

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

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PART 10: THE BIRTH OF JESUS' MINISTRY

THE BEGINNING OF JESUS' PUBLIC MINISTRY

Once Jesus returned from the temptations of the Devil, He was told that John the Baptist had been arrested. This news prompted him to walk northeast until He came to the city of Capernaum. **Matthew 4:12-13**

The Sea of Galilee is located in northern Israel with the Jordan River flowing in from the north and exiting on the south side of the sea.

When the twelve tribes of Israel were allotted their land by Moses, the tribe of Naphtali was given the land west of the sea, with the tribe of Zebulon further to the west. By making Capernaum his headquarters for his Galilee ministry, Jesus fulfilled two prophecies spoken by the prophet Isaiah. **Isaiah 9:1-2; Matthew 4:14-16**

There were a number of cities and villages in the province of Galilee that Jesus visited. He raised a dead man in Nain. **Luke 7:11-16**

The city of Nazareth – where Jesus grew up – was located 11 miles north of Nain. **Matthew 2:23**

The city of Cana – where Jesus turned water into wine – was 6.2 miles north of Nazareth. **John 2:1-11**

These three cities were in the Galilee hillside. To move from Cana to Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples had to return to Nazareth, then on to Magdala at the edge of Sea of Galilee. The distance from Nazareth to Magdala was 25 miles. The road then followed the sea and the next village north of Magdala was Gennesaret, a distance of about five miles. The city of Capernaum was another five miles to the north. **John 2:12**

Jesus spoke about the city of Chorazin, inland from the Sea of Galilee. The distance to Chorazin from Capernaum was 5.7 miles. The apostles did not record of any meetings in this village, but it is obvious that Jesus had been there and performed miracles since He later cursed this village. **Matthew 11:20-24**

The city of Bethsaida was located on the east side of the Sea of Galilee, six miles from Capernaum. To travel from Capernaum to Bethsaida meant crossing the Jordan River, which fed into the sea on the north side. It is interesting that the apostles Peter, Andrew and Philip were from Bethsaida. **John 1:43-44**

THREE YEARS OF MINISTRY

It should be obvious to every Christian that Jesus had carefully planned – before the foundation of the world – where His ministry was going to be centered. The Sea of Galilee and its surrounding cities were away from the Jewish leadership in Jerusalem and from the Roman occupying government. Jesus made some trips to Jerusalem



during the Passover, but He always returned to Galilee, with the exception of His last journey to Jerusalem.

It was in the region of Galilee that Jesus laid the foundation of the church even though the majority of the Galileans walked away at the end. **John 6:59-66**

The apostles were the foundation of the church – not the crowd – and in Galilee He had the freedom to teach and show these twelve men – along with the 70 others – the power of God.

