

The Life & Ministry of Christ



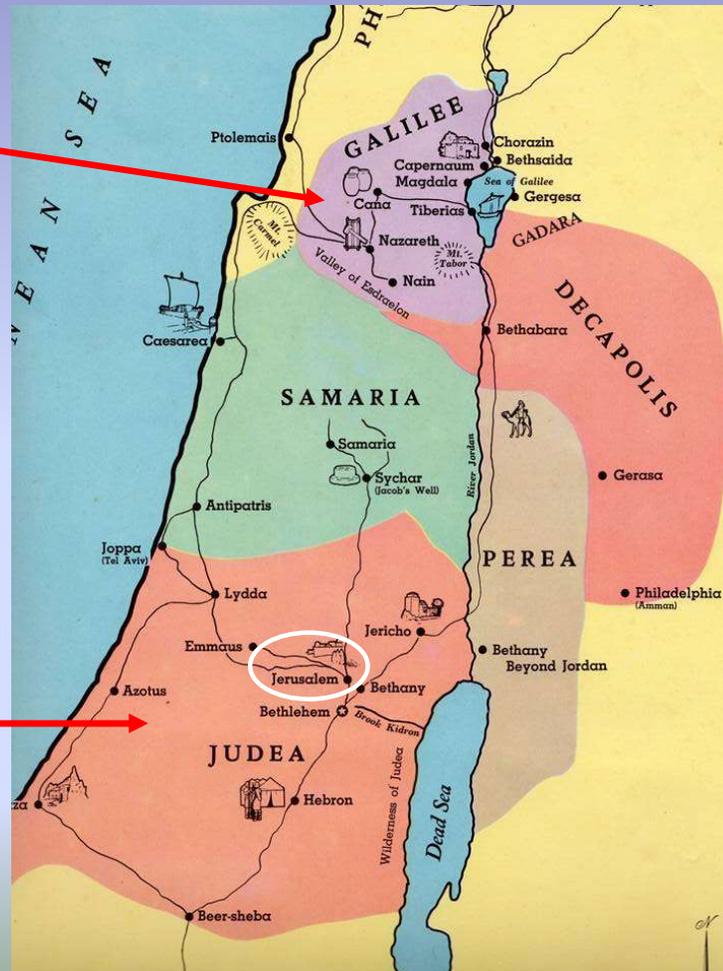
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The region of Galilee, including Nazareth, Capernaum, Cana, etc.

The region of Judea, including Jerusalem, Bethany, Bethlehem, Jericho, etc.



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A revealing of the Christ, (including a greater revelation of God to mankind)

John 1:1,2 – The Word was God / Word = expression of God, A form of God by which He expresses Himself, and can be comprehended. Before the Word became flesh at Bethlehem, the Word often was manifest in other forms – sometimes a voice (e.g. burning bush, or cloud), sometimes a vision, sometimes human in appearance.

1:14a – The Word became flesh, the Son of God in human form

1:33 – God in the flesh was made known to John the Baptist

(Mark 1:12,13 – Christ was baptised, and immediately went into in the wilderness and then became a public figure.)

1:14b 18 – Christ’s glory was able to be seen – His exemplary life, His miracles, His teaching – the Son made known the Father, whom no one had seen. (cp. “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” - John 14:9).

1:15, 29-31, 35-37 – John bore witness of the Messiah’s identity to other people

1:40-42 – Those who believed John (i.e. Christ’s first disciples) then told others, and Christ’s fame began to grow

(later in Galilee ...)

Mark 1:16-20 – Those first disciples are met again, and this time leave their livelihoods and follow Christ permanently

1:21,22 – teaching with “authority” (Greek = *exousia* = “authority” / “power”)

Christ was God’s authorised messenger, given power to support His teaching with miraculous deeds (Acts 2:22)

1:23-27 – such a miracle is then given as an example

1:28 – His fame spread (cp. Matthew 4:23-25)

(cp. Luke 4:13-15 – After returning from the wilderness, His fame spread. Not one miracle was mentioned in Luke’s gospel account before this point. Luke’s account emphasises that the fame was about Him was because of Him being the Messiah, not that He was performing miracles.)