



"JESUS MINISTRY BEGINS"

Chapter 23



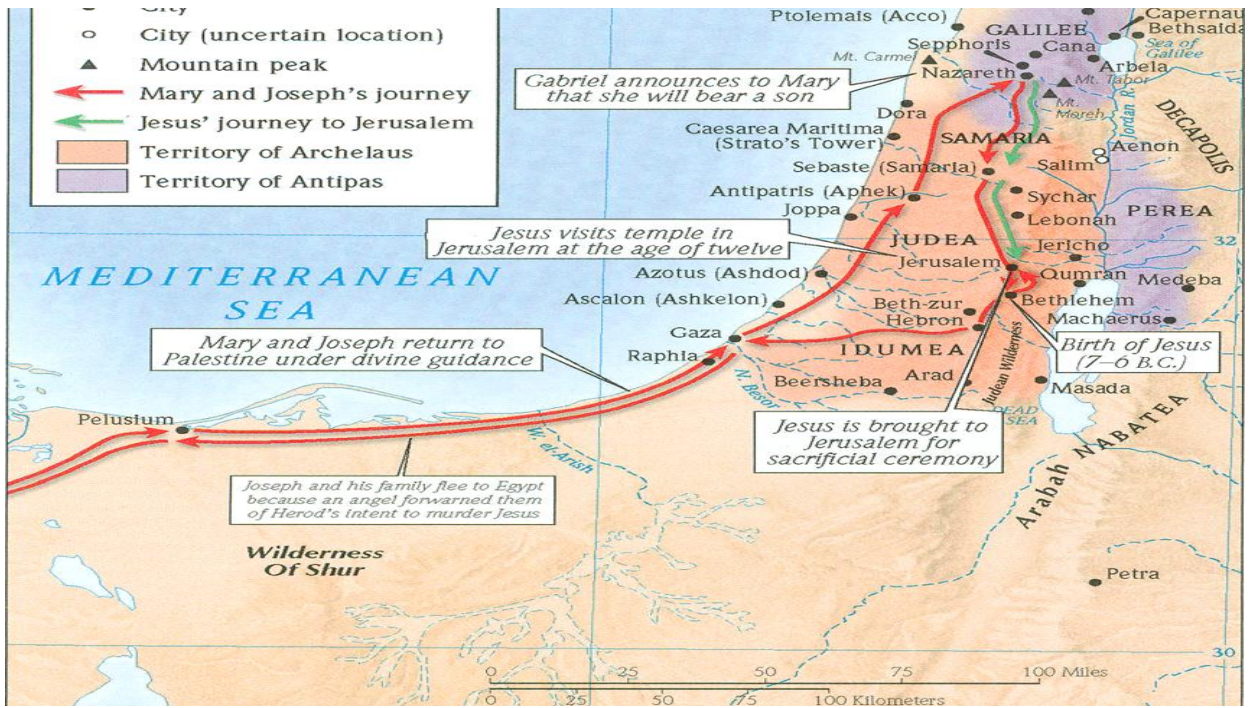
God works in ways we don't always understand.

From the human side, the ushering in of the new age, does not meet our media standards.

The closest thing we have is the entrance of the Magi from the east.

The developmental years we have one glimpse, Jesus visits the temple at age twelve.

Jesus began his ministry at age thirty, which was the age a Rabbi began to perform his duties.





John the Baptist introduces the ministry of Jesus.

Confusion over who John the Baptist was. Was he another prophet, was he Elijah returning?

He was unusual, he caught the attention of the people, his message of repentance was being heard, bringing great wonderment.

Confessing their sins, they were being baptized in the river Jordan.





John knew his place, announcing one who was greater than he.

When John encounters Jesus, he realizes who he is, wanting Jesus to baptize him, rather he baptizing Jesus.

At Jesus baptism we have the trinity displayed. The voice of the Father, the Spirit in the dove descending as Jesus, the Son, comes up out of the water.



Led by the Spirit Jesus goes into the wilderness where he will be tempted by Satan.

As he begins his ministry, we see Israel being reduced to one.

As the new beginning, Jesus temptation sets a new precedence. Adam and Eve faltered in the garden, Jesus even after fasting 40 days, took on the Devil at his best.

Satan is defeated, Matthew puts it at the beginning, to indicate that even before his ministry, Satan is finished.



