

New Testament Through Maps

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Class 1

Purpose: Provide a visual aid to understand the New Testament writings including how it is organized and unified. An attempt a harmonizing the Gospel accounts and provide dates.

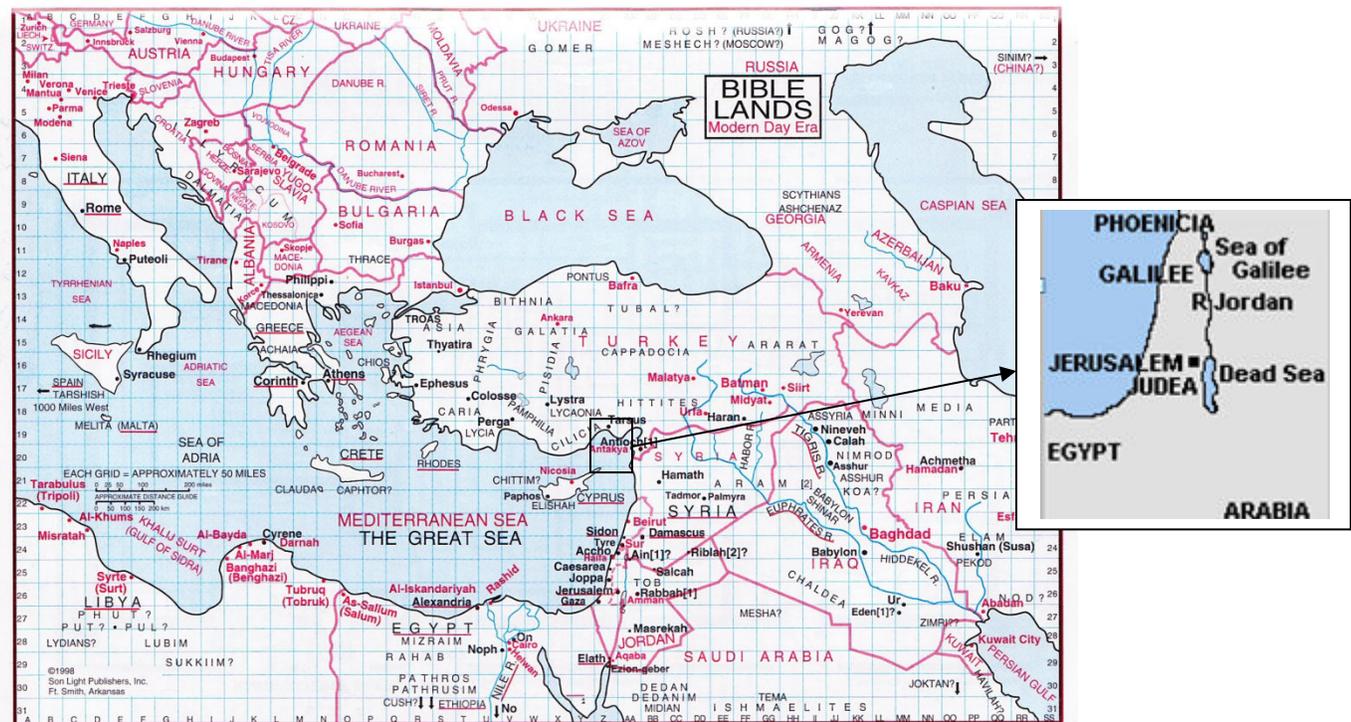
1. Jesus' ministry was limited to a small 100 mile strip of land.
2. Jesus has a 3 year ministry where each year he moved south for Passover.
3. 4 Gospels - Matt, Mark, Luke, John - different accounts of Jesus' life with varying overlapping stories (confusing at times). In addition, Acts' frequent use of name and places is confusing without a map.

