

# The Chronology of Christ



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# CHRONOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

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## A Definitive Work

## ***Dating the Birth of Christ***

**Date of Birth: ca. December 5 BC/January 4 BC**

**Jesus was born between these two dates:**

**Census of  
Quirinius/Cyrenius  
(Luke 2:1-5)**

**6 BC**

**Death of  
Herod the Great  
(Matt. 2:1; Luke 1:5)**

**29 March-11 April  
4 BC**

# *Dating the Start of Christ's Ministry*

**Commencement of Ministry: ca. Autumn AD 29**

**Jesus probably began his ministry between these two dates:**

**15<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF THE REIGN OF TIBERIUS\*  
(Luke 3:1-3)**



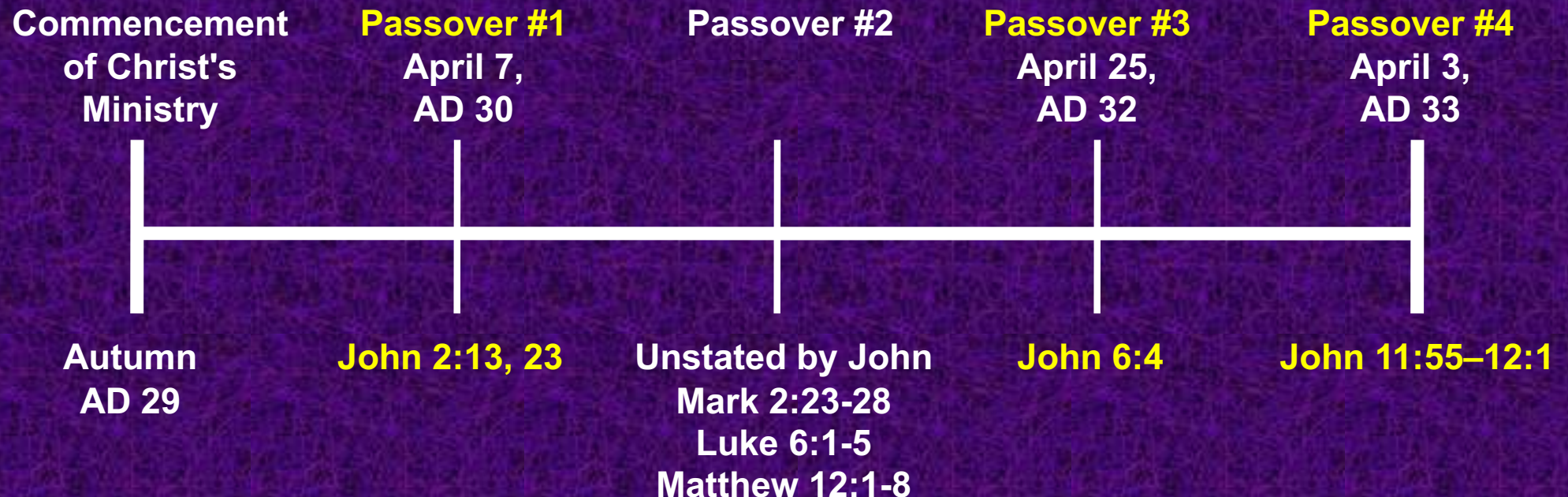
**\*Reckoned from either the Julian Calendar or Tiberius Regnal Year**

# The Duration of Christ's Ministry <sup>56</sup>

Autumn AD 29 – 3 April AD 33 (3.5 Years)

