

Timeline

c. 4 BCE	Jesus born
c. 26 CE	John the Baptist begins his ministry
c. 27	Jesus begins his ministry
c. 30	Crucifixion of Jesus
c. 35	Conversion of Saul (becomes Paul)
c. 36	Martyrdom of Stephen
c. 46–48	Paul's first missionary journey
c. 49	Council of Jerusalem
c. 50–52	Paul's second missionary journey
c. 53–57	Paul's third missionary journey
c. 59–62	Paul imprisoned in Rome
c. 68	Martyrdom of Paul
70	Fall of Jerusalem
325	Council of Nicaea
380	Christianity made official religion of Roman Empire
381	Council of Constantinople
451	Council of Chalcedon
1054	Great Schism between East and West
1200	Bible available in twenty-two languages
1383	Bible translated into English from Latin by John Wycliff
1415	Council of Constance
1453	Constantinople falls to the Muslim Ottoman Turks; Islamic service of thanksgiving is held in the church of Saint Sophia
1496	First Christian baptisms in the New World, on island of Hispaniola
1517	Martin Luther posts <i>Ninety-Five Theses</i>
1536	John Calvin's <i>Institutes of the Christian Religion</i> published
1542	Francis Xavier goes to Portuguese colony of Goa, India
1584	Matteo Ricci and a Chinese scholar translate a catechism into Chinese
1605	Roberto de Nobili traveled to India
1611	King James (Authorized) Version of the Bible produced
1644	John Eliot begins ministry to Algonquians in North America
1706	Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, pietist missionary, arrives in Tranqubar, India; establishes first Protestant church in India
1738	John Wesley, founder of Methodism, feels his "heart strangely warmed"

1810	American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission (ABCFM) established, the first American Christian missionary organization
1869	First Vatican Council
1885	Horace Grant Underwood (Presbyterian) and Henry Appenzeller (Methodist) arrive in Korea
1906	Azusa Street Revival; early Pentecostalism
1910	World Missionary Conference, Edinburgh
1948	Founding of World Council of Churches
1962–65	Second Vatican Council
1973	Billy Graham attracts 4.5 million people to his services in six Korean cities
1974	Lausanne Covenant is written and ratified
1989	First woman ordained in an apostolic-succession church (Episcopal Church)
2001	Armenia marks 1,700th anniversary of Christianity as its state religion
2008	Conservative Anglicans plan to split from liberal Anglicans in the “Jerusalem Declaration”
2013	Pope Francis, an Argentinean, became first non-European pope