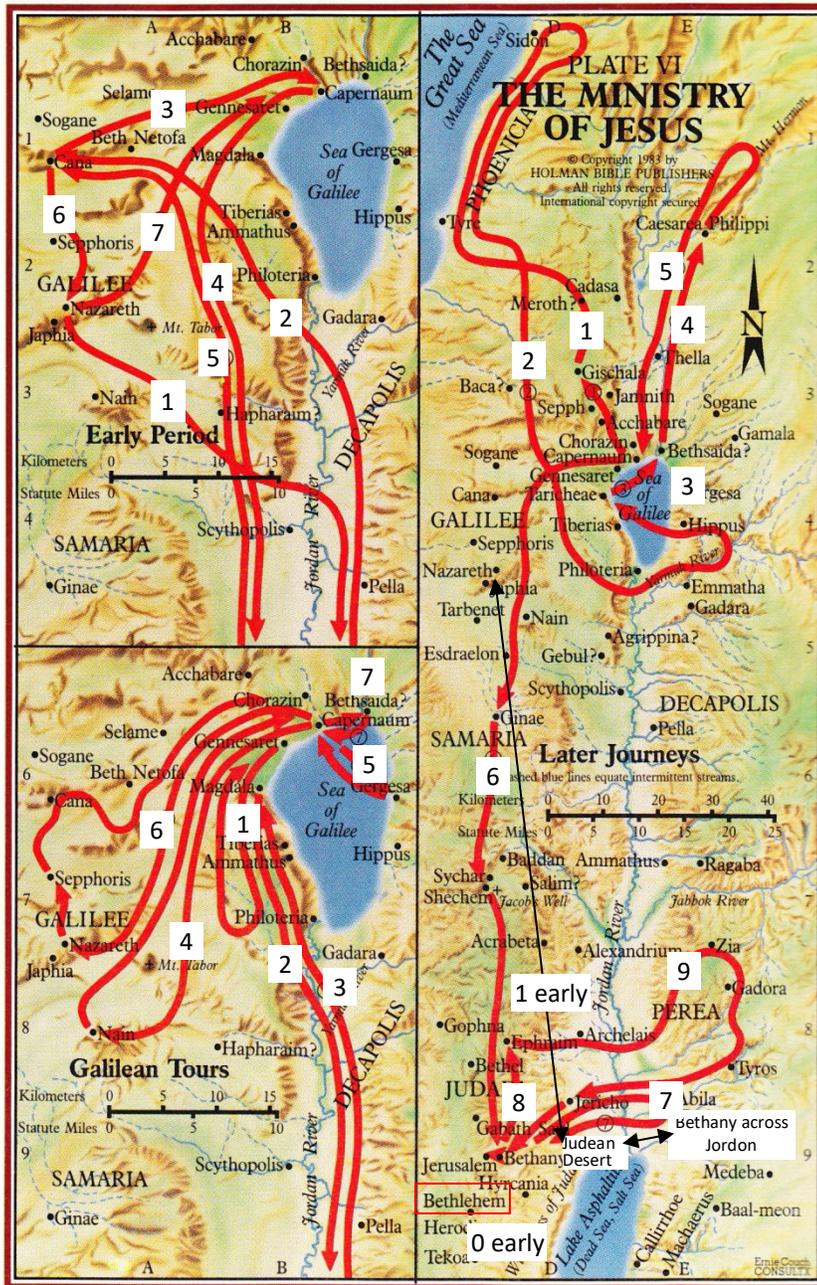
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Early Jerusalem Church (AD 34-45)

1. Acts 1-8 occur in and around Jerusalem. Stoning of Stephen (Acts 8). Ethiopian eunuch (east of Jer.). Paul sees JC at Damascus (Acts 9). Goes to Jer. And settles in Tarsus (Acts 11). Conversion of Gentile Cornelius at Caesarea (Acts 10). **Letter by James written before Council of Jer. (AD 49)**

Paul's 1st Journey (AD 46-48) – Acts 13:4-15:35

2. From Antioch, sailed to Cyprus. Clash with Bar-Jesus.
3. Sails to Perga, John Mark left returning to Jer.
4. Went to Iconium. Hostile movement from Jews/Gentile and fled Lystra & Derbe proclaiming Gospel. Healed a cripple in Lystra. Some in Antioch and Iconium stoned Paul. Arrived back at Perga & Attilia & sailed back to Antioch. Travels to Jer. for council. **Galatians written?** After council, returns to Antioch.

Paul's 2nd Journey (AD 49-52) – Acts 15:36-18:23

5. Paul chooses Silas & leave from Antioch strengthening church in Cilicia. Passed by Derbe/Lystra & met Timothy.
6. Passed by Phrygia/Galatia by HS stopped them from speaking God's message. At Troas, Paul has vision to come to Macedonia.
7. Set sail to Samothrace, then went to Philippi. Convert Lydia, conflict over a girl, beaten, imprisoned, released.

