

Excerpt from James Ussher's 'Annals Of The World', about the four Passovers:

6303. Now we have arrived at the public ministry of Christ, whose acts we have recorded according to the four distinct Passovers, which we can gather from the harmony of the four gospels, as written by that learned man who has laboured much in the studies of the Holy Scriptures, John Richardson, Doctor of Divinity and worthy Bishop of Ardah, in our province of Armagh. In this record, it is noteworthy that only Matthew neglected the order of time, which is constantly observed by the other three gospels (if you exclude the parenthesis when John was cast into prison by Herod.) {#Lu 3:19,20} [E820]

Program Author's Comments – my best guess information about Dr John Richardson:

“From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

Doctor John Richardson (born Linton, Cambridgeshire — died 1625) was Master of Trinity College, Cambridge from 1615 until his death. He was first made a Fellow of Emmanuel College, and then Master of Peterhouse before accepting the same position at Trinity, where he was also Regius Professor of Divinity, and served in 1617 and 1618 as Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Richardson was a skilled linguist, and he served in the "First Cambridge Company", charged by James I of England with the translation of the books of the Old Testament from the Books of Chronicles to Song of Songs (comprising most of the Ketuvim) for the King James Version of the Bible."

Program Author's Comments – other than what is written above, I can only surmise that Dr John Richardson's work was highly regarded by James Ussher. James Ussher, a meticulous historian, would not have used his work had he not respected it. And we can only guess what influence he had on a younger James Ussher (1581-1656), the Annals of The World, and even the Reformation developing at that time.

This program attempts to diagram Dr Richardson's work. From the Annals of the World text, I have itemized sections on a screen to demonstrate a chronological picture of Christ's earthly life. Behind each item is the supporting text of Dr Richardson's work. To further enhance the demonstration, a button called Synoptic Verses will present the Bible verses supporting each item (KJV or NIV 1984). Another button called 'Chronological Detail' (WordPad) will list the four Gospel's in a 'suggested' chronological order. Opinions and a 'second pair of eyes' would certainly be appreciated.

I know there will be differences of opinion about this work, but I do believe this work is useful if accepted for what it is, a scholarly attempt to define an order of events. I tried to maintain Dr. Richardson's work throughout. I may have added a section of verses that may have not been included, but only to present a complete visual; I did not see any conflict with the original work.

Finally, I also have highlighted where the Gospel narrative seemed to disagree (WP – highlighted in color). However, it is interesting to note that Matthew's major difference in chronology is mostly isolated to chapters 8 through 13. We can only speculate? And overall, I was impressed mostly by how the 4 Gospels were so amazingly complimentary, even though Matthew's account is scattered as I have already mentioned. A testament to God's inspiration through fallible men?

I have pointed out one, or 2 (Judas' suicide) differences of opinion but only to demonstrate how we can accept a work for what it is, and yet not condemn the entire work. The timing of the appearance of the Magi, after Jesus' birth, is a more contentious item than I ever imagined. I see the traditions aspect (and possibly the idolatry concept), but I do not see condemning another view because of this difference. I have investigated the historical and gospel narratives and do see where either view may be correct. And the difference between the two views, to me, seems so minimal, however...

I do see where this work should help us to study God's Word on its own merit. Paul in Acts 17 (11. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.) commended the Bereans for their zeal about the study of God's Word. Each time I go through the items in this program, I get a sense of actually being with Jesus, hearing what he said, when he said it, to whom he said it, and the responses to what he said. Also by comparing each item from parallel accounts, I see a consensus of what happened and get a deeper understanding of the 36 years of Christ's Earthly Life.

**** Chronological Events of Christ's Earthly Life (& last 4 Passovers) ****

01. Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace: year from 1/bc-ad. Mal 4:1

**** The First 33 Years ****

02. WithZechariah/WithMary/WithElizabeth/WithJohn/Joseph	3999b- 5 BC
03. JesusBirthBethlehem/Magi?/Circumcise8/Simeon40/Magi?	4000a- 5 BC
04. The Flight To Egypt / DeathOfHerod I / Return To Nazereth	4000b- 4 BC
05. JesusAt12 In The Temple During Passover/ManAmongMen	4011--- 8 AD
06. The30thOrLastJubilee/John:AfterMeOneMorePowerfulThanI	4030a-26 AD
07. Jesus' Baptism/Trinity/WildernessSatan/TeacherAmongMen	4030b-27 AD
08. 4th Year Of John/Elijah/Prophet/Behold, The Lamb Of God	4033a-29 AD
09. Andrew+CephasIntro/Philip+Nathanael/1stMiracleCana	4033b-30 AD

10. **** The First Passover Begins (Joh 2:13) ****

- 11. Jerusalem/ScourgeInTheTemple/Authority/NicodemusNight 4033b-30 AD
- 12. JudeaBaptise/JohnLess/JesusMost/JohnPrison/Baptise/Galilee 4034a-30 AD
- 13. SamaritanWomanWell/GalileeWelcome/CanaNoblemanSon 4034a-30 AD
- 14. Naz.Isaiah/Caper./EvilBeQuiet/SimonMotherInLaw/MoveOn 4034b-31 AD
- 15. Galilee/Big Catch/Andrew+Peter/James+John/LeperBeClean 4034b-31 AD
- 16. CapernaumThruTheRoof/Levi-Meal/Wineskins/SabbathLord 4034b-31 AD

