

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

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PREFACE

The Greatest Story Ever Told

My goal is to present a detailed outline of the Life of Jesus from Old Testament times to His ascension back into Heaven as noted in the Book of Acts

Pictures and maps will be used to help visualize His journeys while here on earth

INTRODUCTION

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Gen 1:1-2

God gave us the Bible so we can learn about Him and to learn how He wants us to live our lives

Progressive revelation: ex. the Messiah, the Trinity

THE BEGINNING...

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; John 1:1-3

Man was created with a free will... this has had significant consequences

God is Love

Adam and Eve originally had a blissful relationship with God while in the Garden of Eden

God asked them to follow Him...

THE FALL OF MAN

Unfortunately, Eve and Adam did not resist the temptations of Satan...

This resulted in their fall from grace

The consequences of their sin follow...

The Old Testament (Covenant) times

The days of Noah...

The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. Gen 6:5

The Flood

ABRAHAM

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you.

2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." Gen 12:1-3

Abram heads west to the "Promised Land"

THE PATRIARCHAL STAGE

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and his twelve sons

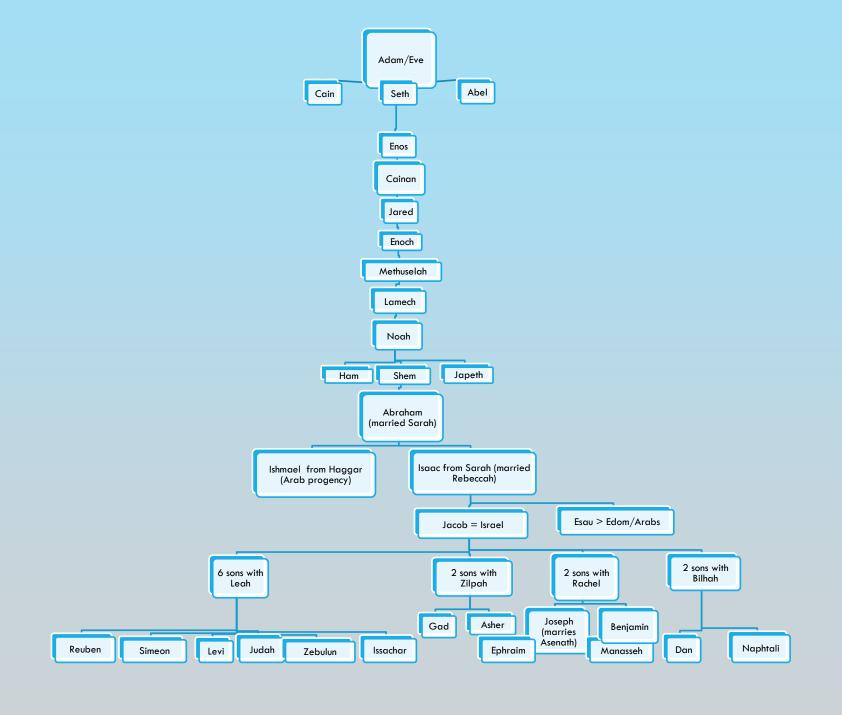
Joseph is sold into slavery and ends up as the Prime Minister of Egypt!

Eventually, the Jewish people become slaves to the Pharaohs of Egypt

Moses leads them out of Egypt

The Law is given at Mt. Sinai

Wandering in the desert for 40 years due to their lack of faith



THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

God gave mankind a system to gain forgiveness of their sins – repentance and sacrifice

This was seen as early as with Cain and Abel

Further conceptualization is seen in Egypt during the incredible Passover night

The blood of a lamb was necessary for salvation

The Law gave more details on this concept of repentance and sacrifice

Day of Atonement – yearly observance necessary

JOSHUA, JUDGES AND KINGS

The passage into the Promised Land by Joshua

Over the Jordan and the fall of Jericho

The dark days of the Judges

King Saul, David and Solomon

The Divided Kingdom follows:

Israel – the Northern Kingdom

Judah – the Southern Kingdom

Israel falls to Assyria (721 BC) and Judah falls to Babylonia (605 BC)

The Return Stage

THE POINT OF THIS SUMMATION...

God had planned from the beginning how He would save mankind

God gave man the Law and the Sacrificial System

Lessons were to be learned!

Faith in God is required for salvation... no one will be saved via the Law

Sacrifice will be required for salvation

Since the time of Jesus' life on earth, we are all asked to place our faith in Him for our salvation

THE MESSIAH

The Jews awaited the coming of their Messiah as prophesied all throughout the Old Testament

The Messiah would soon come, but most of the Jews would not recognize Him as the Christ... the Messiah

They were awaiting His coming in political power and glorious splendor:

Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, and the LORD Almighty will shield them. Zech 9:14-15

From the west, men will fear the name of the LORD, and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory. Isaiah 59:19

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. Isaiah 9:6-7

MESSIAH — HIS FIRST VISIT

He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:2-5

I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:6-7

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zech 9:9

There are dozens more Old Testament verses that herald the coming of the "suffering" Messiah that we saw come two thousand years ago...

Jesus will come again... the next time, He will come in all of His glory and power... even more amazingly glorious than the Jews had imagined He would

THE LIFE OF CHRIST ON EARTH

The Jews miss His coming... except for a remnant

Oddly, most of the Jews did not see the evidence in the Old Testament

The Life of Christ – a word on the dating in these lectures

The Birth of Christ – 5 B.C.

The story of Zechariah

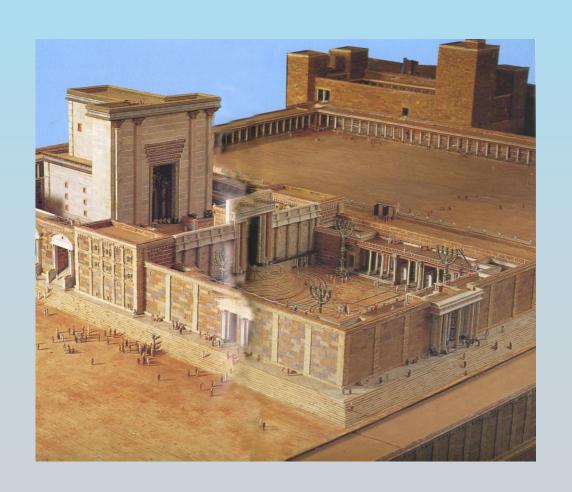
GABRIEL SPEAKS TO ZECHARIAH...

the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John.