8. Arrived at Thessalonica, convert large number and infuriate Jews. Brothers sent Paul/Silas to Beroeca. Went to synagogue and Jew eagerly accepted.
9. Fled to Athens & preached there, some accepted. Went to Corinth & found a Jew Aquila/Priscilla. Spoke a synagogue, was rejected and preached to Gentiles. Stayed 18 months.

Paul's 3rd Journey (AD 53-58) – Acts 18:23-21:17

10. Apollos. Cut his hair & went to Ephesus & preached.
11. Set sail for Caesarea. Paid respect to Church in Jer, then returned to Antioch. **Paul writes Thessalonians during second journey.**
12. Paul leaves from Antioch and systematically visits church in Galatia and Phrygia encouraging disciples.
13. Goes to Ephesus & baptized disciples in the HS. Stays in Ephesus 3 yrs. **Paul probably writes I Corinthians**
14. Travels throughout Macedonia. Sends Tim./Erastus to Philippi & Thess. Travels to Greece, stays 3 months. **Paul writes II Corinthians after report from Titus.** Returns through same path to Troas.
15. Set sail to Jerusalem. Stops in Mitylene, Chios, Miletus. At Miletus, says farewell to elders of Ephesus. Stops at Cos, Rhodes, Patara, landed at Tyre. Arrived at Jer. **Paul writes Romans (AD 57-58)**



Paul's Journey to Rome (AD 58-61) - Acts 27:12-28:31

- 2 yrs after arrest in Jer., Paul is in Caesarea. Set sail arriving at Sidon. Set sail to Cyprus but wind pushes them to Myra.
- Centurion found a ship bound for Italy. Wind forces stop at Cnidus and Fair Havens on Is. of Crete.
- In spite of Paul's warning, the ship continues on its way. Terrific gale sweeps ship. Hit a storm for 14 days and landed on Malta.
- After 3 month, set sail to Syracuse & then to Rheguim/Puteoli.
- Arrived at Rome and given permission to live alone with soldier guarding. Stayed at least 2 yrs. He is either released or executed. **Paul wrote Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians during first imprisonment.** Assuming release and re-arrest scenario, **Paul wrote I Timothy (AD66), Titus (AD66), II Timothy (AD67).**

Note – *Galatians* has 4 possible dates. If south Galatia, Paul possibly wrote on way to Council of Jer. (AD49). Church of South Galatia, Paul established on First Journey (AD46-48). If north Galatia, Paul wrote from Macedonia on third journey (AD 56-57). Or, Churches of North Galatia established on his second journey (AD49-53).

Other Letters Dates

- **Hebrews** – Author unknown, AD64-69
- **I Peter** – probably written from Rome AD64
- **II Peter** – AD66, before AD70 and after Paul's letters
- **Jude** – probably AD68-69, after II Peter & before AD70
- **I & II & III John** – probably AD90-95
- **Revelations** – John in exile on Is. of Patmos AD90-95

Observations

- The NT historical record is very detailed citing names, locations, and events that can be verified.
- Writers of Gospels/Acts (especially Luke/Acts) have explicitly stated that they were trying to write an authentic record (Lk 1, Jn 21).
- Letters of Paul mirror/correlates his journeys recorded in Acts.
- Dating of NT is within one generation (eyewitnesses) of the death/resurrection of Christ.

Canon, Creeds, & Revivals

How God's Church Preserved our Christian Beliefs

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Course Outline

- **Week 1: Jesus & Acts through Maps** - The life of Jesus through the Gospels & early church through Acts
- **Week 2: Canon of NT** - Earliest use of writings and their collection before 100 AD (Canon from Lists); Challenge of Marcion & Gnostics 100-200 AD
- **Week 3: Canon From Quotes** - Church Father's references of Scripture 100-250AD
- **Week 4: On the Bubble/Rejected Writings** - Readings from docs that were on the bubble (65-200AD) and readings from docs that were rejected (90-200 AD)
- **Week 5: Apostle's and Nicene Creeds** - Rejection of Marcion and Gnosticism
- **Week 6: Chalcedonian Creed** - Rejection of other errors about Christ' nature
- **Week 7: Predestination and Free Will** - Augustine, Reformation, and today
- **Week 8: Confessions** - 2nd Helvetic Confession (Reformation Period) & ECO Tenets
- **Week 9: Denominations (Part 1)** - Early Church to Reformation
- **Week 10: Denominations (Part 2)** - First Awakening
- **Week 11 (Denonimations (Part 3))** - 2nd, 3rd, 4th Awakenings