17. **** The Second Passover Begins (Joh 5:1) ****

- 18. Jerus./BethesdaPool/Father'sWork/WitheredHand/SoMany? 4034b-31 AD
- 19. Mount Pray/12 Official/Teach-Heal/Intervention/The Sermon 4034b-31 AD
- 20. Caper.Cent.Servant/Nain:Widow'sSon/?John/?Sodom/MyYoke 4034b-31 AD
- 21. SimonThePharisee/WashTears-WipeHair/WomenSupporting 4034b-31 AD
- 22. Beelzebub/BlasphemeSpirit/NoSignButJonah's/Jesus'Family? 4034b-31 AD
- 23. SeedWeedHarvestKingdom/DeadBury/Storm/GadareneSwine 4034b-31 AD
- 24. Jairus'/HemOfGarment/BlindMute/ACarpenter?/HisSiblings? 4034b-31 AD
- 25. LaborersAreFew/DisciplesSentOut2x2/Jesus (-12) ForATime 4034b-31 AD
- 26. Herod II Curious/JohnDead/12 Return-Tales/BethsaidaRest? 4035b-32 AD
- 27. Feed5000/WalkOnWater/PeterSinks/GennesaretTouchCloak 4035b-32 AD
- 28. Caper./BreadLife/Heaven/Blood/Deserters/1ADevil/Unwashed 4035b-32 AD

29. **** TheThird Passover Begins (Joh 6:4) ****

- 30. Tyre/Syrophoenician/Speak,NoTalk/Heal/GalileeFeed4000 4035b-32 AD
- 31. Magdala/JonahAgain/The Leaven/ Bethsaida-Blind-Spittle 4035b-32 AD
- 32. CaesareaP/TheChrist /Transfig./LittleFaith/FromTheDead 4035b-32 AD
- 33. Capernaum/FishCoin/Greatest;Least/70x7/InJesus'Name 4035b-32 AD
- 34. BrothersMock/Fox'/70x2/FromGod/LivingWater/Nicodemus 4036a-32 AD
- 35. TempleSinNoMore/LightOfWorldFromGod/Abraham/IAM 4036a-32 AD
- 36. WhoSinned/GoodShepard/70Return/Lawyer/Mary+Martha 4036a-32 AD
- 37. AskSeek/WithMeOr/Jonah/WoeToPharisee/LeavenKillBody 4036b-33 AD
- 38. Inherit/Barns/Worry/Busy+Ready/AllGuilty/MustardSeed 4036b-33 AD
- 39. NarrowWay/Herod/PhariseeFeast/GreatFeast/EarsToHear 4036b-33 AD
- 40. LostSheepCoinSon/2Masters/LazarusRichMan/Millstone 4036b-33 AD
- 41. 10Leper/DaysOfNoah/PersistWidow/Phar+TaxCollector 4036b-33 AD
- 42. MySheep/Father+I=1/TeachHeal/Marriage/LittleChildren 4036b-33 AD
- 43. RichRuler/Who/FirstLast/LazarusDead/DieToo/4DaysDead 4036b-33 AD

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| 44. Caiaphas/WeAreGoing!/Greatest/JerichoBlind/Zacchaeus | 4036b-33 AD |
| 45. JerichoBlind2/WiseInvest/Bethany/Lazarus/Mary+Martha2 | 4036b-33 AD |
| 46. BethpageColt/Palms/Cloaks/Hosanna!/WeepForJerusalem | 4036b-33 AD |
| 47. BuySell/Heal/Greeks/SonOfMan/ArmOfLordRevealedTo? | 4036b-33 AD |
| 48. FigTreeCurse/TempleBuySell/PriestsAnger/FigTreeDead | 4036b-33 AD |
| 49. WhatAuthority/Vineyard/Capstone/Wedding/GiveCaesar | 4036b-33 AD |
| 50. Who'sHerHusband/GreatCommand/Footstool/8Woes/Mite | 4036b-33 AD |
| 51. CityDestroyed/End/DayHour?/10Virgin/Talent/SheepGoats | 4036b-33 AD |
| 52. 2MoreDays/SonOfMan/SimonLeper/Alaba.Box/Judas+Plot | 4036b-33 AD |

53. ** The Fourth Passover Begins (Mark 14:12) **

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| 54. LastSupper/FootWash/Judas/NotMe3!/NewPlace+Teacher | 4036b-33 AD |
| 55. Vine-Love-Hate/Comfort-Joy/PrayForUs/MtOlive/PraySleep | 4036b-33 AD |
| 56. Sieze/Ear/Annas/Caiaphas/FalseWitness/NotMe(3)/Judas | 4036b-33 AD |
| 57. PilateMarvells/Innocent/WhatIsTruth/JewsInsist/ToHerod | 4036b-33 AD |
| 58. Pilate-Innocent/Jews-Crucify/FreeBarabbas/BloodyHands | 4036b-33 AD |
| 59. Robe/Thorns/Mocking/CarryCross/Simon/ComingWoes | 4036b-33 AD |
| 60. Rex/Forgive/Garments/SaveYourself/1ThiefSaved/YourSon | 4036b-33 AD |
| 61. Finis/SonOfGod/Veil/Graves/Legs/Prep/Burial/Watch/Risen | 4036b-33 AD |
| 62. Appears/Emmaus/To11InJeurs/Tiberias/GoYe/Bethany..... | 4036b-33 AD |