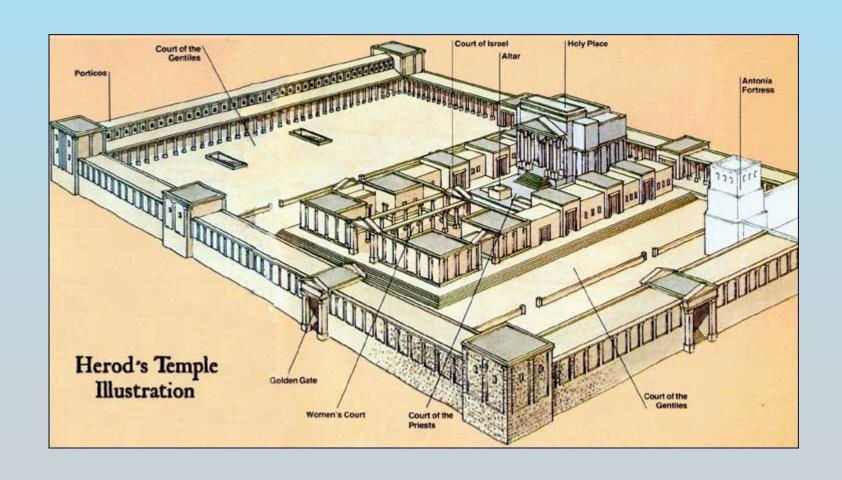
14 He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth,

15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. 16 Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. 17 And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah Luke 1:13-17

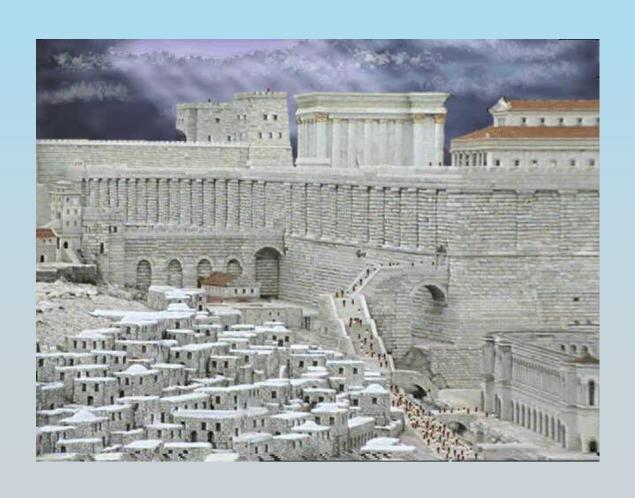
"HEROD'S" TEMPLE



DETAILS OF TEMPLE



TEMPLE AND SURROUNDINGS



FIRST CENTURY JERUSALEM



ZECHARIAH'S STORY CONTINUES...

A moment of doubt...

Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." Luke 1:18

Zechariah is struck dumb

Elizabeth soon conceives

Joseph and Mary in Nazareth

Mary has an encounter with Gabriel...

GABRIEL SPEAKS TO MARY...

"Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." 34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" Luke 1:30-34

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God." 38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:35-38

JOSEPH'S PREDICAMENT...

Joseph hears about the baby... and has doubts about the explanation...

Gabriel appears to Joseph in a dream to allay Joseph's fears "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" --which means, "God with us."

Matt 1:20-23

MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Luke 1:41-44

THE MAGNIFICAT

"My soul glorifies the Lord 47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, 48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me-- holy is his name. 50 His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. 51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. 52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. 54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful 55 to Abraham and his descendants forever, even as he said to our fathers." Luke 1:46-55

MARY AND ELIZABETH

Mary stayed a while longer with her cousin; then she returned home to Nazareth to be with Joseph

Elizabeth delivers a fine son!

The 8th day...

Zechariah is able to say his son's name... John

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David."

Luke 1:68-69

ZECHARIAH'S SONG CONTINUED...

salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us-- to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins." Luke 1:71-77

OFF TO BETHLEHEM...

The decree of Caesar Augustus

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. Luke 2:1-5

NO ROOM AT THE INN

When Mary and Joseph arrive, they find no rooms to lodge for the night.

They stay in a barn and then Mary goes into labor

While they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:6-7

THE SHEPHERDS AND THE ANGELS

Angels visit shepherds on one very special night...

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:8-14

JESUS — HIS FIRST FEW DAYS...

The first days of life...

Time to go to Jerusalem

"Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD" (Exodus 13:2,12,15), and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." (Lev. 12:8)

Luke 2:23-24

Simeon receives his promise from God!

SIMEON'S STORY...

Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke 2:27-32

PANGS OF ANXIETY...

Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Luke 2:34-35

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. Luke 2:36

Anna also told all that came to the Temple that day that the baby Jesus was the Messiah!

THE EARLY YEARS...

Time was spent in Nazareth

Joseph takes his family back to Bethlehem

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, Matt 2:1-3

AN ANCIENT PROPHECY

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. "Micah 5:2

Herod is worried...

Herod has a plan...

The wise men meet Jesus!

JESUS RECEIVES PRESENTS FOR A KING

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with **gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh**. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. Matt 2:9-12

JOSEPH FLEES TO EGYPT

An angel warns Joseph of pending danger

Herod goes beserk!

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under... Matt 2:16

Herod dies in \sim 4 B.C.

Back to Nazareth ~3 B.C.

JESUS BECOMES A NAZARENE

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene." Matt 2:19-23

FIRST VISIT TO JERUSALEM...

Jesus visits Jerusalem at the age of twelve (A.D. 7)

After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Luke 2:43-48

JESUS ANSWERS MARY...

"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Luke 2:49-50

The family returns to Nazareth where Jesus grows to manhood and becomes a carpenter as was His earthly father, Joseph

JESUS AND JOHN THE BAPTIST

The years pass and Jesus grows to adulthood...

The wilderness of Judea... (A.D. 25-26)

John the Baptist in the Jordan

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah:

"A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him."