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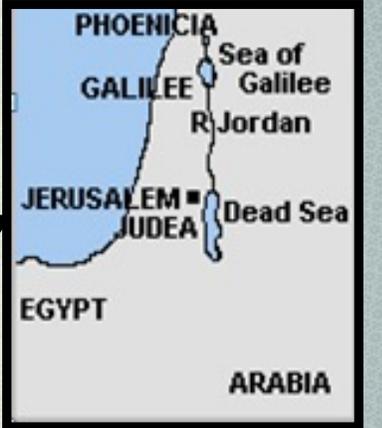
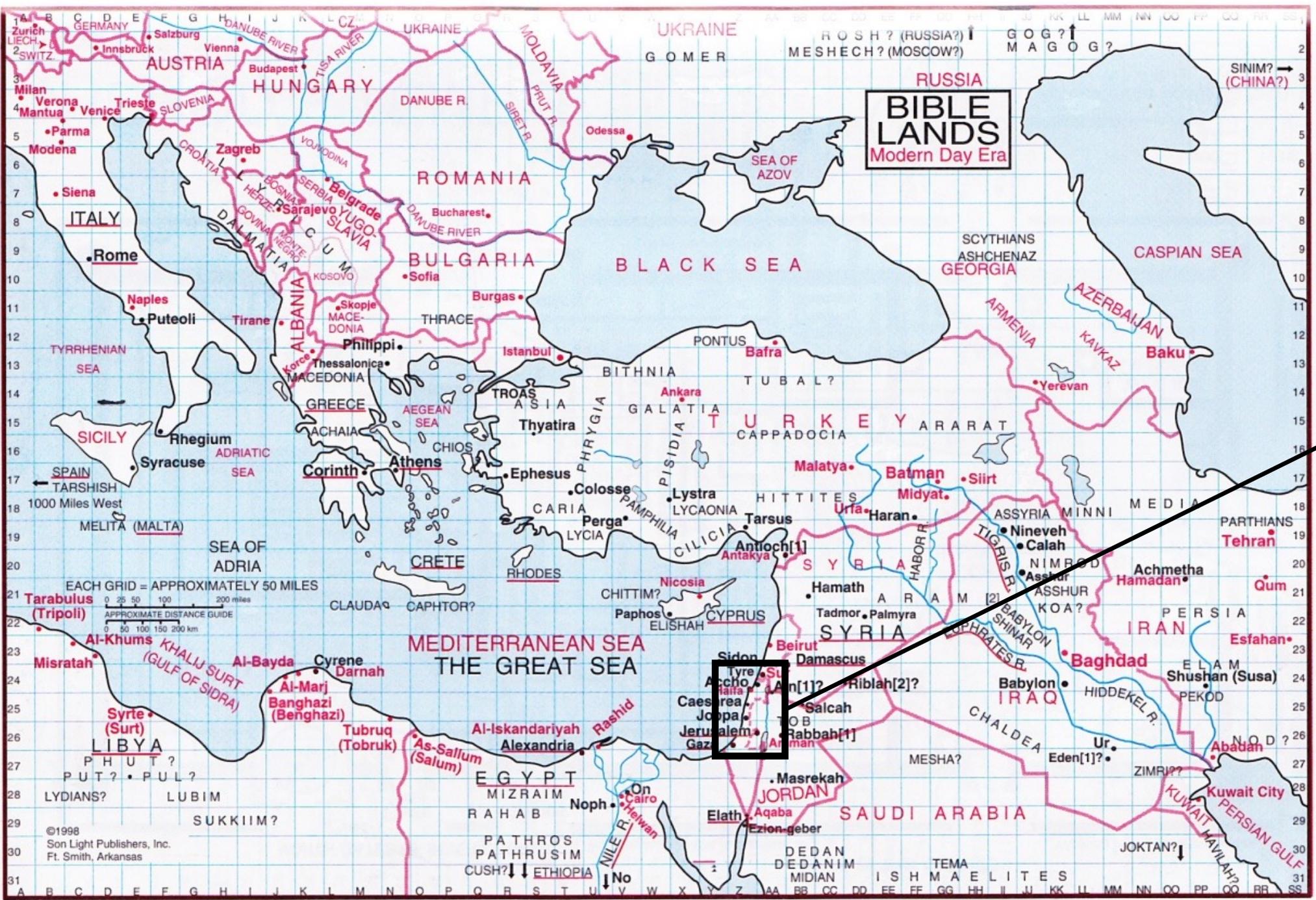


