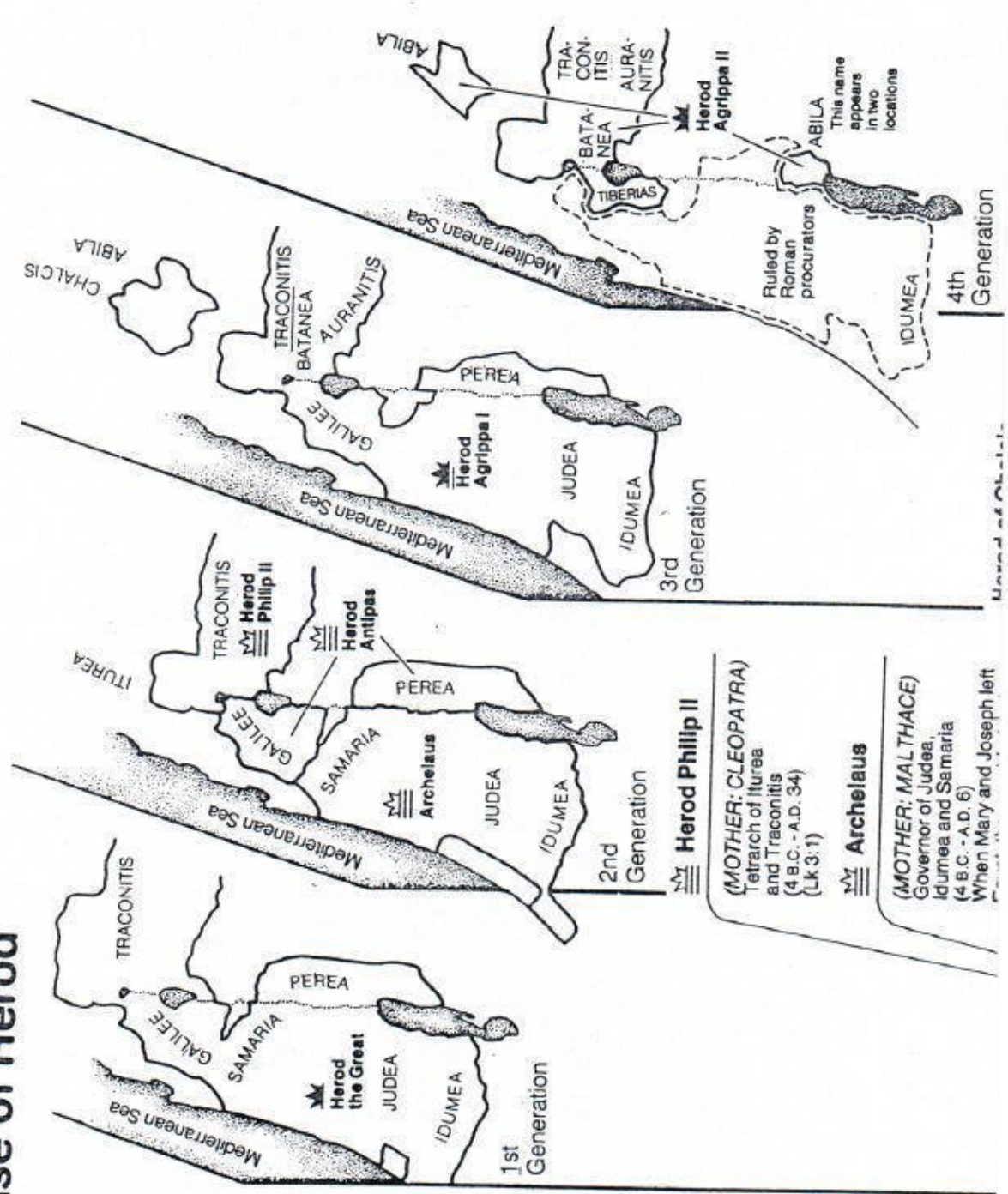
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- To Bethlehem, Egypt
- - - Unknown journeys within Egypt
- Return

Mediterranean Sea



House of Herod



Herod of Caesarea

Egypt, they avoided Judea and settled in Nazareth (Mt 2:19-23)

Aristobulus

(MOTHER: MARIAMNE)
(d. 10 B.C.)
Not mentioned in the Bible.

Herod Antipas

(MOTHER: MALTHACE)
Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea
(4 B.C. - A.D. 39)
(Lk 3:1) Second husband of Herodias.
He put John the Baptist to death (Mt 14:1-12; Mk 6:14-29);
Pilate sent Jesus to him (Lk 23:7-12)

Herod Philip I

(MOTHER: MARIAMNE)
He did not rule.
First husband of Herodias (Mt 14:3; Mk 6:17)
(d. c. A.D. 34)

Antipater

(MOTHER: DORIS)

Herod the Great

King of Judea, Galilee, Iturea, Trachonitis
(37 - 4 B.C.)
Birth of Jesus (Mt 2:1-19; Lk 1:5)

KEY:

- ★ King
- ✠ Tetrarch
- BERNICE italic capitals denote females
- Antipater bold type-blood line of Herod the Great
- Felix light type-non blood line

Felix (Governor of Judea)

DRUSILLA
Married Felix, governor of Judea A.D. 52-59;
Felix tried Paul (Ac 24:24)

Herod Agrippa II

King of Judea
Paul makes a legal defense before him (Ac 25:13-26:32)

BERNICE
With her brother at the time of Paul's defense (Ac 25:13)

SALOME
Daughter of Herodias and Herod Philip I
Danced for the head of John the Baptist (Mt 14:1-12; Mk 6:14-29)

