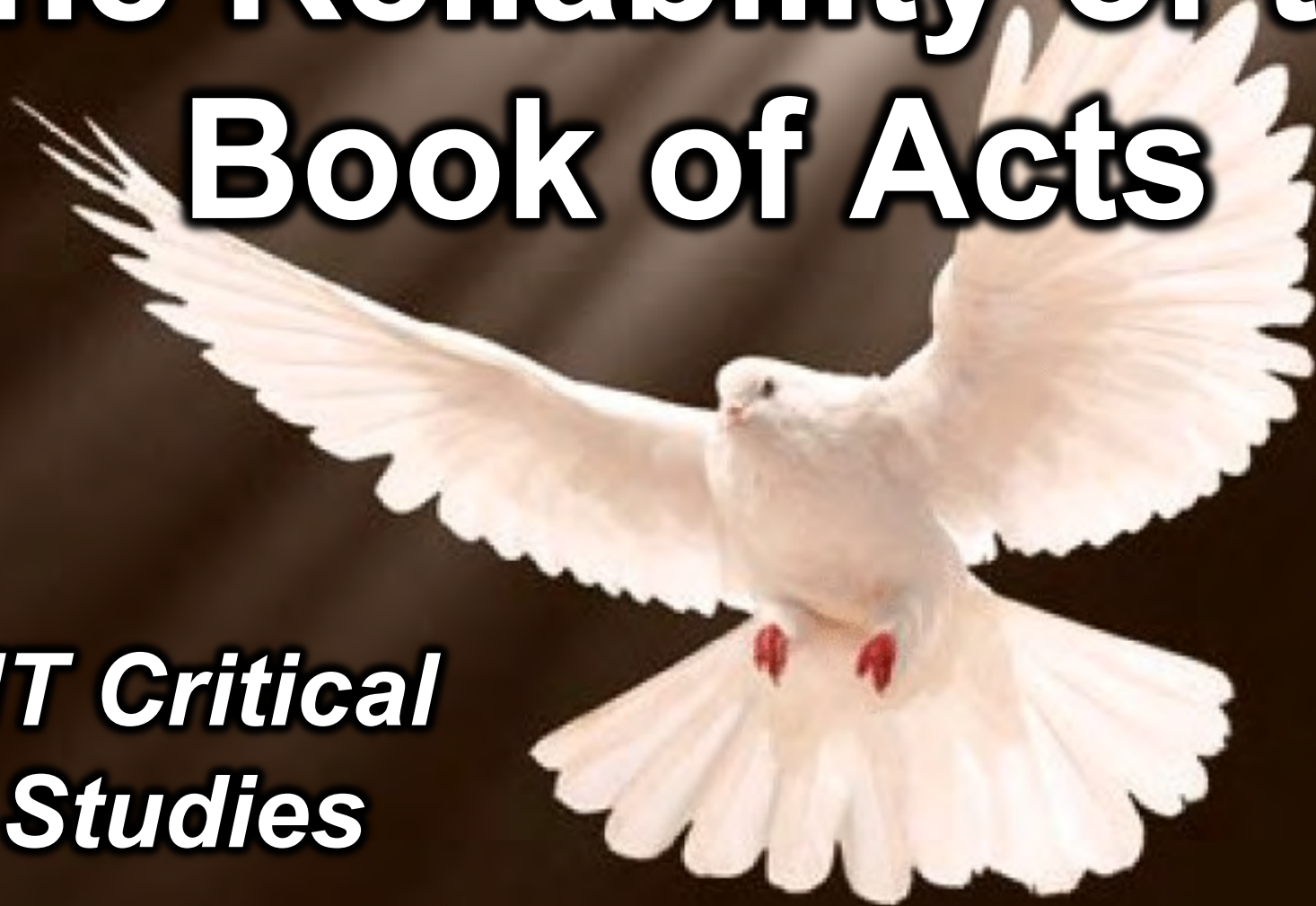


# The Reliability of the Book of Acts

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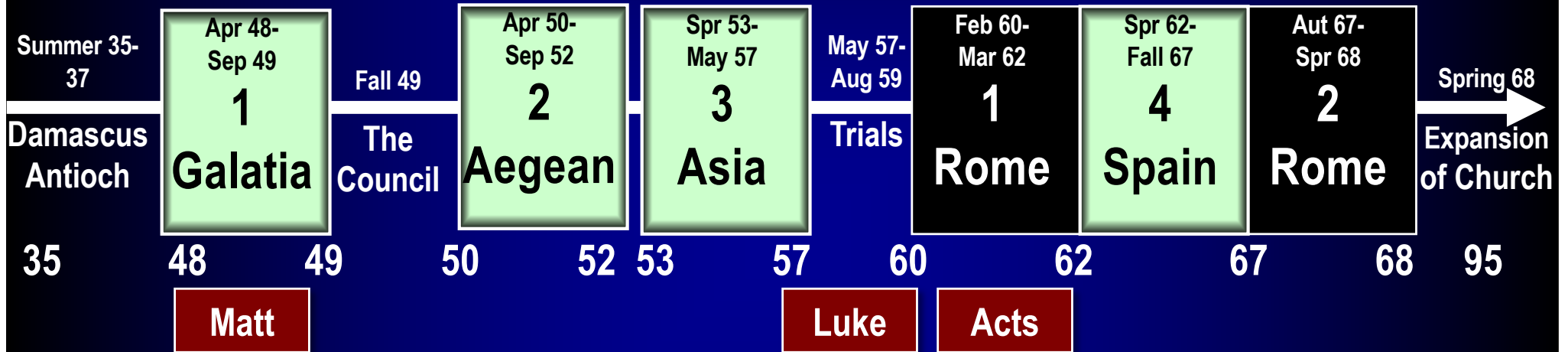


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"To the remotest part of the earth" (Acts 1:8)

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# Who was Luke?

**Medical doctor**

**Traveling companion of Paul**

**Articulate historian & writer**



# Common Authorship of Luke-Acts

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**Both dedicated to Theophilus**