John must take on the religious elite of his day. They confront him regarding who he was.

John quotes Isaiah the prophet: *"I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, Make straight the way for the Lord."*

John makes the announcement of who Jesus is. *"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world."*

Jesus assembles his disciples once the temptation is complete.



Jesus has an encounter with Nicodemus, a secret follower, who had questions and concerns.

In his encounter Jesus summarizes his mission.

The claims Jesus made did not set well with those in religious authority of the time.

Having four Gospels can create questions for us. However, as we read them, we need to put them in perspective of one ministry, seen through the eyes of several beholders. Each writer had something in mind as he wrote.



Three of the four are called the synoptic Gospels because of their similarity in the message they present.

John has a different flow to one he writes. He even tells us what it is at the end.

"³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."



As his ministry begins people are seeing that there is something different about Jesus. He taught as one with authority. He heals, performs miracles, cast out demons, something unique about Jesus.

His encounter with the Samaritan woman demonstrates just different He is.

He associates with sinners, tax collectors, people of ill repute, even a Samaritan.

His encounter reveals her past. Interesting discussion. He sweeps her off her feet.



Jesus is different, he even takes on many of the customs of the law. For Jesus people were above everything.

Jesus authority came under question because he had something to do with people with checkered pasts and lives.

Yet, the people flocked to him. They couldn't get enough of him.

He was so different, that their expectations of him became unrealistic.

They began to see him from a political perspective. They wanted a certain kind of Messiah



Jesus had twelve disciples. They are:

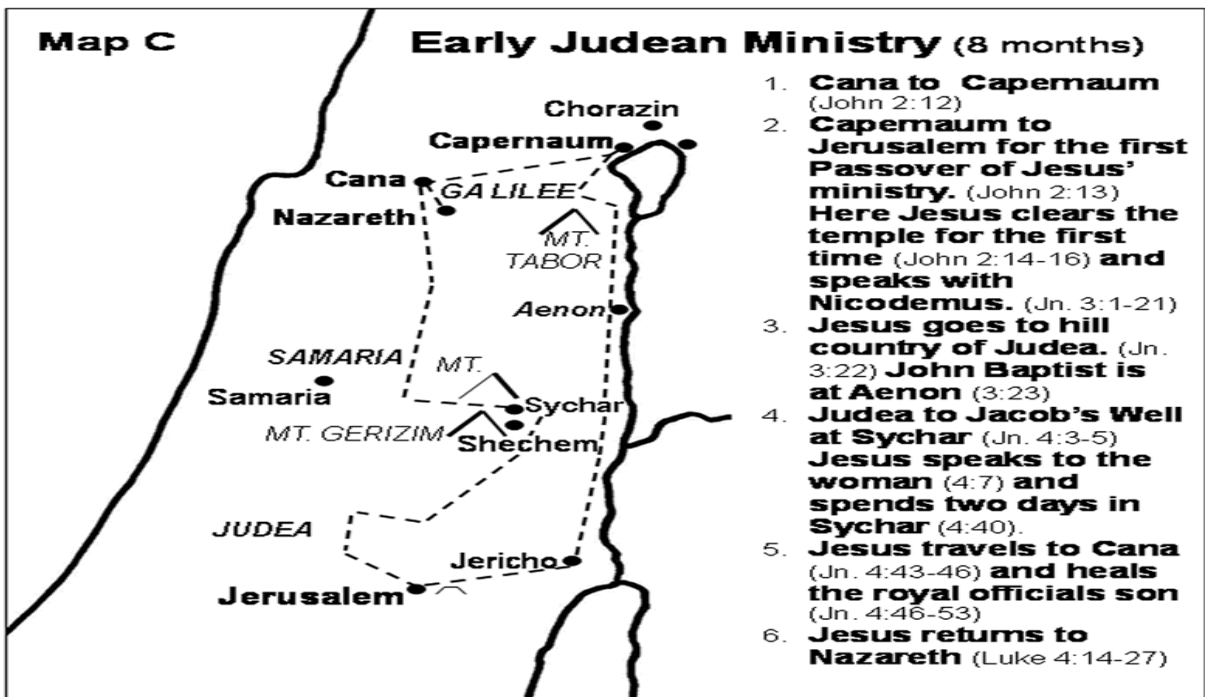
Simon (whom he named Peter)
James (Son of Zebedee)
John (brother of James)
Andrew
Philip
Bartholomew
Matthew
Thomas
James (Son of Alphaeus)
Thaddaeus
Simon (The zealot)
Judas Iscariot