Purposes

- The importance of the New Testament
 - Amazingly solid historic record ... free of fakes
- Orthodoxy - True Christian beliefs was established through consensus rather than decree (creeds...Apostles, Nicene, Chalcedon, etc.)
- God has brought revivals to the the church to sustain it
 - In spite of divisions, refreshing and renewal for each generation...e.g. Reformation, Great Awakenings, Azusa St, Billy Graham, etc.

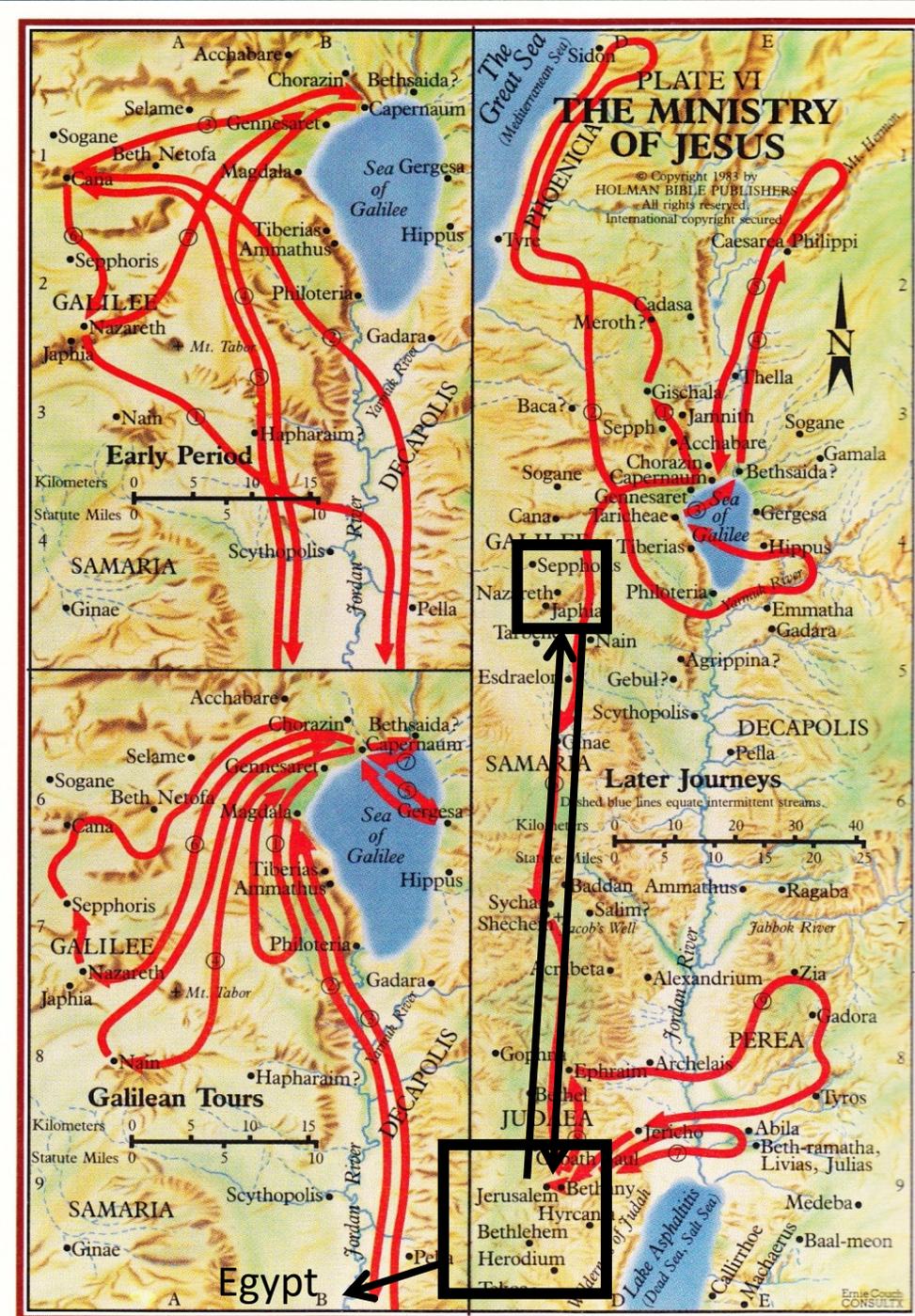
Questions

- How long was the ministry of Jesus?
 - Answer: 3 years
- How many miles from north (Capernaum) to south (Jerusalem) in Jesus' ministry?
 - Answer: 80 miles
- Who wrote the records of Jesus' life?
 - Answer: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- How many were direct eyewitnesses of Jesus himself?
 - Answer: 2 of the 4, Luke & Mark were early followers of Christ.



