



# The Good News

## 1 Tool: New Testament Timeline

### Timeline

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. Hebrews 1:1-3a

- 1. God created the heavens and earth
- 2. The Fall: Sin enters the world
- 3. Last Old Testament prophecies- 400 years before Jesus
- 4. Birth of John the Baptist
- 5. Birth of Jesus
- 6. Jesus is baptized
- 7. Public ministry of Jesus
- 8. Crucifixion of Jesus
- 9. Resurrection of Jesus
- 10. Jesus ascends to The Father
- 11. Jesus appears to 500 people after His resurrection
- 12. Jesus calls Paul on the road to Damascus
- 13. Pentecost: Holy Spirit comes to indwell believers
- 14. James, brother of John, martyred
- 15. New Testament letters/epistles written
- 16. Paul's Missionary Journeys
- 17. Mark & Matthew write gospels
- 18. Peter writes 1 Peter
- 19. Gospel of Luke & Book of Acts written
- 20. Apostles Peter and Paul martyred
- 21. Jerusalem temple destroyed
- 22. Apostle John writes gospel
- 23. Jesus's Second Coming

Double lines show gaps in time



**Old Testament History**

During this time period, God is preparing the world for Jesus. He calls Abraham to follow Him and teaches his descendants about holiness. The people fail over and over to keep God's commandments, but God promises to send a Messiah to save them.

**New Testament Period**

The Gospels tell the story of Jesus, the long awaited Messiah. They tell of His teachings and miracles and focus on His death and resurrection, proving He is the only Son of God as He claimed. The book of Acts tells of the acts of the apostles as they began to spread the gospel around their known world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Present Time**

**The End of This Age**

Jesus taught that on a day no one knows He would return to the earth. When Jesus returns, those who love and followed Him in life will reign with Him in the new heavens and a new earth. Those who rejected Him will face judgment.

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