John's clothes were made of camel's hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. Matt 3:1-6

JOHN TELLS OF THE COMING JESUS

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matt 3:11-12

This event occurred in ~A.D. 26

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JOHN BAPTIZES JESUS

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matt 3:13-17

All members of the Trinity appear here, at the Jordan River

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

At 30 years old, Jesus begins His wonderful ministry to the world

Jesus was in the line of: Nathan, the son of David, the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab, the son of Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Kenan, the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

Luke 3:31-38

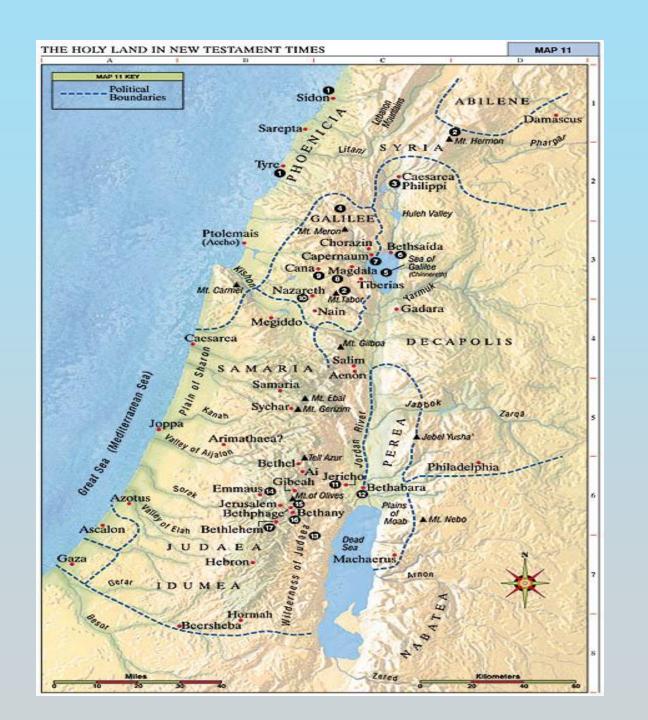
JESUS GOES INTO THE WILDERNESS

Jesus is about to be tempted by Satan!

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' " (Deut. 8:3)

Matt 4:1-4

Jesus withstands two more temptations using quotes from the scriptures against Satan



NEXT STOP - BETHBARA

Jesus begins his ministry after coming out of the wilderness in Bethbara

John, His cousin, was nearby with two of his own followers (one of them was Andrew)

Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. John 1:38-42

MORE DISCIPLES ARE ADDED...

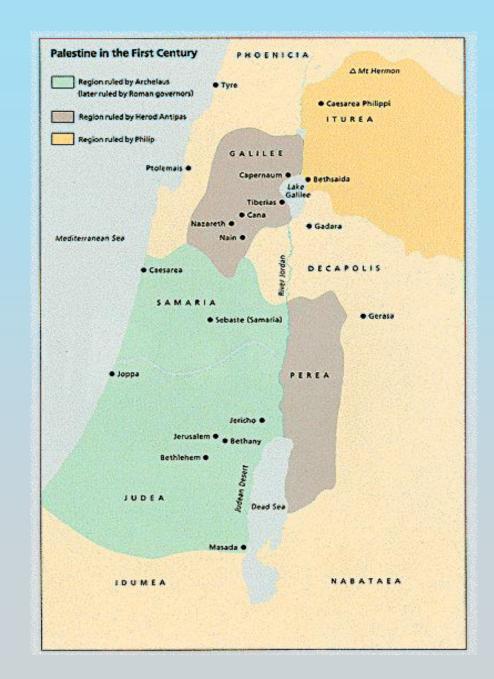
From Bethbara to Bethsaida (in Galilee) (autumn A.D. 26)

Philip and Nathaniel come to Jesus – that makes four so far...

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote--Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." John 1:45-48

JESUS SPEAKS TO NATHANIEL...

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." **50** Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." **51** He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:49-51



THE FIRST MIRACLE...

Jesus next travels to Cana as He and His new friends were invited to a wedding

The miracle of water into wine

On to Capernaum for a short stay in the winter months of A.D. 26-27

Next stop – Jerusalem!

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. Mal 3:1

JESUS ATTENDS PASSOVER

Jesus goes south to Jerusalem

Jesus confronts the "moneychangers"

"Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" John 2:16

Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." John 2:18-19

The Jews do not understand what Jesus is saying

Jesus teaches and heals the sick throughout Passover week, winning converts along the way

NICODEMUS COMES TO JESUS

One night, a Pharisee named Nicodemus, came to Jesus searching for the truth...

"Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." John 3:2

Jesus gives him a detailed answer...

"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3

Nicodemus doesn't understand

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN...

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." John 3:5-8

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. John 3:16-18

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD...

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. John 3:19-20

Nicodemus had a lot to think about... evidence suggests that he made the right decision!

BACK TO THE JORDAN RIVER

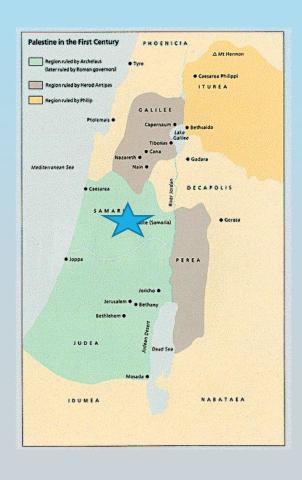
Jesus and His cousin John continued to baptize followers in the Jordan River

After this, Jesus and his disciples went out into the Judean countryside, where he spent some time with them, and baptized. Now John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because there was plenty of water, and people were constantly coming to be baptized. John 3:22-23

The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less. John 3:29-30

Herod has John arrested

JESUS PASSES THROUGH SAMARIA



THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Jesus passes through Samaria on His way back to Galilee.

He asks the Samaritan woman at the well for a drink of water. She balks at His request.

"If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

JESUS CONTINUES HIS CONVERSATION

Jesus tells the woman about herself to demonstrate His omniscience

She recognizes that Jesus is a prophet

a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. John 4:23

She mentions that the Messiah will come and tell them all things...

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am He."

John 4:26

THE DISCIPLES RETURN

After Jesus had finished His discussion with the woman at the well, His disciples returned

They offered Jesus food. His answer was...

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." John 4:34-38

A SUMMER IN CANA

Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." John 4:46-48

The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." John 4:49-50

His child was healed at that exact moment.

BACK HOME IN NAZARETH

Jesus went to his hometown in Nazareth. On the Sabbath, He went into the Synagogue and read...

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:17-19

A POWERFUL REVELATION!

