

THE INTERCONTINENTAL CHURCH OF GOD

SPECIFIC BIBLE STUDIES - JESUS PART 2 C

PART 2-----ITEM C-----Duration of Ministry-----Counting Passovers to establish a 3 ½ year Ministry:

We can count forward, using the table above and count from His birth in 4 BC and count forward to 31 AD. We know that He began His ministry at age 30 and that it was a 3.5 year ministry. We know He kept 4 Passovers in this 3.5 year ministry.

3 and 1/2 Years

"The Gospel of John, by recording the annual Passovers that Jesus attended, provides evidence that three and a half years did indeed elapse between Christ's baptism and His death.

"John 2 and 3 tell about a Passover during which Jesus talked at night with Nicodemus and told him that he must be born again.

"John 5:1 tells of a feast, most probably a Passover, in connection with which Jesus healed a man who had suffered thirty-eight years from paralysis.

"John 6:4 tells of a Passover season during which Jesus fed a very large crowd with a boy's small lunch.

"John 12:1 introduces the Passover season during which Jesus died."

Note: Jesus began in ministry in the late autumn of 27 AD. Counting the Passovers and knowing that He was killed on the 4th Passover helps to establish the duration of His ministry.