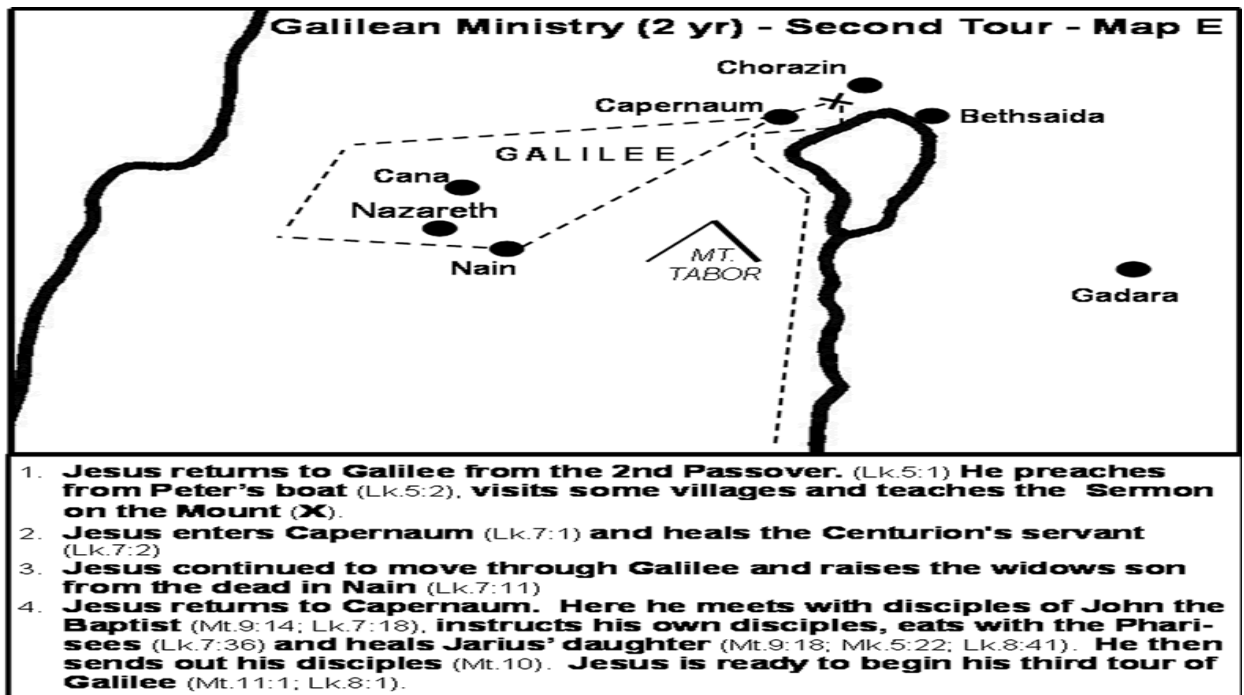
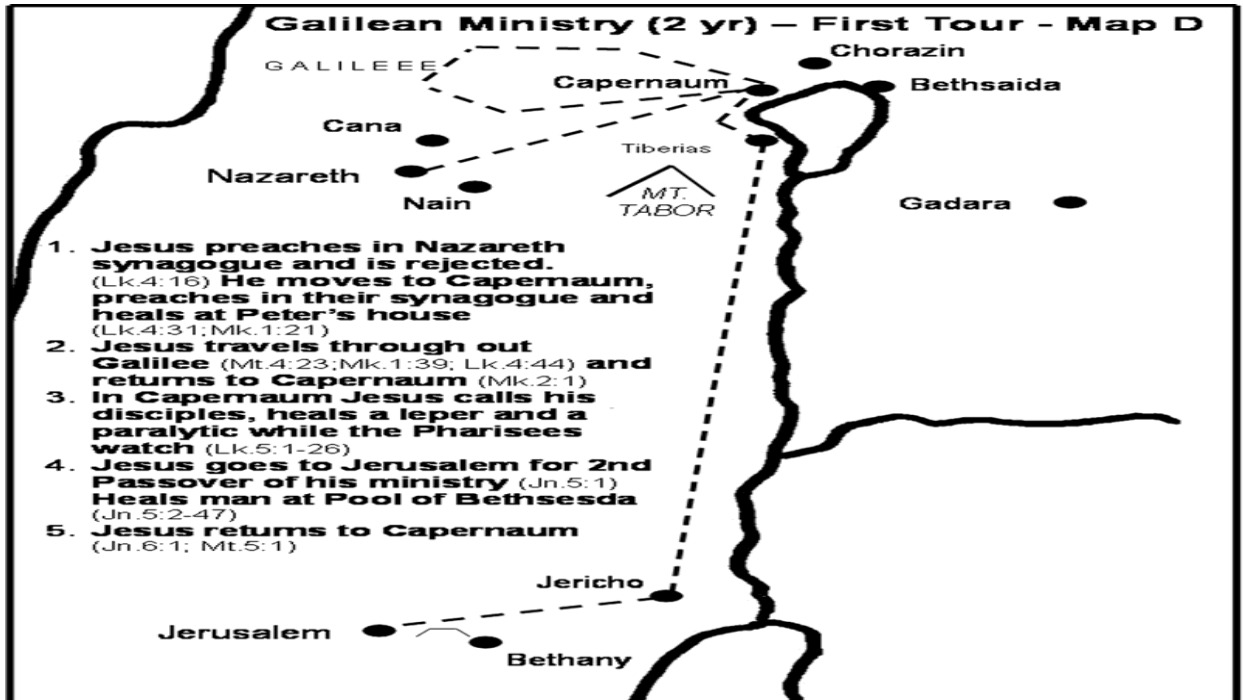