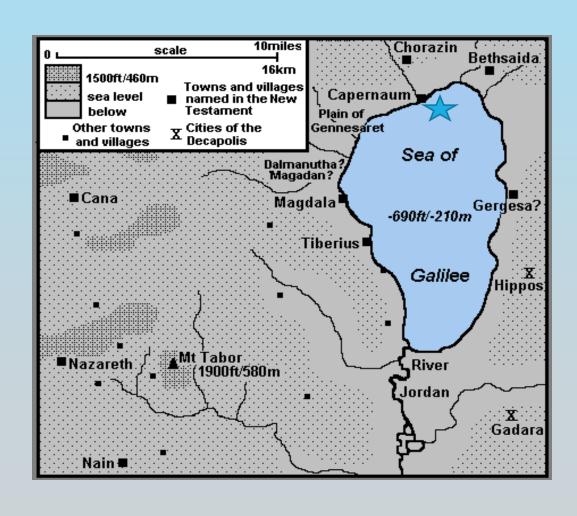
Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21 and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Luke 4:20-21

Jesus is not accepted in his hometown. They could only respond with..."Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Luke 4:22

He uses examples from the life of Elijah to explain the situation He was facing with those people

They almost killed Jesus! God saved Him miraculously.

BACK TO CAPERNAUM



JESUS NOW BRINGS A FRESH MESSAGE...

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." Matt 4:17 (this was in late summer A.D. 27)

Jesus begins a preaching tour around the Sea of Galilee

Jesus calls Peter and Andrew to be His "permanent" disciples. They accept the invitation.

He next calls James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They accept as well

Jesus begins preaching in earnest and gains a great following in the autumn of A.D. 27

JESUS CURES A MAN WITH A DEMON SPIRIT

A man with a demon spirit is cured

"Be quiet!" Jesus said sternly. "Come out of him!" Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, "What is this teaching? With authority and power he gives orders to evil spirits and they come out!" And the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area. Luke 4:35-37

JESUS GOES TO THE HOUSE OF PETER

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law

Jesus heals many, many others

Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ. Luke 4:41

Jesus goes off to pray early in the morning

He moved on soon after He returned that day as there were so many others to reach... "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:43

THE FIRST GALILEAN TOUR CONTINUES

Jesus was preaching, teaching and healing many throughout Galilee.

Jesus got into a boat to teach just off the shore of the Sea of Galilee

After His teaching to the multitudes, He told Simon to "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Luke 5:4

He then taught about "fishing for men"

The disciples give their total allegiance to Jesus

Jesus heals a leper

JESUS FORGIVES A MAN'S SINS!

Jesus preaches in a house in Capernaum

Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:3-5

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Mark 2:6-7

JESUS HEALS THE PARALYTIC

"Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." Mark 2:8-11

Jesus was claiming to be God!

Many loved Him... yet, many were becoming very suspicious of Jesus (especially the Pharisees and scribes)

MATTHEW, THE TAX COLLECTOR

Jesus meets Levi (Matthew)

"Follow me," Jesus said to him, and Levi got up, left everything and followed him. Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:27-32

JESUS TALKS TO THE PHARISEES

They said to him, "John's disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking." Jesus answered, "Can you make the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast." Luke 5:33-35

Jesus also taught them that the New Covenant superseded the Old Covenant. He used another parable to do this...

WINESKIN PARABLE

"No one tears a patch from a new garment and sews it on an old one. If he does, he will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.

37 And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. 38 No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins. 39 And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for he says, 'The old is better.'"

Luke 5:36-39

A GALILEAN GRAIN FIELD

Jesus and His disciples pass through a grain field (spring A.D. 28)

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and his disciples began to pick some heads of grain, rub them in their hands and eat the kernels. Some of the Pharisees asked, "Why are you doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" Jesus answered them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? He entered the house of God, and taking the consecrated bread, he ate what is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." Luke 6:1-5

JESUS PREACHES IN A SYNAGOGUE

On another Sabbath he went into the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was shriveled. 7 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal on the Sabbath. 8 But Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Get up and stand in front of everyone." So he got up and stood there. 9 Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?" 10 He looked around at them all, and then said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was completely restored. 11 But they were furious and began to discuss with one another what they might do to Jesus. Luke 6:6-11

JESUS WAS GAINING MORE ENEMIES

By the second year of His ministry, Jesus was suggesting more and more that He was the Messiah... in fact, God the Son

This was causing much anger among the scribes and Pharisees

Jesus' fame spreads throughout the region

ISAIAH PREDICTED HIS COMING

"Here is my servant whom I have chosen, the one I love, in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will proclaim justice to the nations. He will not quarrel or cry out; no one will hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out, till he leads justice to victory. In his name the nations will put their hope." Matt 12:18-21 from Isaiah 42:1-4

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Summer A.D 28

Jesus completes His choice of disciples

The Beatitudes:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Matt 5:3-7

BEATITUDES CONTINUED...

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matt 5:8-12

BEATITUDES CONTINUED...

Blessed means "happy, fortunate, blissful" – a deep contentment knowing that God will honor those who trust and follow Him

This earth is not our home – our home is Heaven

Trusting and obeying Jesus will lead to a greater contentment while on this earth

Give over our daily life to the control of the Holy Spirit... one day at a time

SALT AND LIGHT

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matt 5:13-16

JESUS CAME TO FULFILL THE LAW

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. **18** I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Matt 5:17-18

Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:19

SINFUL THOUGHTS LEAD TO PERDITION

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven. Matt 5:20

"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' **22** But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Matt 5:21-22

I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matt 5:28

JESUS CONTINUES WITH INSTRUCTION

If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matt 5:29

Jesus speaks on topic of divorce

let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No'; Matt 5:37

Do not resist an evil person. **If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40** And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. Matt 5:39-40

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, **45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. **46** If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?

Matt 5:44-46

DO YOUR GOOD DEEDS IN PRIVATE

"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. **2** "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. Matt 6:1-2

"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matt 6:5-6

JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY

Do not use vain repetitions

when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matt 6:6

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jesus teaches us how to pray...

"This, then, is how you should pray:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 'Matt 6:9-13 (NIV)

JESUS CONDONES FASTING

"Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. Matt 6:16-18

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS...

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matt 6:19-21

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money. Matt 6:24

DO NOT WORRY

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? **27** Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

Matt 6:25-27

LET GOD TAKE CARE OF YOU!

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. 29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. 30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? 31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' Matt 6:28-31

your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matt 6:32-34

DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **2** For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Matt 7:1-2

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? Matt 7:3

do not throw your pearls to pigs Matt 7:6

ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Matt 7:7-8

The Golden Rule - do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets. Matt 7:12

THE NARROW GATE

"Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Matt 7:13-14

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Matt 7:15-16

MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAVED!

