

Basic New Testament Chronology

63 BCE	Pompey conquers Jerusalem for Rome
ca. 6–4 BCE	birth of Jesus
ca. 30–33 CE	crucifixion of Jesus
ca. 32–36 CE	Paul becomes a follower of Christ
ca. 46–65 CE	Paul's missionary journeys and imprisonment (as recorded in Acts); Paul's letters written during this period
ca. 62–65 CE	martyrdom of Peter and Paul in Rome
ca. 65–73 CE	Gospel of Mark written
66 CE	outbreak of Jewish war with Rome
70 CE	destruction of the Jerusalem temple
73 CE	fall of Masada—definitive end of the Jewish war
ca. 80–100 CE	other New Testament books written: Matthew, Luke, John, Acts, and “second-generation” letters by followers of the original apostles