**Acts 1:1 refers to "the first account"**

**Similar language (medical terms)**

**Same theme (sovereignty)**

**Chronological orientation**

## External (Outside Acts)

### *Earliest Evidence in Canons:*

**Anti-Marcionite Prologue (AD 150-180)**

**Muratorian Canon (AD 160-200)**

### *Church Fathers (late 2nd cent.):*

**Irenaeus (AD 185)**

**Clement of Alexandria (AD 155-216)**

## Internal (Compared to Gospel)

**Both dedicated to Theophilus**

**Acts 1:1 refers to "the first account"**

**Similar language (medical terms)**

**Same theme (sovereignty)**

**Chronological orientation**

## Internal (Within Acts)

**Four "we-sections" (traveled with Paul)**

**The only traveling companions not named in these sections are Titus and Luke**

**But Titus has never been seriously considered as the author of Acts**

# The Chronology 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)**



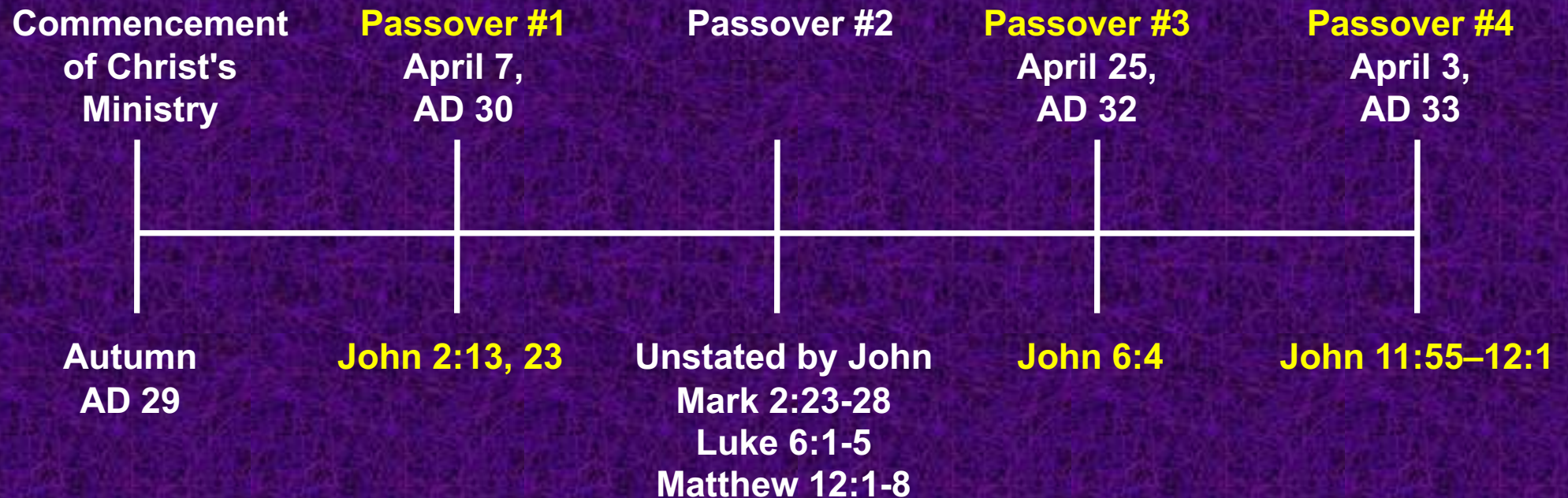
**\*Reckoned from either the Julian Calendar or Tiberius Regnal Year**