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' Matt 7:21-23

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matt 7:24-25

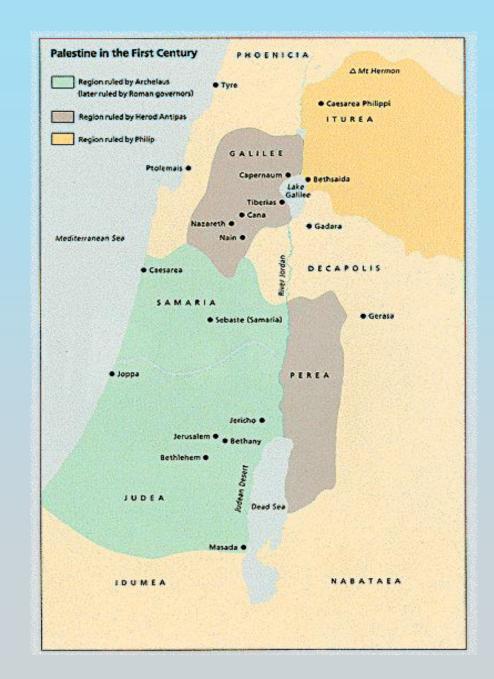
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Summer A.D. 28

The cleansing of the leper

The healing of the centurion's trusted servant

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." 10 Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7:9-10



FROM CAPERNAUM TO NAIN

A young man is raised from the dead!

Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:14-15

They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. Luke 7:16-17

DINING WITH THE PHARISEE

Jesus was asked to dine with a Pharisee

A woman with a flask of alabaster came to Jesus...

she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. Luke 7:38

Simon, the Pharisee, is upset at this demonstration of love

Jesus explains with a parable... and, once again, concludes with...

JESUS FORGIVES SINS

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" 50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Luke 7:48-50

Jesus is telling everyone that He is God

Jesus is telling everyone that faith is what saves them

SECOND GALILEAN TOUR

Many people followed Him on this tour of Galilee

The parable of the sower of seed

Some fell by the wayside

Some fell on rock

Some fell on thorns

Some fell on good ground

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.' Luke 8:9-10

Jesus explains the parable

SEA OF GALILEE



PARABLE OF THE SEEDS

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11 (NIV)

Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Luke 8:12

Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. Luke 8:13

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature Luke 8:14

THE SEED IN THE GOOD SOIL...

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. Luke 8:15

Jesus talks about why He tells many parables. He then continues with...

"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him." Luke 8:16-18

JESUS BEGINS TO HAVE MORE TROUBLE

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." Mark 3:20-21

And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." Mark 3:22

So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?" Mark 3:23

THE FAMILY OF JESUS

Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Mark 3:31-35

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...

Jesus preaches concerning the Kingdom of Heaven

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27 "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28 "An enemy did this,' he replied. Matt 13:24-28

PARABLE CONTINUED...

"The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29 "'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn." Matt 13:28-30

A MUSTARD SEED...

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. **32** Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches."

Matt 13:31-32

Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened." Matt 13:33

THE PARABLES FULFILLED PROPHECY

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. **35** So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world." Matt 13:34-35 Psalm 78:2

The disciples asked Jesus to explain the parable of the tares

He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. Matt 13:37-39

PARABLE OF THE TARES

The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Matt 13:39-43

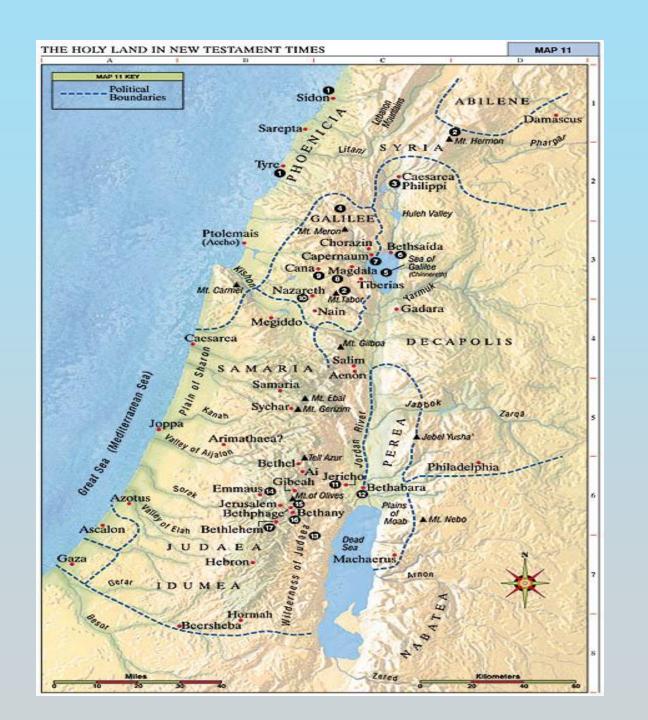
TARES AND WHEAT



"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Matt 13:44

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, ⁴⁶ who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it. Matt 13:45-46

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, ⁴⁸ which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. Matt 13:47-48



SEA OF GALILEE



CROSSING INTO GERASENES

Jesus, later that evening, decided to go across the Sea of Galilee with His disciples

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" 26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm. Matt 8:23-26

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" Matt 8:27

GADARENES



TWO DEMON POSSESSED MEN

When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. 29 "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?" Matt 8:28-29

Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. 31 The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." 32 He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Matt 8:30-32

JESUS SAILS BACK TO CAPERNAUM

Now when Jesus returned, a crowd welcomed him, for they were all expecting him. **41** Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house **42** because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying. Luke 8:40-42

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. 43 And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. 44 She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. 45 "Who touched me?" Jesus asked. Luke 8:42-45

THE "ISSUE OF BLOOD"

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you." 46 But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me." 47 Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. 48 Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace." Luke 8:45-48

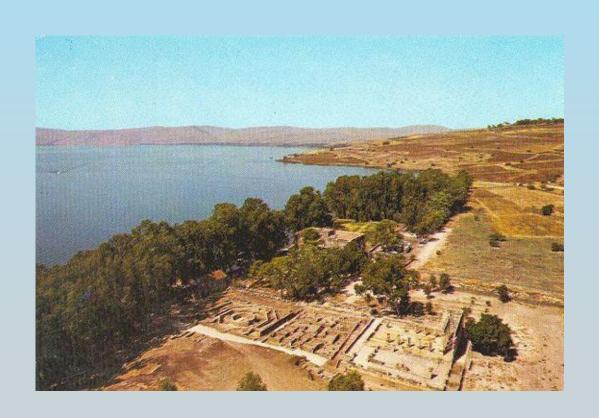
Unfortunately, Jarius then got some terrible news...