John the Baptist even begins to question whether this is the Christ.

Jesus addresses the ministry of John and in doing so answers John question.

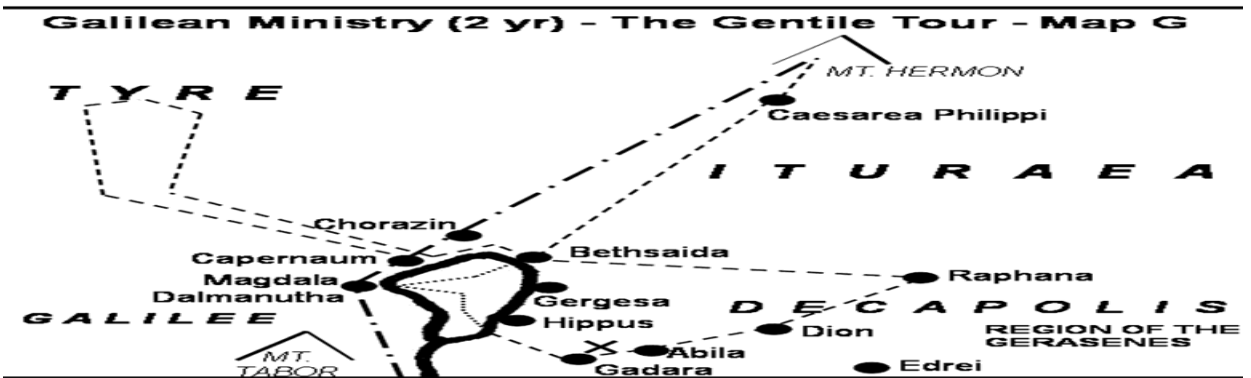
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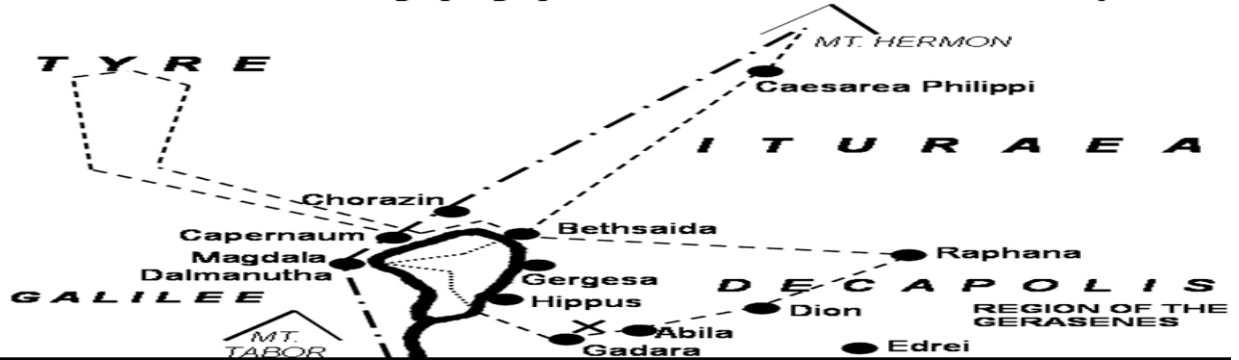


