

The Chronology of Christ



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:

15th YEAR OF THE REIGN OF TIBERIUS*
(Luke 3:1-3)



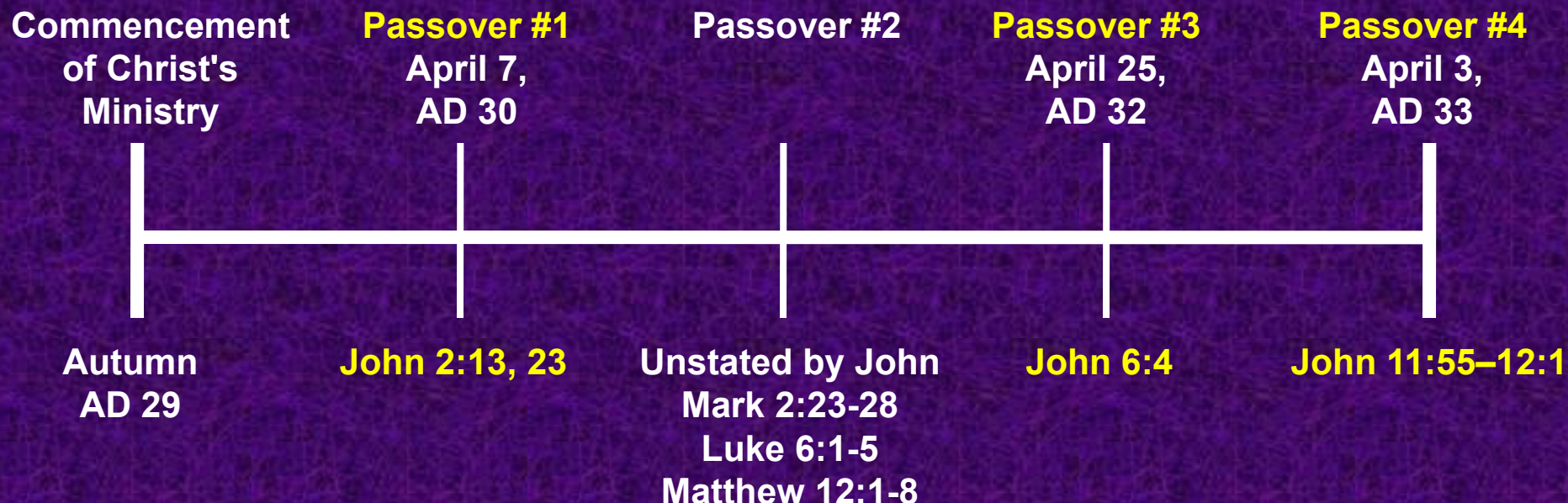
***Reckoned from either the Julian Calendar or Tiberius Regnal Year**

The Duration of Christ's Ministry ⁵⁶

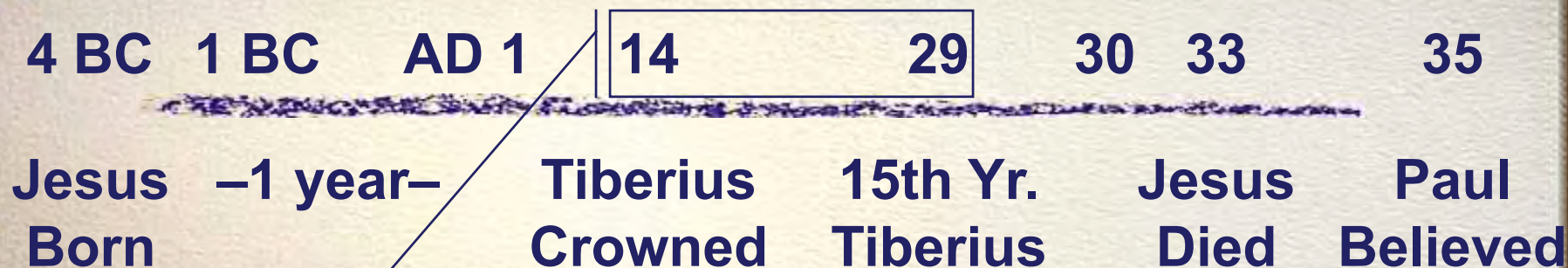
Autumn AD 29 – 3 April AD 33 (3.5 Years)