THE DAUGHTER OF JARIUS

While Jesus was still speaking, someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," he said. "Don't bother the teacher any more." 50 Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed." Luke 8:49-50

When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child's father and mother. 52 Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. "She is not dead but asleep." 53 They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. Luke 8:51-53

CAPERNAUM



RUINS OF CAPERNAUM



JESUS RAISES A CHILD FROM THE DEAD

But he took her by the hand and said, "My child, get up!" 55 Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. 56 Her parents were astonished, Luke 8:54-56

Jesus, with His omnipotent power, is able to raise the dead and perform any other supernatural act that He deems appropriate.

Jesus continued on... soon thereafter, He restored sight to two blind men and hearing to a deaf man... because of their faith.

Pharisees continue to seethe with anger...

JOHN THE BAPTIST ASKS A QUESTION

Summer A.D.28 continues...

Even the great John the Baptist had a moment of doubt...

When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Matt 11:2-5

JESUS COMMENDS HIS COUSIN JOHN

Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me." As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. Matt 11:6-11

JOHN AND JESUS - REJECTED BY MEN

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners." Matt 11:18-19

But wisdom is proved right by her actions." Matt 11:19

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Autumn A.D. 28

Jerusalem - Pool of Bethsaida and the invalid

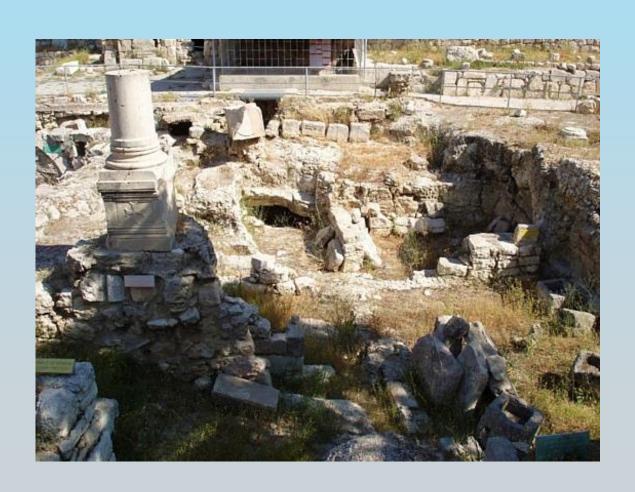
Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked. The day on which this took place was a Sabbath John 5:8-9

More trouble from the Pharisees

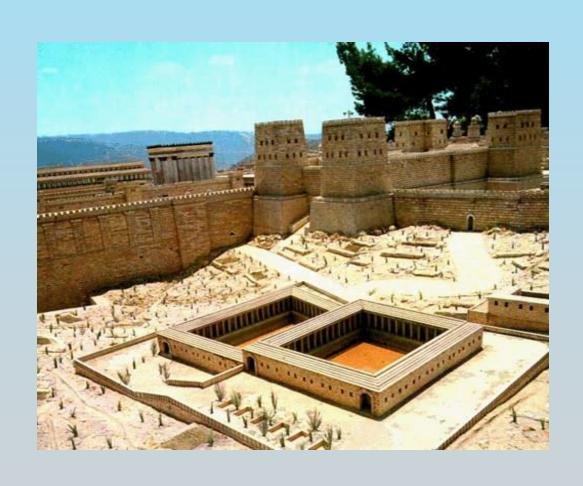
Jesus teaches the Pharisees and the scribes...

Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working." For this reason the Jews tried all the harder to kill him; not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God. John 5:17-18

RUINS OF POOL OF BETHSAIDA



MODEL OF POOL OF BETHSAIDA



POOL OF BETHSAIDA - MODEL



JESUS TELLS THEM WHO HE IS!

"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because **whatever the Father does the Son also does**. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. **He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him.** John 5:19-23

JESUS WILL JUDGE MANKIND

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. John 5:24-27

JESUS — HIS JUDGMENT IS JUST

"Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice

and come out--those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.

John 5:28-30

THOSE WHO TESTIFIES ABOUT JESUS

"If I testify about myself, my testimony is not valid.

John 5:31

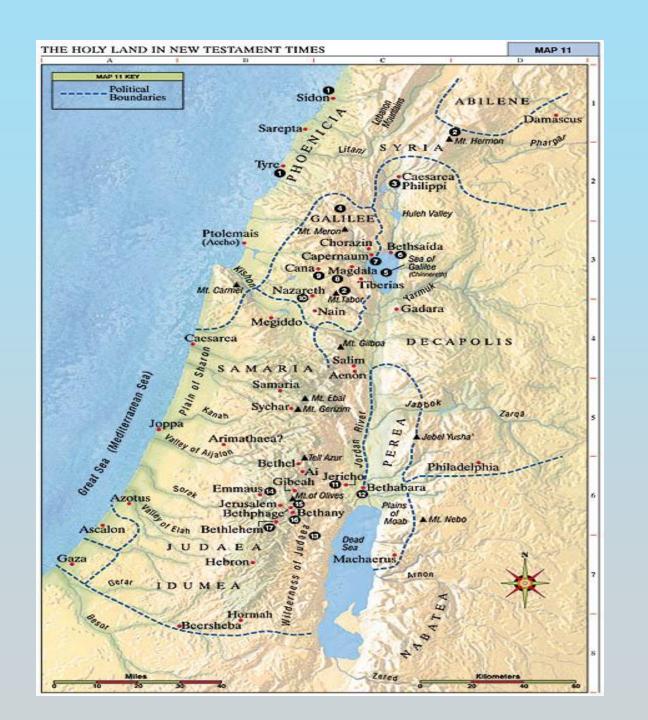
Those who bear witness:

- ➤ John the Baptist
- The Miracles of Jesus
- The Father from Heaven
- >The Scriptures
- ➤ However, Jesus notes that He still is rejected!

BACK NORTH TO NAZARETH

Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown and in his own house is a prophet without honor."

And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith. Matt 13:54-58



THIRD GALILEAN PREACHING TOUR

A.D. 28-29 (winter)

Jesus prepares to send His disciples out to preach...