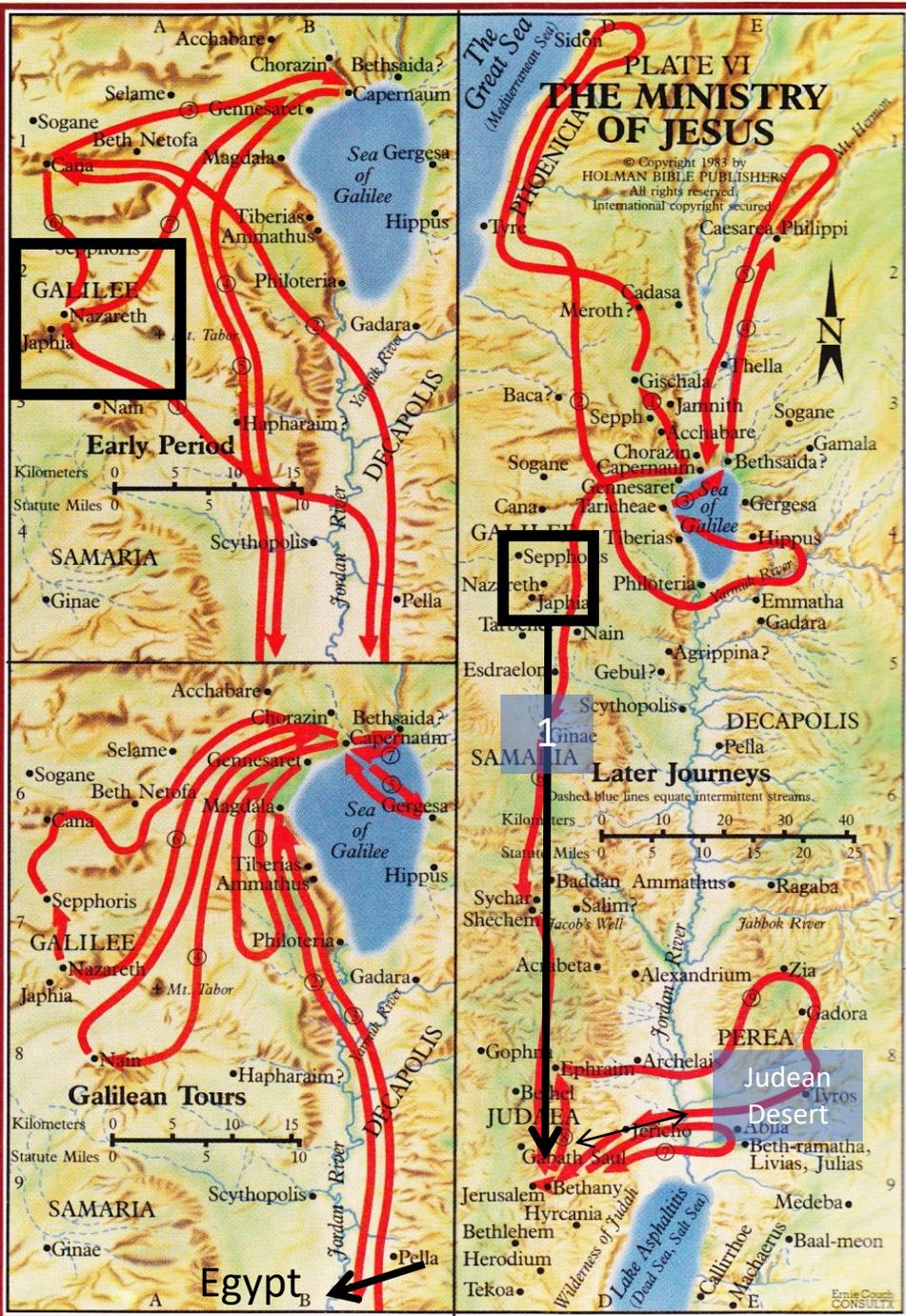
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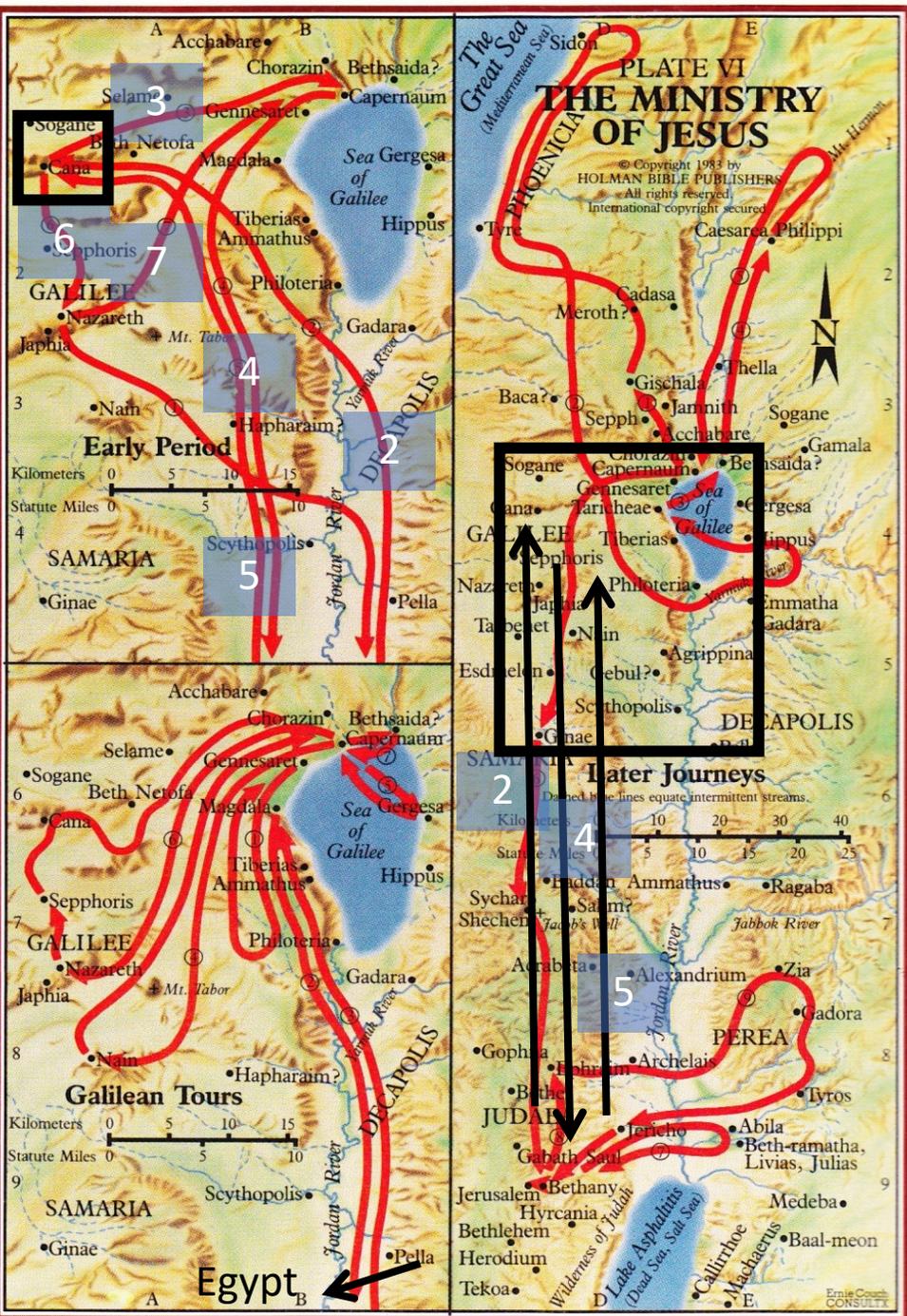