John alone notes three Passovers

Therefore, Christ's ministry was at least 2.5 years

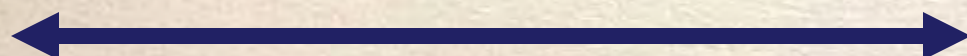


Chronology of Jesus & Acts



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

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**John &
Jesus**

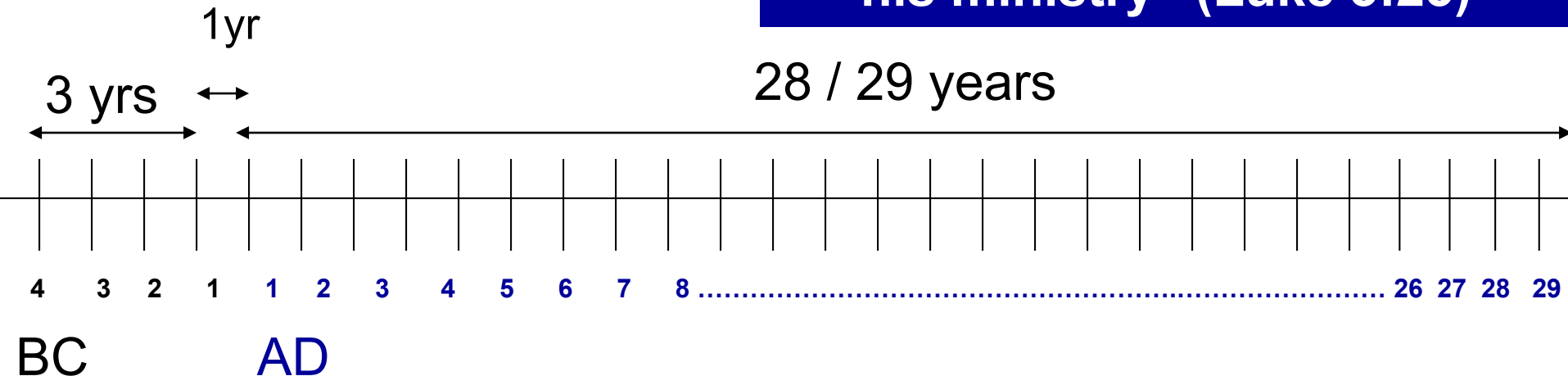


32-33 years

**“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)

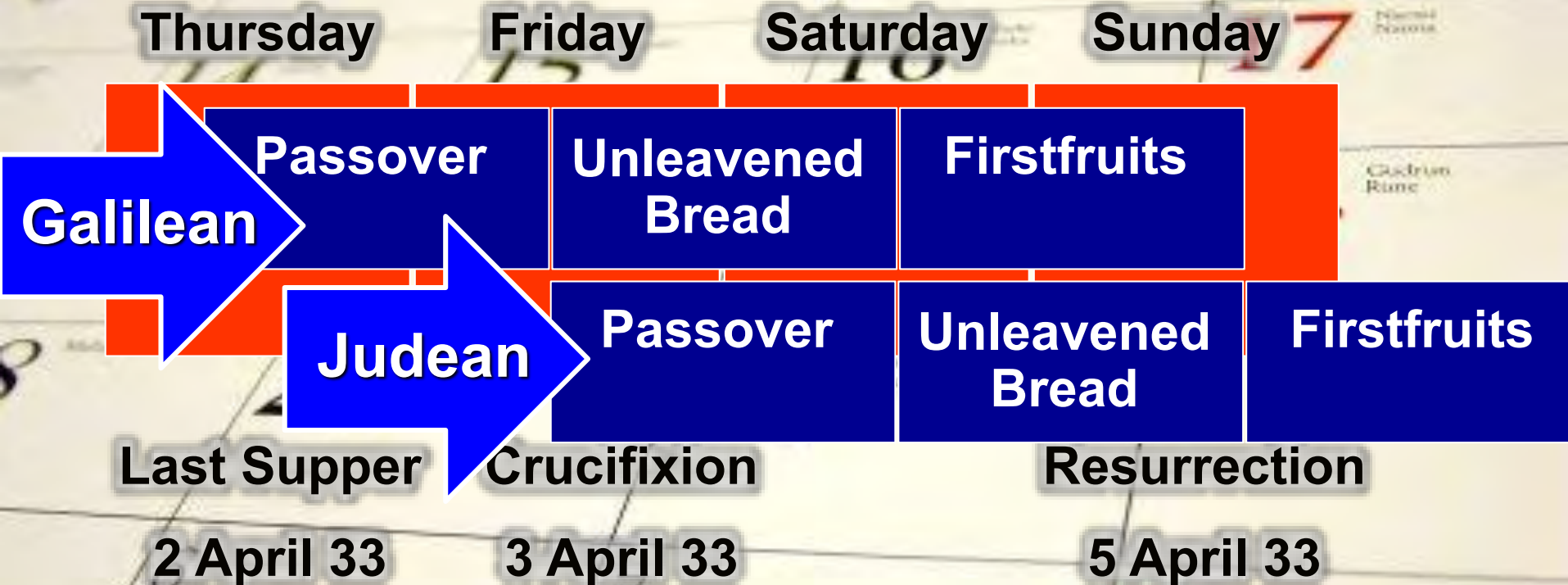


$$3 + 1 + 28 = 32 \text{ years (Non-inclusive of AD 29)}$$

$$3 + 1 + 29 = 33 \text{ years (Inclusive of AD 29)}$$

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.

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