1. Jesus makes his 3rd tour through Galilee (Mt.11:1; Lk.8:1). He denounces Chorazin and Bethsaida (Mt.11:20); Sabbath conflict in grain field (Mt.12:1) Called Beelzebub by leaders (Mt.12:22) Begins speaking in parables, and presents the Seven Kingdom Parables (Mt.13:1-52).
2. Jesus goes through Nazareth and is rejected. (Mt.13:54)
3. Jesus hears reports that John the Baptist had been decapitated (Mt. 14:1; Mk.6:14). Jesus withdraws to the area of Bethsaida (which is outside of Herod Antipas' territory of Galilee), his first of four attempts to withdraw from the crowds who want him as king, the hatred of the religious leaders, the envy of Herod Antipas, to instruct his disciples and to rest.
4. Jesus feeds 5,000 Jews from Galilee (Mt.14:13;Mk.6:32;Lk.9:10;Jn6:1) The third Passover of Jesus ministry is near. (Jn.6:4)
5. Jesus walks on water and they land at Gennesaret (Mt. 14:25-34) the people run along the coast from Bethsaida and find Jesus on the other side between Capernaum and Gennesaret (Jn.6:25). Jesus teaches that he is the Bread of Life (Jn.6:35-59)
6. Many disciples desert Jesus (Jn.6:60-70)
7. For the second time Jesus withdraws, this time to the region of Tyre and Sidon (Mt.15:21)



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3. Jesus feeds a crowd of 4,000 Gentiles (X) who followed him out of Tyre (a Gentile land) into Decapolis (also a Gentile land) (Mk.8:1; Mt.15:29)
4. Jesus sails to Dalmanutha ("the harbor") (Mk.8:10) of Magadan (Mt. 15:39). He is confronted by Pharisees and Sadducees who demand a sign (Mt.16:1)
5. Jesus sails to Bethsaida (Mk.8:13,22). Jesus warns his disciples of the Yeast of Pharisees and Sadducees while on the boat (Mt.16:5;Mk.8:14)
6. Jesus heals a blind man in Bethsaida (Mk.8:22)
7. Jesus withdraws for the fourth and final time before he leaves for Jerusalem and the crucifixion. This time he goes to the area of Caesarea Philippi (Mt.16:13) At the Pagan shrine called the Gates of Hades Jesus asks his disciples who he is, introduces the church, announces his coming crucifixion and rebukes Peter.
8. Jesus then goes up into Mt. Hermon and is transfigured (Mt.17:1;Lk9:18)
9. Jesus comes down the mountain; he cast a demon out of a boy (Lk.9:37)
10. Jesus pays his and Peter's temple tax in Capernaum (Mt.17:24)
11. Before leaving Galilee Jesus teaches Matthew 18.
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Galilean Ministry (2 yr) - The Gentile Tour - Map G



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Ministry in Judea/Perea (7 mo.) - Map H



Jesus leaves Caesarea Philippi for Jerusalem (Lk.9:51; Mt.19:1). As he approaches Samaria the Samaritans do not welcome him. (Lk.9:52) Jesus travels on the border of Samaria and Judea. He heals 10 lepers (Lk.17:11). Jesus sends out 72 disciples to go to the all the towns he is about to go to. (Lk.10:1) Jesus goes to the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. Oct. 15 (Jn.7:1) Jesus teaches at the Feast in Jerusalem (Jn.7:14). On the last day of the feast Jesus invites the "thirsty" to "come to me to drink" (Jn.7:37) Events in John 8-10 occur in Jerusalem between October 15 and December 25 when Jesus is confronted in the Temple by religious leaders during the Feast of Lights (Hanukkah) (Jn.10:22). Jesus leaves for the other side of the Jordan to the land called Perea. (Jn.10:40) Lazarus dies in Bethany (located by Jerusalem in Judea) while Jesus is in Perea. (Jn.11)