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CHRONOLOGY OF THE LIFE OF CHRIST

FOLLOWING HIS STEPS

An Effort to Harmonize the Gospels

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**PROVING THE YEAR OF CHRIST'S
BIRTH**

In A.D. 532 (or was it A.D. 527?) the monk Dionysius Exiguus started a "Christian" system of dating events, beginning with the year he believed Christ was born. He called the years after the birth of Christ "anno Domini". A.D. is the abbreviation for anno Domini, which is Latin for "in the year of our Lord". The years before the birth of Christ are called B.C. (before Christ). According to this system Historical Events shown as happening in A.D. were supposed to have taken place after the birth of Christ, and the events that took place before Christ would be shown as BC.

However it has been proven and generally accepted by most Historians and Scholars that Dionysius Exiguus started with the wrong date for the birth of Christ. According to well established Roman history, the Herod mentioned in Matthew 2 died in 4 BC (using the dating system created by Exiguus). According to the Scriptures (Matt. 2:16) Christ had already been born, but was no more than 2 years old. That would place the birth of

Christ at about 5 BC and no later than 4 BC. We know from Scripture that Christ was about thirty years old when he was baptized by John and began his ministry (Luke 3:21-23). Everyone generally agrees from the Gospel Records that his ministry was about three and one half years (3 1/2) placing his death at the age of 33 1/2 in the correct year of 30 A.D. and not 33 1/2 A.D. based on the system of counting by Dionysius Exiguus.

Almost all common dates using the system of counting by Dionysius Exiguus must be adjusted by a factor of about 4 years. Taking that into consideration and using Scripture to support this position, and assuming that Christ was born in September or October I calculate the YEAR of the birth and death of Jesus as follows:

5 BC - September/October - Jesus born of a virgin

4 BC - September/October - Jesus was 1 year old

**** 4 BC was the year Herod had all the male children from 2 years and younger killed - see Matthew 2 - after this, according to Roman and Jewish Historians, Herod died.**

3 BC - September/October - Jesus was 2 years old

2 BC - September/October - Jesus was 3 years old

1 BC - September/October - Jesus was 4 years old

1 AD - September/October - Jesus was 5 years old

2 AD - September/October - Jesus was 6 years old

3 AD - September/October - Jesus was 7 years old

4 AD - September/October - Jesus was 8 years old

5 AD - September/October - Jesus was 9 years old

6 AD - September/October - Jesus was 10 years old

7 AD - September/October - Jesus was 11 years old

8 AD - September/October - Jesus was 12 years old

9AD - Month of Nisan = March or April - Jesus was taken to the

Passover at the age of 12 - Luke 2:41-50

9 AD - September/October - Jesus was 13 years old

10- AD - September/October - Jesus was 14 years old

11 AD - September/October - Jesus was 15 years old

12 AD - September/October - Jesus was 16 years old

13 AD - September/October - Jesus was 17 years old

14 AD - September/October - Jesus was 18 years old

15 AD - September/October - Jesus was 19 years old

16 AD - September/October - Jesus was 20 years old

17 AD - September/October - Jesus was 21 years old

18 AD - September/October - Jesus was 22 years old

19 AD - September/October - Jesus was 23 years old

20 AD - September/October - Jesus was 24 years old

21 AD - September/October - Jesus was 25 years old

22 AD - September/October - Jesus was 26 years old

23 AD - September/October - Jesus was 27 years old

24 AD - September/October - Jesus was 28 years old

25 AD - September/October - Jesus was 29 years old

**** This was the 15th year of the reign of Tiberius, Emperor of Rome - see Luke 3. According to the Dionysius Exiguus system, Tiberius began to reign in 14 AD - ad 15 = 29 AD minus 4 years adjustment factor = 25 AD.**

26 AD - September/October - Jesus was 30 years old

**** When Jesus was about 30 years of age - He was baptized by John and began his earthly ministry - see - Luke 3:21-23. This event began the 70th week of Daniel's prophecy of 70 weeks (or 490 years). This was "unto Messiah the prince" of Daniel 9:25.**

27 AD - Month of Nisan = March or April - Jesus was 30 1/2 years old and went to the Passover in Jerusalem - see John 2:13-25

28 AD - Month of Nisan = March or April - Jesus was 31 1/2 years old

29 AD - Month of Nisan = March or April - Jesus was 32 1/2 years old

30 AD - Month of Nisan = March or April - Jesus was 33 1/2 years old.

He went to the Passover in Jerusalem where he was crucified on Wednesday the 14th of Nisan. This event took place in the midst of the 70th week according to Daniel's prophecy - see Daniel 9:24-27.

This is how I understand it, others may see it differently.

We should not be dogmatic about these things to the point where we "bite and devour one another" over such things as we may disagree. (BA)

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