

Chronological Table

As with all ancient history, most dates are approximations. At several points these rely on particular arguments reflected in the text. Main journeys are in bold text; letters are in capitals.

?4 BC	Birth of Jesus of Nazareth
?AD 5–10	Birth of Saul of Tarsus
30	Crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth
?33	Revelation of Jesus to Saul on the road to Damascus
33–36	Paul in Damascus, Arabia, Damascus again
36	Paul’s first post-Damascus visit to Jerusalem (Gal. 1:18–24)
36–46	Paul in Tarsus; brought to Antioch by Barnabas
40	Caligula’s plans to erect his statue in Jerusalem
41	Assassination of Caligula; accession of Claudius
46/47	“Famine visit” to Jerusalem (Acts 11:30; Gal. 2:1–10)
47–48	Paul and Barnabas on first missionary journey: Cyprus and South Galatia
48	Peter in Antioch (Gal. 2:11–21); Crisis in Galatia
48	GALATIANS
48/49	Jerusalem Conference (Acts 15)
?49	Claudius’s expulsion of Jews from Rome
49	Paul and Silas on second missionary journey: Greece
50/51	1 and 2 THESSALONIANS
51 (early)–52 (late)	Paul in Corinth
52/53	Paul in Jerusalem, Antioch; third missionary journey: Ephesus
53–56	Paul in Ephesus
?53	1 CORINTHIANS
53/54	Short, painful visit to Corinth
54	Death of Claudius; accession of Nero
?55–56	Imprisonment in Ephesus
?55	PHILIPPIANS
?55/56	PHILEMON, COLOSSIANS, EPHESIANS
56	Release from prison; travel from Ephesus to Corinth

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56	2 CORINTHIANS
57	ROMANS
57	Travel from Corinth to Jerusalem
57–59	“Hearings” and imprisonment in Jerusalem and Caesarea
59, autumn	Voyage to Rome; shipwreck on Malta
60, early	Arrival in Rome
60–62	House arrest in Rome
?62–64	Further travels, either to Spain or to the East, or both?
?after 62	1 and 2 TIMOTHY, TITUS?
64	Fire in Rome; persecution of Christians
?64 or later	Death of Paul
66–70	Roman-Jewish war 68 Death of Nero 70 Fall of Jerusalem ¹

¹ N. T. Wright, *Paul: A Biography* (San Francisco: HarperOne, 2018), 433.