**John** alone notes three *Passovers*

Therefore, Christ's ministry was at least 2.5 years





# Chronology of Jesus & Acts

4 BC	1 BC	AD 1	14	29	30	33	35
Jesus Born	-1 year-	Tiberius Crowned	15th Yr. Tiberius	Jesus Died	Paul Believed		

**“In the 15th year of Tiberius...  
John preached” (Luke 3:1)**

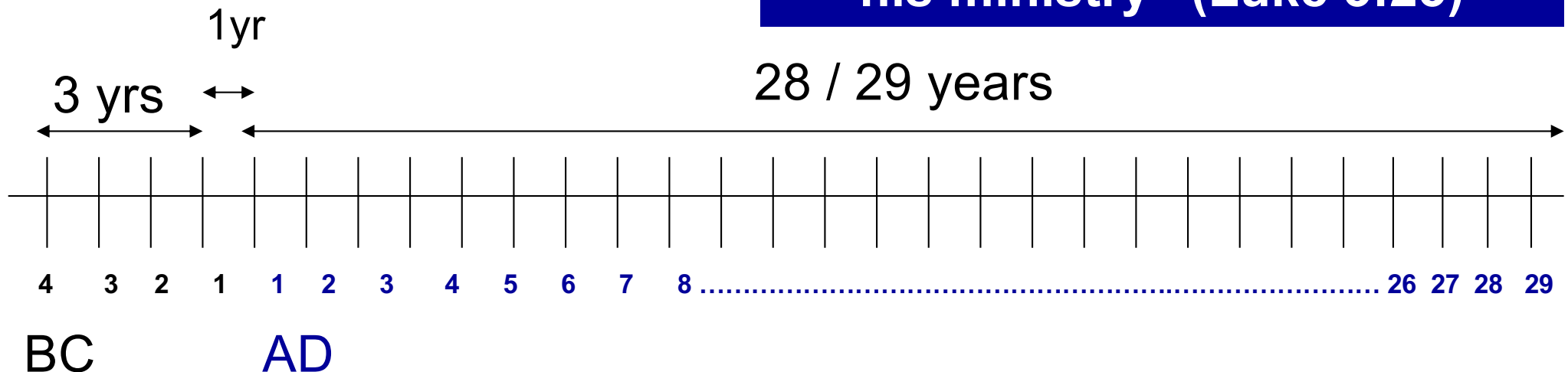
—  
John &  
Jesus

**32-33 years**

**“Now Jesus himself was about  
30 years old when he began  
his ministry” (Luke 3:23)**

# Age of Jesus When He Began His Ministry

**“Now Jesus himself was about 30 years old when he began his ministry” (Luke 3:23)**

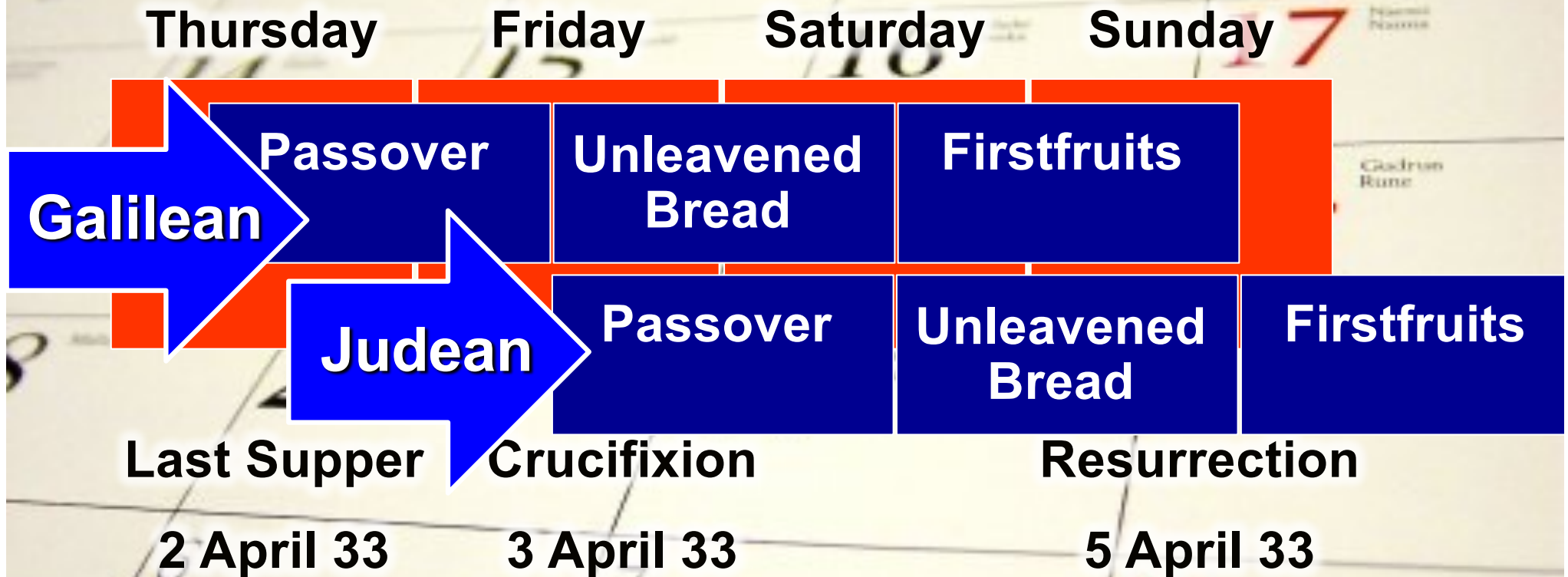


$3 + 1 + 28 = 32$  years (Non-inclusive of AD 29)

$3 + 1 + 29 = 33$  years (Inclusive of AD 29)

