

The Life of Jesus

Here are some of the important events in Jesus' life as they are described in the Gospels.

The Annunciation

God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary she was going to be the mother of Jesus, God's own Son.

The Nativity

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in a shelter for animals. Angels told shepherds the good news that the Savior was born.

The Presentation

At the Temple in Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving for Jesus' birth. Simeon and Anna, two prophets, recognized Jesus as the Messiah.

The Epiphany

Wise teachers from faraway lands came to worship Jesus.



The Escape to Egypt

An angry king threatened to kill Jesus. Joseph, his foster father, was warned in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt.

The Young Jesus in the Temple

On a trip to Jerusalem for the Passover, Jesus became separated from Mary and Joseph. They looked for him and found him in the Temple, talking about God's word with wise teachers.

Jesus' Baptism by John

When Jesus was about thirty years old, he began his public life of teaching. He was baptized in the Jordan River by his cousin John, a prophet.

The Temptation in the Desert

After his baptism Jesus went alone to the desert to pray and fast. He was tempted by Satan, but he remained true to God, his Father.

Jesus Calls the Apostles

Jesus gathered a group of special friends and helpers called the apostles. Other men and women also followed Jesus and helped him in his work.

Jesus Teaches

Jesus taught crowds of people about God's love. He told stories called parables.

Jesus Heals

In the name of God, his Father, Jesus healed people who were sick or troubled. He forgave sins.

Jesus Shows God's Love

Jesus worked miracles, or powerful signs of God's love. He changed water into wine at a marriage feast. He fed thousands of people with only a little food. He brought people who were dead back to life.

Jesus Enters Jerusalem

After about three years of teaching, Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover. He knew he faced death because certain leaders were angry with him. Some people, waving palm branches, welcomed Jesus as a king as he rode into the city.

The Last Supper

On the night before he died, Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his friends. He washed their feet as a sign that they should serve others. He shared himself with them in the first Eucharist.



In the Garden

After supper Jesus went to a garden with his friends to pray. One of his friends betrayed him by turning Jesus over to the leaders who wanted to kill him. Jesus was arrested and taken to jail.

The Trial

Jesus was accused of acting against the law. He was whipped and beaten. The leaders sentenced Jesus to death.

The Crucifixion

Jesus was executed by being nailed to a cross. While he hung on the cross,



he forgave those who had sentenced him. Then Jesus died.

The Burial

Jesus' body was taken to a tomb. The tomb was sealed with a large stone.

The Resurrection

On the third day after Jesus' death, God the Father raised him to new life. When Jesus' friends visited his tomb, they found the stone removed and the tomb empty. Later Jesus himself appeared to them in glory.

The Ascension

Forty days after the resurrection, Jesus returned to his Father in heaven. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to teach and guide the Church.