Notes

1 Scholars believe the Gospel of Matthew was written between AD 50–70 and Luke’s account was written around AD 63 (https://carm.org/when-were-gospels-written-and-by-whom). This falls within the lifetime of many of those who knew Jesus. Jude, the half-brother of Jesus, likely wrote his epistle between AD 67 and 80 (https://www.insight.org/resources/bible/the-general-epistles/jude), and was alive when Matthew and Luke wrote. Peter wasn’t martyred for his faith until AD 64–68, and so was alive when at least Luke’s Gospel was written. Church history says that Mary lived with John, as Jesus requested from the cross (Jn 19:26), and that they spent their senior years near Ephesus, where she was buried (Eusebius, Hist. Eccl., III, 31; V, 24, P.G., XX, 280, 493). Thus she would have been alive when both Gospels were written.

2 http://www.nazarethmyth.info/.


5 http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/biblical-sites-places/biblical-archaeology-sites/has-the-childhood-home-of-jesus-been-found/.


8 http://www.timesofisrael.com/was-jesus-born-in-a-different-bethlehem/.


15 http://www.bibleplaces.com/southerntm/.

16 http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/daily/people-cultures-in-the-bible/jesus-historical-jesus/bible-scholar-brent-landau-asks-%E2%80%9Cwho-were-the-magi%E2%80%9D/.


20 Dr. Scott Stripling, personal communication, Dec. 3, 2016.
21 http://nabataea.net/intro.html.