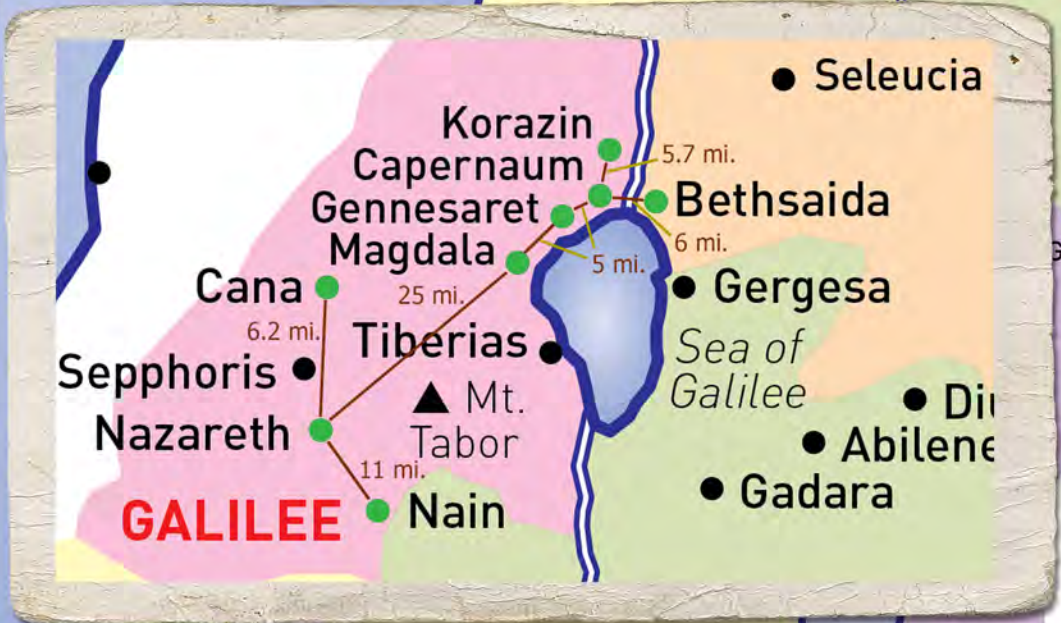
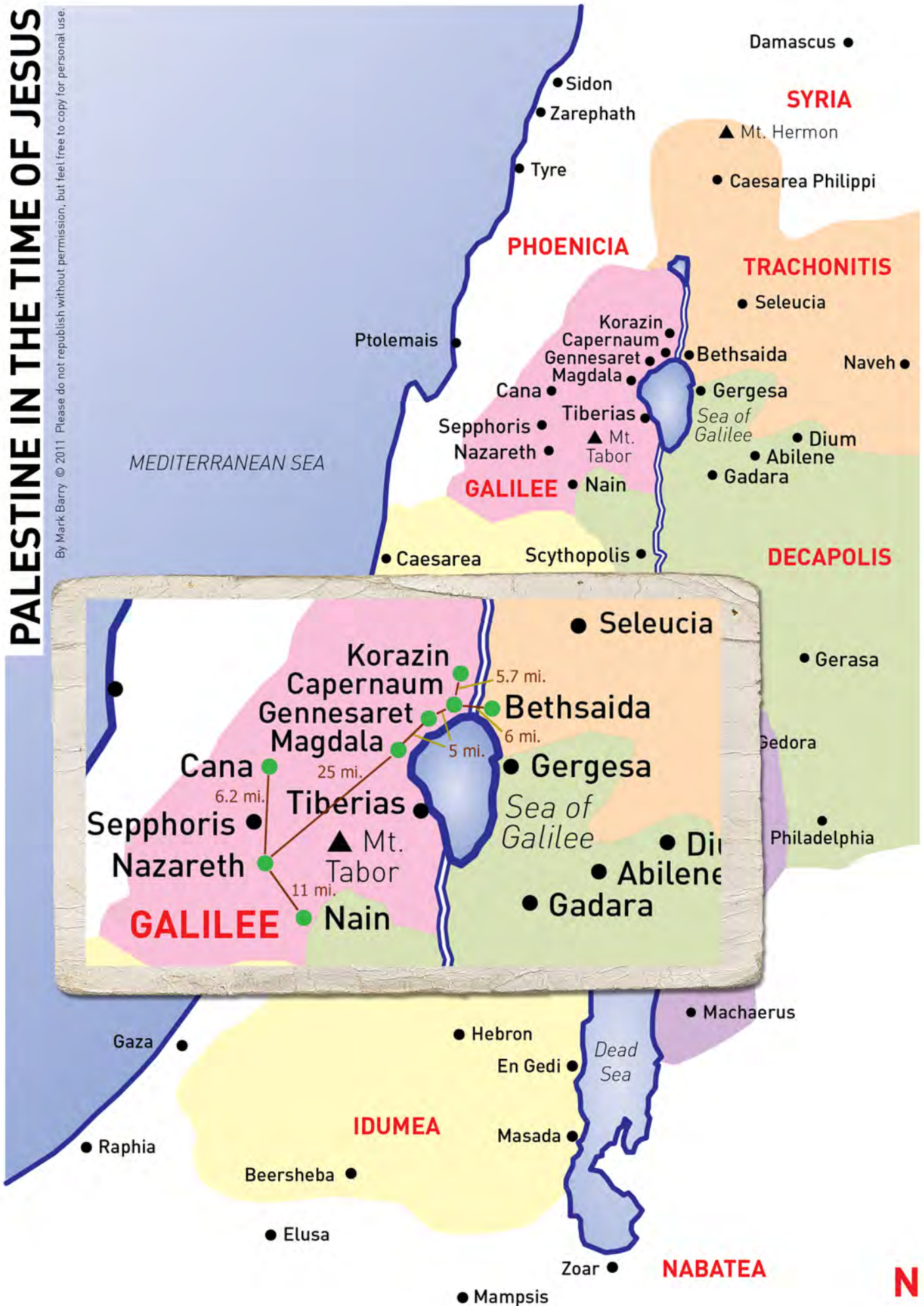
With the exception of Judas Iscariot, everyone graduated on the day of Pentecost when the church was born in fire. **Acts 2:1-4**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?

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City of God



2 Cor 12:1-4
Psalm 48:1-3
Heb 11:10

Beyond The Cosmos

New Jerusalem

Lake of Fire
Rev 19:20
Rev 20:10; 15
Matt 25:41

Lake of Fire



physical
place

Physical Universe A

3 billion light-years
186,000 miles/sec

Dissolving Universe A
Isa 34:4
2Pet 3:7-13 Earth

Physical Universe B

Dwelling places
John 14:1-3
No Sea
Rev 21:1-3

New Earth

Believers Only

Holy Angels

spirit world

spirit world

spirit world



unsaved people / fallen angels / evil spirits