Herod Agrippa I

King of Judea (A.D. 37-44)
Killed James; put Peter into prison.
Struck down by an angel (Ac 12:1-24)

HERODIAS

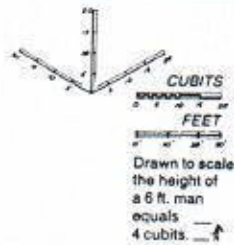
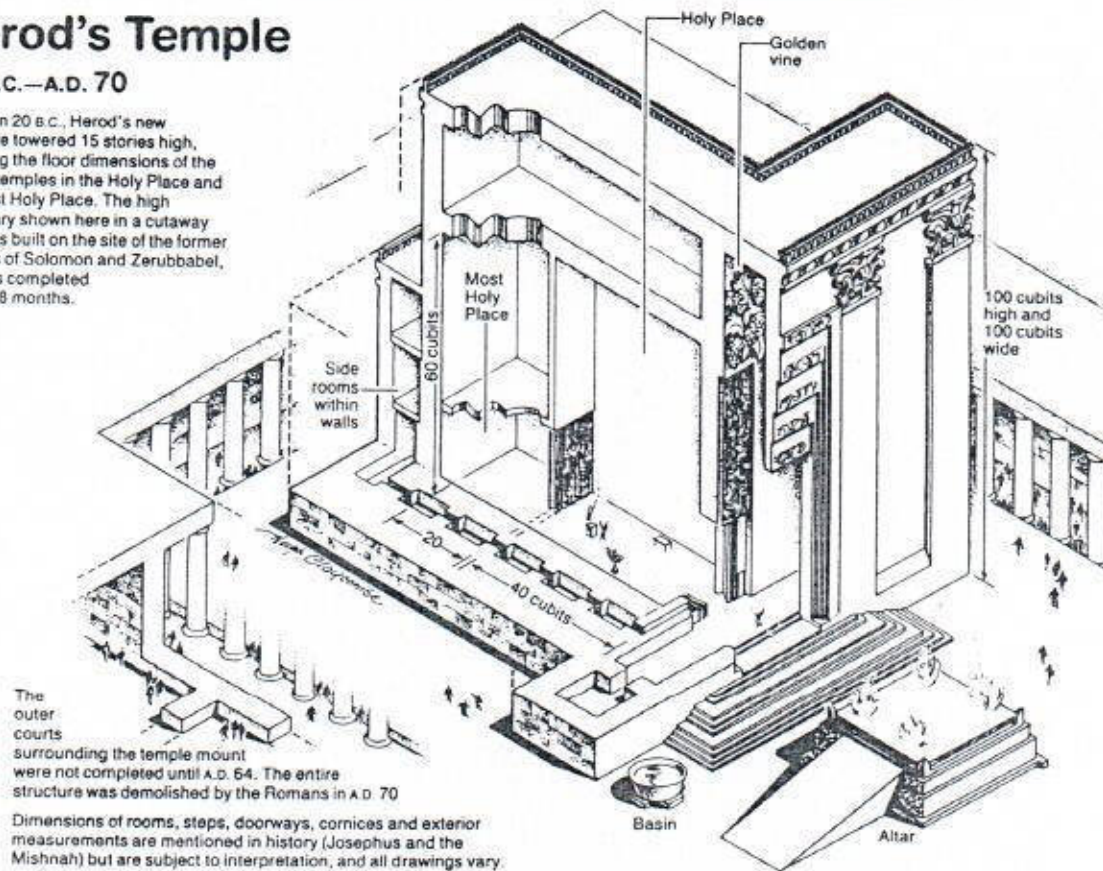
Married her uncle Herod Philip I, and then a second uncle, Herod Antipas (Mt 14:3; Mk 6:17)

..... Denotes Herodias's marriage to Herod Antipas
--- Denotes Herodias's marriage to Herod Philip I and daughter of that marriage

Herod's Temple

20 B.C.—A.D. 70

Begun in 20 B.C., Herod's new structure towered 15 stories high, following the floor dimensions of the former temples in the Holy Place and the Most Holy Place. The high sanctuary shown here in a cutaway view was built on the site of the former temples of Solomon and Zerubbabel, and was completed in just 18 months.



MEASURED ON A "TRUE SCALE"

Have you ever noticed while filling up your car with gasoline, there is a sticker certifying that the pump has been inspected. It states that the dispenser has been checked and is distributing a true "one gallon" of gas. In this way, the consumer is guaranteed of "getting what he paid for." Without it you may be paying for one thing, but receiving much less.

God has even "weighed in" on this vital subject. **"Do not act dishonestly in using measures of length or weight or capacity"** He proclaims to Moses, as told in Leviticus 19. **"You shall have a true scale and true weights."** The passage goes on, reminding the listener that the one Who gives this law is the Almighty. Notice that we referred to it as a **LAW** and not as a **SUGGESTION**.

The challenge of living a holy life is to be honest in our dealings with others around us. This pertains to both our **PERSONAL** as well as our **PROFESSIONAL** lives. How often do we hear an account of a person "skirting the law" in their business dealings to gain unjust profits? There are instances in sports of athletes "bending the rules" to gain an unfair advantage. At times we hear about elected officials, chosen to work on behalf of the public's well-being, allowing the poor to be cheated and exploited by neglect, or even worse, by design.

We cannot turn away from what we see or hear, fearing to offend those doing wrong. We must confront unfairness and demand justice from others in their dealings. When the day comes that we meet our Maker, our thoughts and actions will be measured on that **"True Scale."**

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