*Adapted from Michele Ang (NT Survey student, SBC, 2006)*

# A Prophetic Weekend



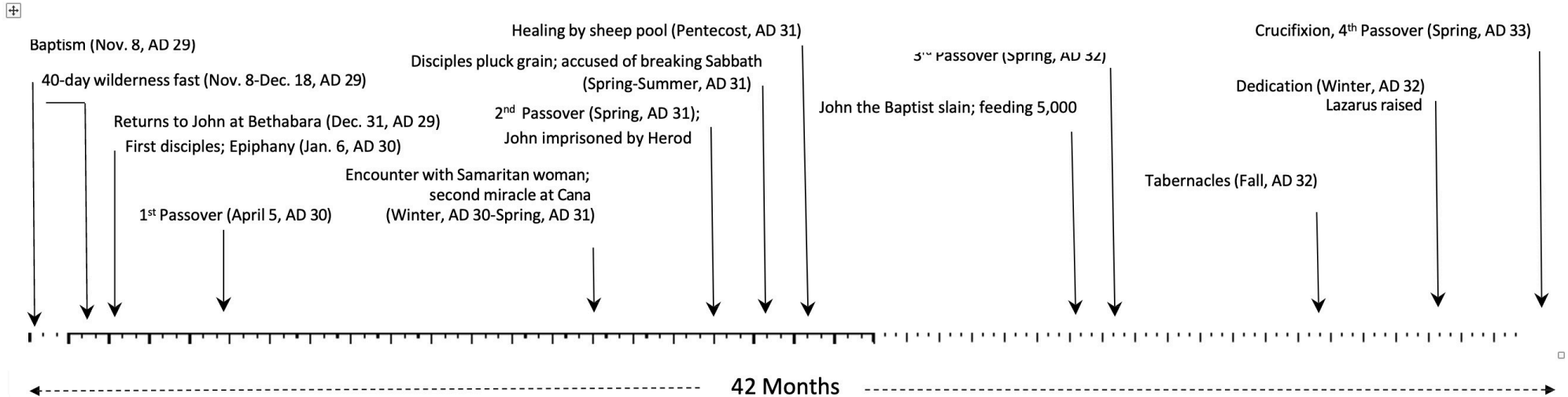
**“But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep” (1 Cor 15:20 NAU).**

**Christ is the only one ever resurrected, but as such, he is also the first among many who will join a resurrected body.**

