

The Official Believed

John 4:46-54



Key Concept

Faith includes believing in Jesus' authority and power

**Jesus performs His
first miracle at the wedding
in Cana
(John 2:1-12)**

**Jesus performs His
second miracle in
Cana
(John 4:46-54)**

**Nicodemus visits Jesus
at night (John 3:1-21)**

**Jesus speaks with the
Samaritan woman
(John 4:1-42)**

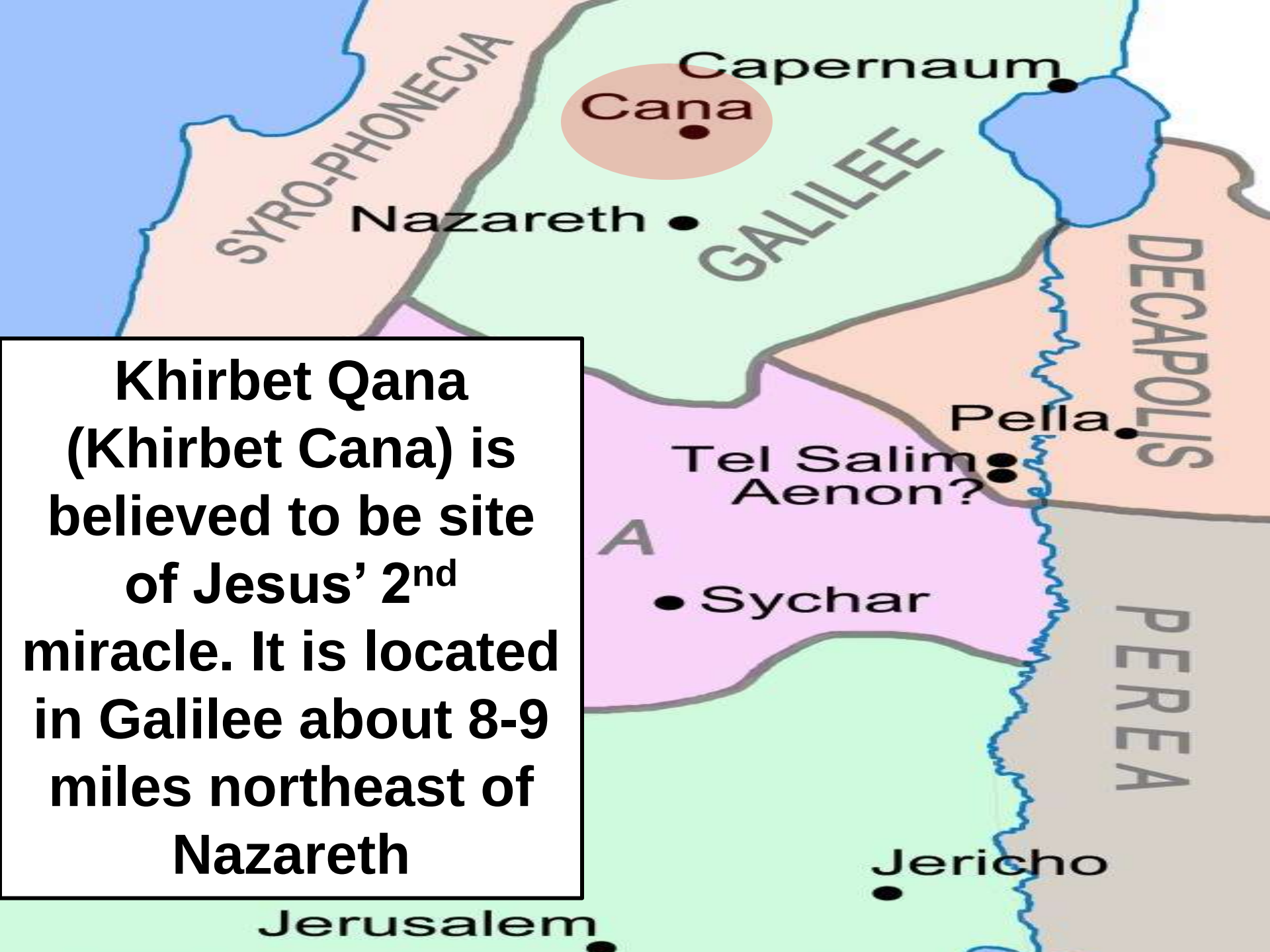
**Jesus cleanses the temple
(John 2:13-22)**

**Jesus is rejected in Nazareth
(Luke 4:16-30)**

Map of Ancient Galilee



**Khirbet Qana
(Khirbet Cana) is
believed to be site
of Jesus' 2nd
miracle. It is located
in Galilee about 8-9
miles northeast of
Nazareth**



- **What do we know about this official?**

- 1) Very likely a government official who was working for King Herod Antipas

- 2) Not named, but Christian scholars believe his name was Chuza, whose wife, Joanna (financially/physically supported Jesus)

- **What was Jesus' initial response to the Official's plea?**

- He initially rebuked the official and challenged the crowd and the official to not rely only on a visual miracle rather than trusting God's word

•How far geographically was the official's son located from where he spoke to Jesus?

Estimated to be about 20-25 miles. A 7-8 hour walk through hilly region of Galilee. There is an actual modern "Jesus hiking trail" there.

•What does this event teach us about faith?

- 1) Strive to exercise true faith that is not based on a sign or miracle (read the word)**
- 2) Jesus' grace can overcome any anxious expectation of your circumstances / outcome**
- 3) Experiencing God's faithfulness should / must lead you to deeper faith**
- 4) Remember Jesus doesn't need to come with you for you to receive His blessing**



Nazareth to Capernaum

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•Can you list the steps that both we and this official did and should progress from this event?

- 1) Desperate, demanding faith, needing Jesus to physically show up**
- 2) Transition from immature sign-seeking to mature, obedient faith.**
- 3) Trusting faith believing Jesus' word.**
- 4) Believing in Jesus as the Messiah, saving faith**