

2. Opening Ministry

		Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
	<i>OPENING MINISTRY</i>				
9	Jesus Cleanses the Temple				2:13-22
	<i>First Passover</i>				
	Through his signs many believe				2:23-25
	Nicodemus Visits Jesus				3:1-21
10	Jesus baptises in Judea				3:22
	John baptises in Aenon				3:23-24
	John witnesses in support of Jesus				3:25-36
	John cast into prison			3:19-20	
11	Jesus leaves Judea for Galilee via Samaria	4:12a	1:14a	4:14a	4:1-4
	Teaching the woman of Samaria				4:5-26
	Instructing her people				4:27-42
	Preaching in Galilee	4:12b	1:14b	4:14-15	4:43-45
12	Returning to Cana				4:46
	Jesus heals the nobleman's son (2 nd sign)				4:46-54
13	Jesus is rejected at Nazareth	4:13		4:16-30	

"And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise."

John 2:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

"Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?"

John 4:29

"And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country."

Luke 4:24

Summary of the Opening Ministry

The Lord's 'Opening Ministry' sees the first of the last four visits to Jerusalem for the Passover. On this occasion he cleansed the Temple. He then preached throughout Judea, returned through Samaria (preaching to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well), and then moved north to Galilee. Rejected by the people of Nazareth, he made Capernaum his headquarters.

The Imprisonment of John

This is recorded in [Luke 3:19-20](#). Luke intimates that chronologically it is later that John was imprisoned. This appears to have taken place after John's witness in support of Jesus in [John 3:25-36](#) in which he testifies that, "he must increase and I must decrease". The events of John 4 concerning the woman of Samaria take place AFTER John is imprisoned as the parallel records indicate ([Matt 4:12](#); [Mk 1:14](#)).