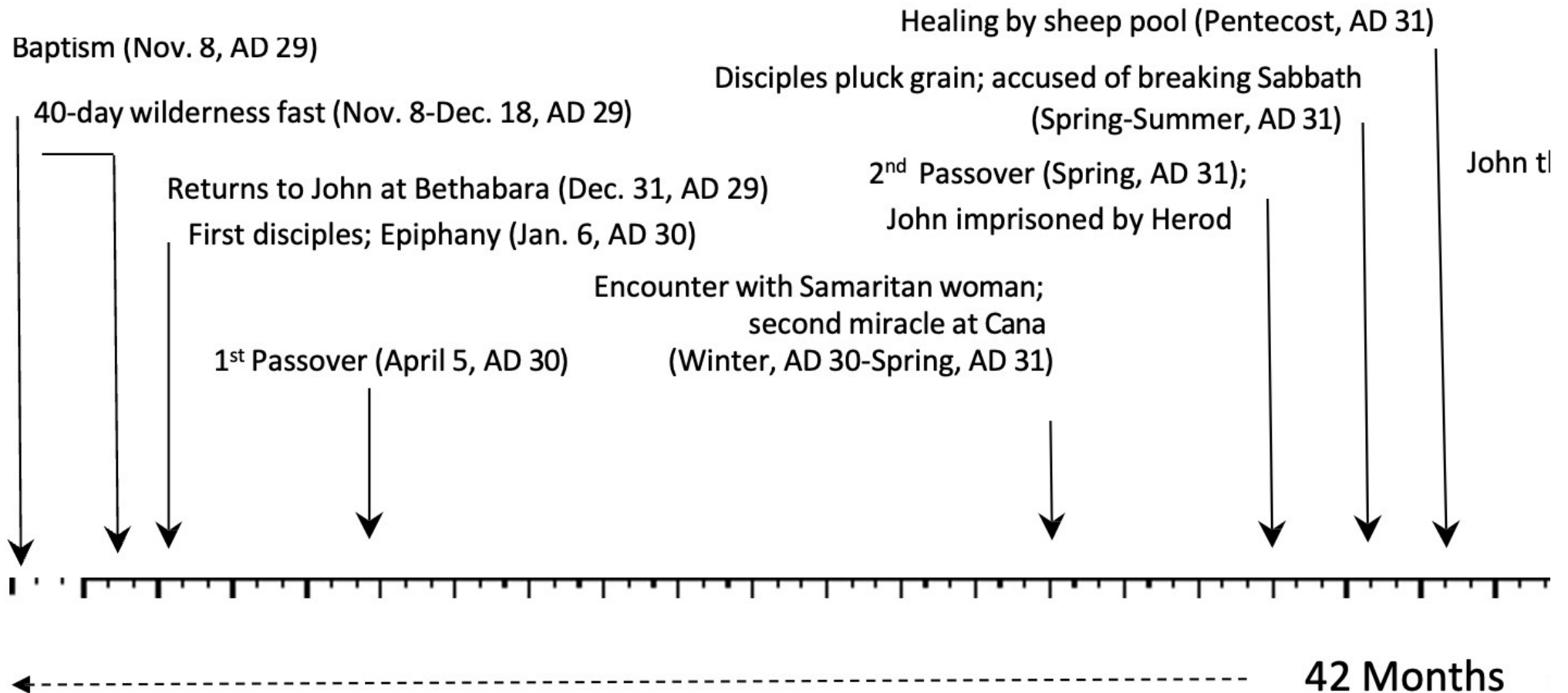


# Timeline of Jesus' Ministry

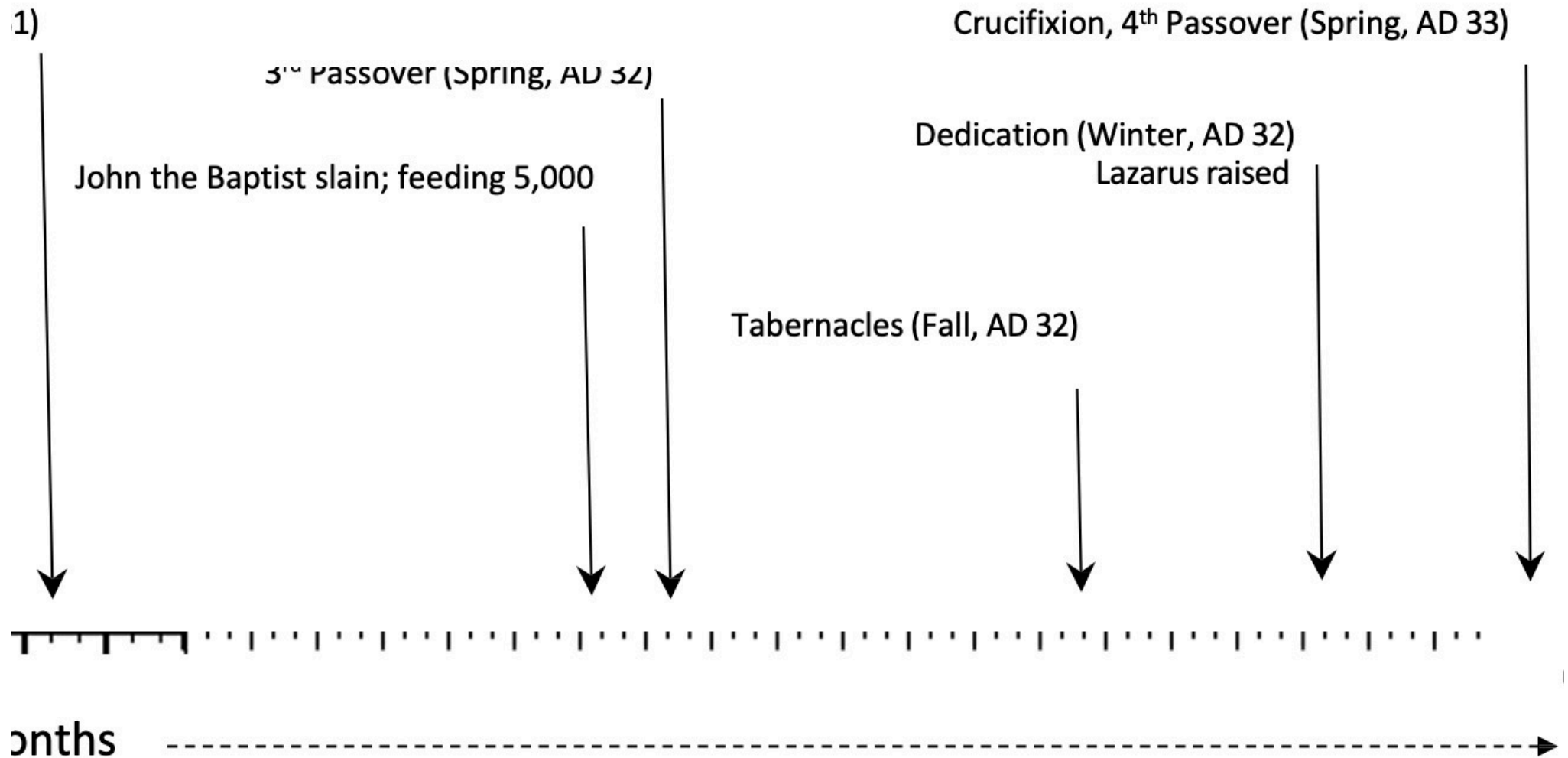
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