# 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)**

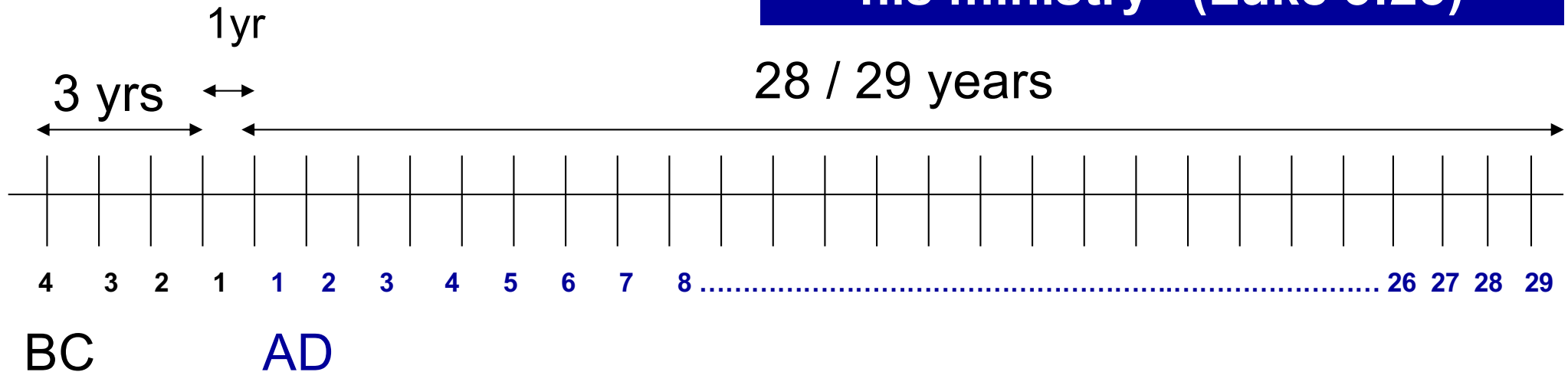
—  
John &  
Jesus

←————→  
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

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Galilean

Passover