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt 9:37-38

Jesus called His disciples together and gave them power to preach and heal and to cast out demons in His name

Jesus sent them to the lost sheep of Israel... at that time

JESUS' MARCHING ORDERS...

As you go, preach this message: **'The kingdom of heaven is near.'** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

- 9 Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts;
- 10 take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.
- 11 "Whatever town or village you enter, search for some worthy person there and stay at his house until you leave.
- 12 As you enter the home, give it your greeting.
- 13 If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you.

14 If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. Matt 10:7-14

I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. Matt 10:15-16

Jesus continues to prepare them for their work...

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

- 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father.
- 30 And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- 31 So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- **32** "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven.
- **33** But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.

Matt 10:28-33

JESUS DID NOT COME TO BRING PEACE

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.

35 For I have come to turn "a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law-- a man's enemies will be the members of his own household." Matt 10:34-36

"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Matt 10:37-38

anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. "He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Matt 10:38-40

...if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."

Matt 10:42

JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BEHEADED

On Herod's birthday the daughter of Herodias danced for them and pleased Herod so much that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

Matt 14:6-8

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Matt 14:13

THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000

Jesus and His disciples go to Bethsaida

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." Matt 14:15-16

"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. Matt 14:17-18

He directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matt 14:19-21

On one other occasion, Jesus fed thousands again in a similar fashion

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. John 6:14-15

Jesus walks out to meet His seafaring disciples!

The disciples are amazed and afraid

Jesus calms them

PETER WALKS ON WATER

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matt 14:26-31

Jesus lands on the shores of Gennesaret and continues His ministry – the second year of His ministry comes to a close

JESUS PREACHES IN CAPERNAUM

Late spring A.D. 29

"Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." John 6:26-28

The audience asked how they could do the miracles that He had been performing Jesus answered...

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." John 6:29

Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "

32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." John 6:31-33

THE BREAD OF LIFE

The people ask for bread from Jesus

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:35

Jesus tells the people that He has come to do the will of His Father

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me.

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:37-40

THE BREAD OF LIFE CONTINUED...

The Jews grumble among themselves about this "Nazarene" – how could Jesus be anyone significant?

It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. John 6:45-48

Jesus tells them that He is the Living Bread from Heaven!

BREAD FROM HEAVEN

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. John 6:51-56

SOME DISCIPLES LEAVE JESUS

Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you?

What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." John 6:61-65

Some disciples decided to leave Jesus at this time

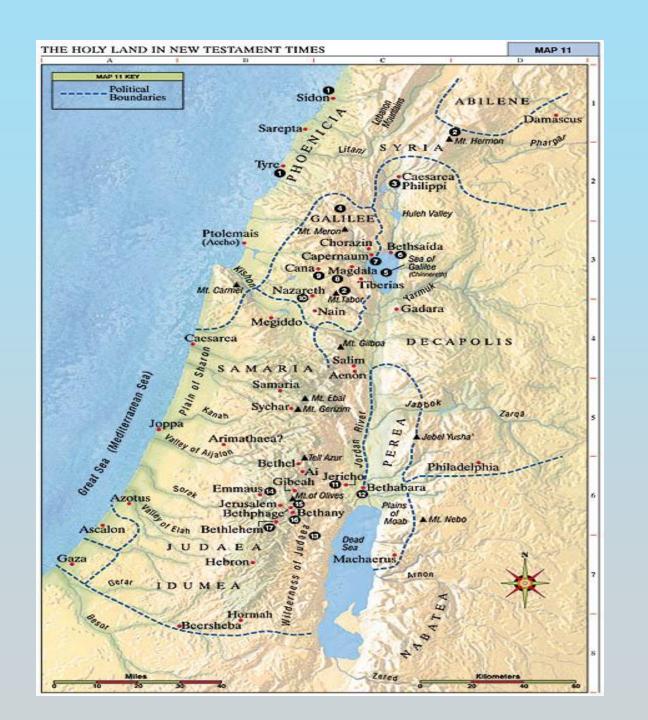
"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." Then Jesus replied, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" (He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.) John 6:67-71

THE PHARISEES COMPLAIN AGAIN!

the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men." Mark 7:5-8

Jesus continues to speak to the Pharisees...

Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.' Mark 7:15



A JOURNEY OUT WEST

Jesus goes to Tyre and Sidon

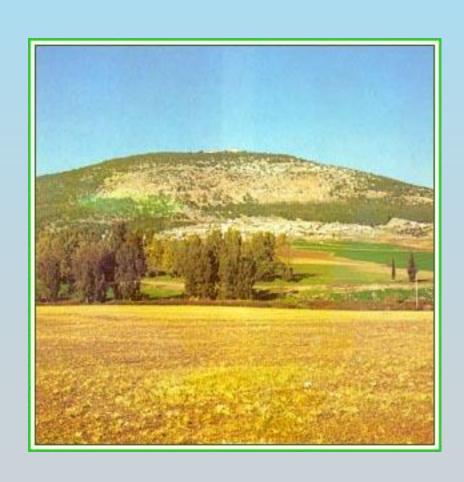
A Greek woman asks for help

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she replied, "but even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Mark 7:27-30

MAGDALA



MOUNT TABOR



DECAPOLIS & MT TABOR

Jesus went to the area known as Decapolis (summer A.D. 29)

The healing of the deaf man

From Decapolis to Mt. Tabor

"I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." Mark 8:2

So they are and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha (near Magdala). Mark 8: 8-10

PHARISEES SEEK A SIGN...

Off to Magdala

"Why does this generation seek "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times. A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." Matt 16:2-4

Jesus teaches His disciples...

Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." Matthew 16:6

An explanation is required

A BRIEF STOP IN BETHSAIDA...

The healing of the blind man

A note concerning the dates of Jesus' ministry...

The Feast of Tabernacles (A.D. 29)

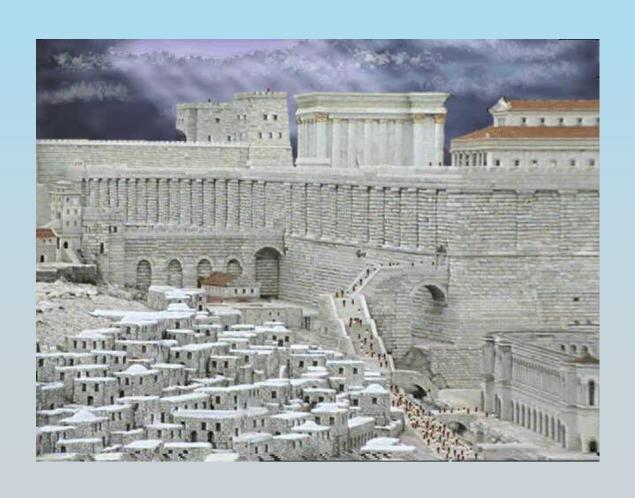
Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come." When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.

