

General Chronology of the Early Church (Apostolic Age) period. Dates are rarely exact but in the ball park.

- 29-30...Pentecost, the beginning of the Christian church as a body politic
 44 The death of Herod. The conversion of Paul is before this...perhaps
 36-38 as is the moving of the Gospel to the Gentiles in the days of
 Cornelius. See the New Testament Survey notes for more precise data.
 52 Claudius expels the Jews from Rome
 54 Beginning of Nero's rule
 64 Burning of Rome: the Neronian persecution
 67 Suggested dates for the martyrdom of Peter and Paul in Rome
 Jewish insurrection in Palestine
 70 Titus destroys Jerusalem. Jews are forbidden to be there. Christians
 fled before the downfall and have lost whatever filial emotion they
 had with the Jews.
 73 Fall of Masada, the Josephus era
 79 Titus is made emperor
 81 Domitian rules Rome. Persecutions of a sporadic sort. It seems that
 exile was a favorite device and John was likely sent to Patmos as
 a Christian exile during the reign of Domitian.
 91 Suggested date for the first letter of Clement, a bishop in Rome.
 96 About this time...John writes Revelation, perhaps his Gospel, maybe
 even the letters.
 98 Trajan rules Rome
 99 Supposed death of John..the only Apostle to die a "natural" death if
 the traditions are right.
 104 Pliny/Trajan correspondence regarding Christians and persecution
 112 The Ignatian era
 117 Rule of Hadrian
 123 Suggested dates for the early apologies of Quadratus, Aristides
 132 Bar Chochba revolt
 135 End of Jewish war and revolt
 140 Approximate date for first version of Apostle's Creed
 Antonius Pius began rule in 138 and offered some shelter to Christians
 150 Justin Martyr active...first Apology in 151
 154 Martyrdom of Polycarp.

These are not given for memory but only to give a rough guide as to the progress of things. There are very few dates in history that you need to know but there is a progression of facts that is important and that progression is broadly indicated in chronological tables.