Unleavened Bread

Firstfruits

Judean

Passover

Unleavened Bread

Firstfruits

Last Supper

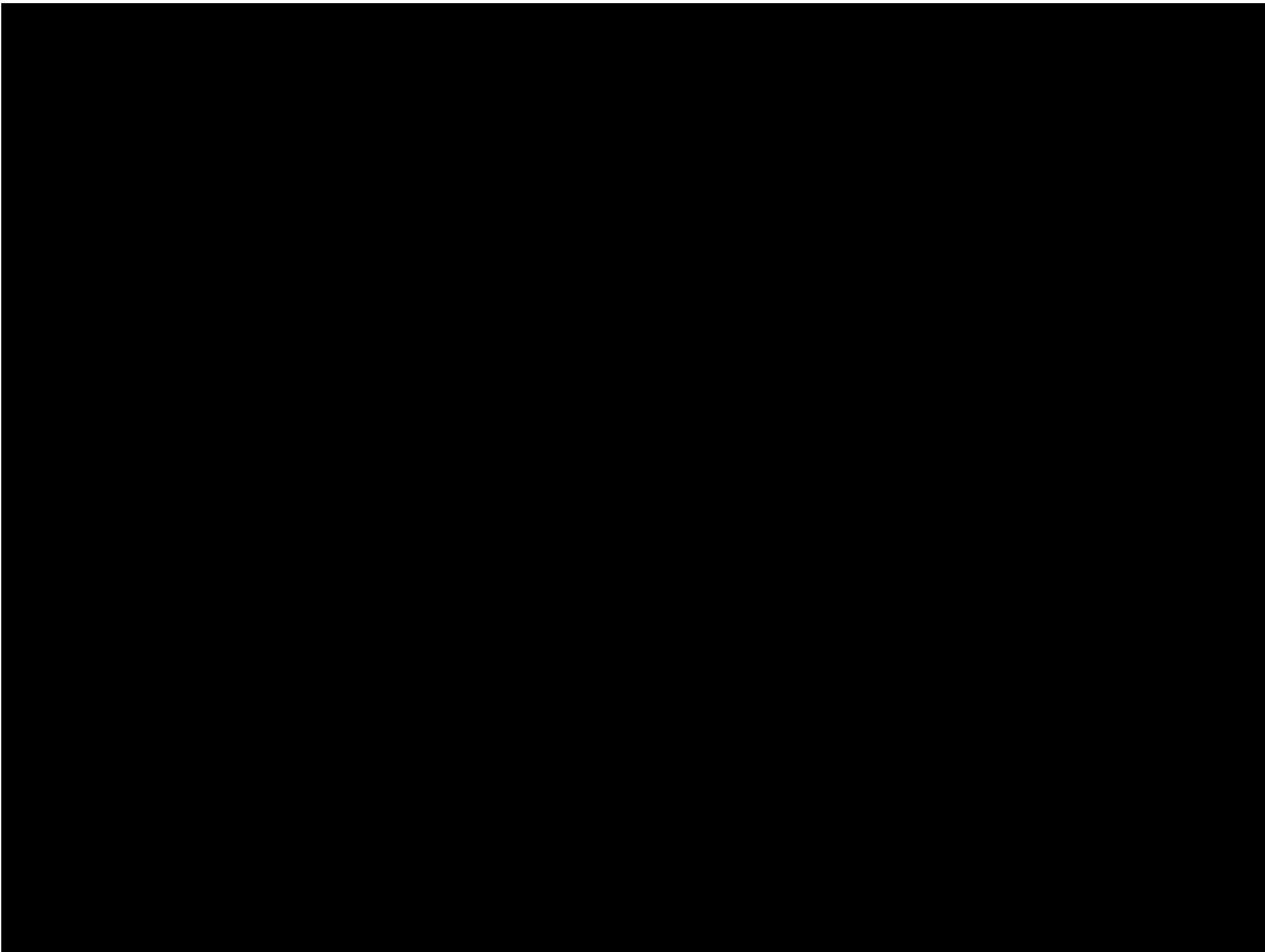
Crucifixion

Resurrection

2 April 33

3 April 33

5 April 33



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