Jesus goes on down to Jerusalem a little later

JERUSALEM — TIME OF JESUS



TEMPLE AND SURROUNDINGS



FIRST CENTURY JERUSALEM



JESUS GOES TO THE TEMPLE

If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." John 7:23-24

The Pharisees and other leaders plot against Jesus...

Now some of them from Jerusalem said, "Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the Christ?

John 7:25-27

Officers sent to arrest Jesus!

JESUS SAYS HE IS GOING AWAY SOON

Jesus said, "I am with you for only a short time, and then I go to the one who sent me. You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."

John 7:33-34

The Pharisees are confused...

What did he mean when he said, 'You will look for me, but you will not find me,' and 'Where I am, you cannot come'?" John 7:36

STREAMS OF LIVING WATER

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified. John 7:37-39

Jesus teaches that the Holy Spirit will indwell believers

THE PEOPLE ARE DIVIDED

On hearing his words, some of the people said, "Surely this man is the Prophet."

- **41** Others said, "He is the Christ." Still others asked, "How can the Christ come from Galilee?
- **42** Does not the Scripture say that the Christ will come from David's family and from Bethlehem, the town where David lived?"
- 43 Thus the people were divided because of Jesus.
- 44 Some wanted to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him. John 7:40-44

JERUSALEM FROM MOUNT OF OLIVES



MOUNT OF OLIVES



THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

Jesus went to pray on the Mount of Olives that evening

The next morning...

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" John 8:3-5

"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

The Pharisees call Jesus a liar!

In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." John 8:17-18

JESUS RESTATES THAT HE IS GOING AWAY

Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and you will die in your sin. Where I go, you cannot come."

- 22 This made the Jews ask, "Will he kill himself? Is that why he says, 'Where I go, you cannot come'?"
- 23 But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world.
- **24** I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am [the one I claim to be], you will indeed die in your sins."

John 8:21-24 (NIV)

JESUS FORETELLS HIS CRUCIFIXION

"When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am [the one I claim to be] and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."

Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him. John 8:28-30

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

JESUS SPEAKS WITH THE PHARISEES

The Pharisees claim: "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" John 8:33

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34-36

Jesus and the Pharisees verbally spar back and forth

THE JEWS RANT ON...

The Jews answered him, "Aren't we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death."

John 8:48-51

At this the Jews exclaimed, "Now we know that you are demon-possessed! Abraham died and so did the prophets, yet you say that if anyone keeps your word, he will never taste death. John 8:52

THE GREAT "I AM"

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I AM!"

59 At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. John 8:58-59

WHO SINNED?

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life." John 9:2-3

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work.

- 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
- 6 Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes.
- 7 "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" John 9:4-7

THE PHARISEES QUESTION THE BLIND MAN

the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath.

15 Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." John 9:14-15

Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. John 9:16

The parents of the blind man are questioned

A second time they summoned the man who had been blind. "Give glory to God," they said. "We know this man is a sinner." He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" John 9:24-25

We know that God does not listen to sinners. He listens to the godly man who does his will. Nobody has ever heard of opening the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." John 9:31-33

Then, the Pharisees cast the blind man out

JESUS SEEKS THE BLIND MAN OUT

Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you."

Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see" John 9:35-39

Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. John 9:41

THE SHEEP KNOW THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice." John 10:1-4

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. John 10:9

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me-- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father--and I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:11-15

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life--only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

John 10:16-18

This is a beautiful prophecy of Jesus' coming crucifixion and resurrection for Jews and Gentiles alike

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Winter A.D. 28 – Hanukkah

Jesus visits the Temple

The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

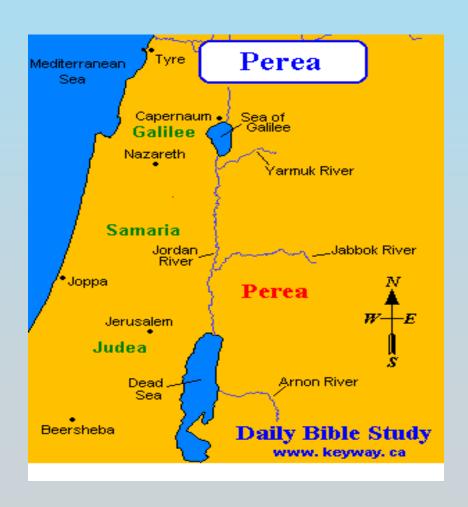
Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep.

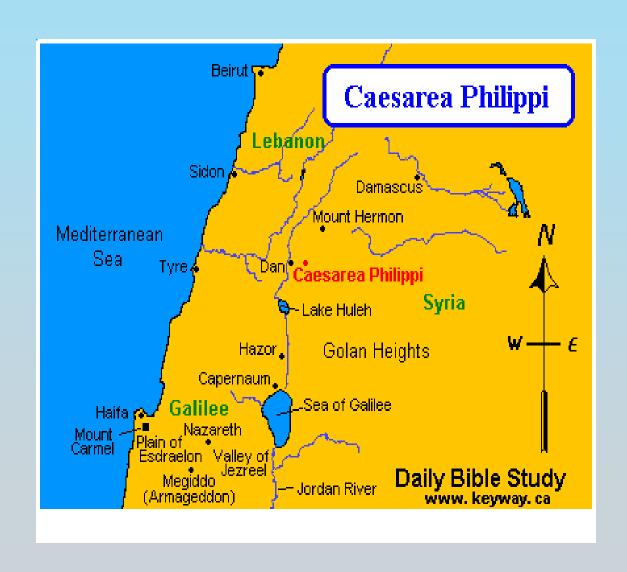
My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:24-28

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:29-30

The Jews began to stone Him

PEREA





JERUSALEM TO PEREA

A.D. 30

Perea and then to Caesarea Philippi

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" Matt 16:13

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"
Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied,
"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by
my Father in heaven."

Matt 16:14-17

CAESAREA PHILIPPI



THE CHURCH BUILT ON THE "ROCK"

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Matt 16:17-20

JESUS TELLS OF HIS COMING DEATH

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Matt 16:21-23