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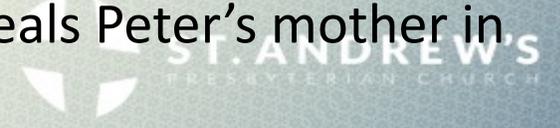
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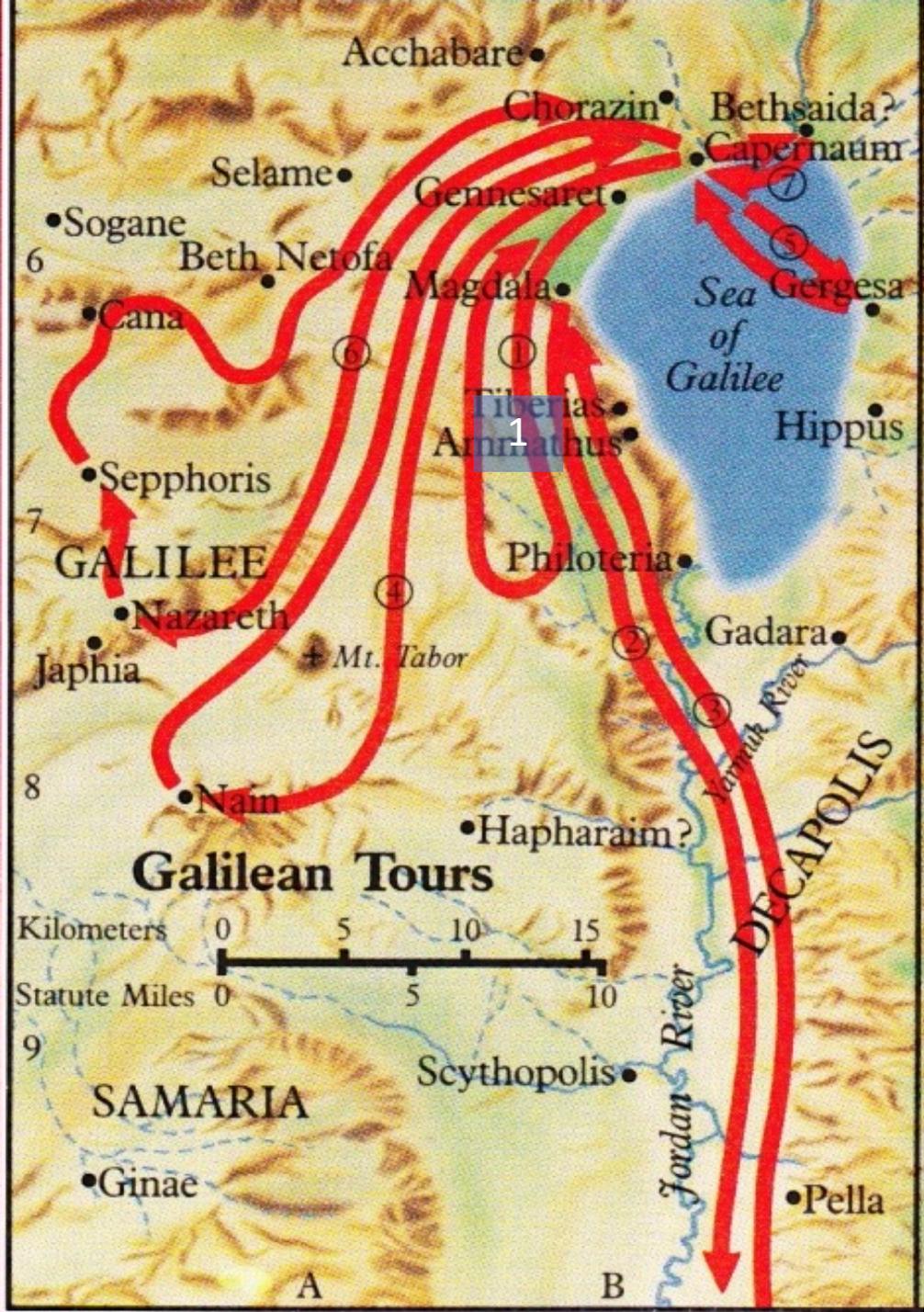




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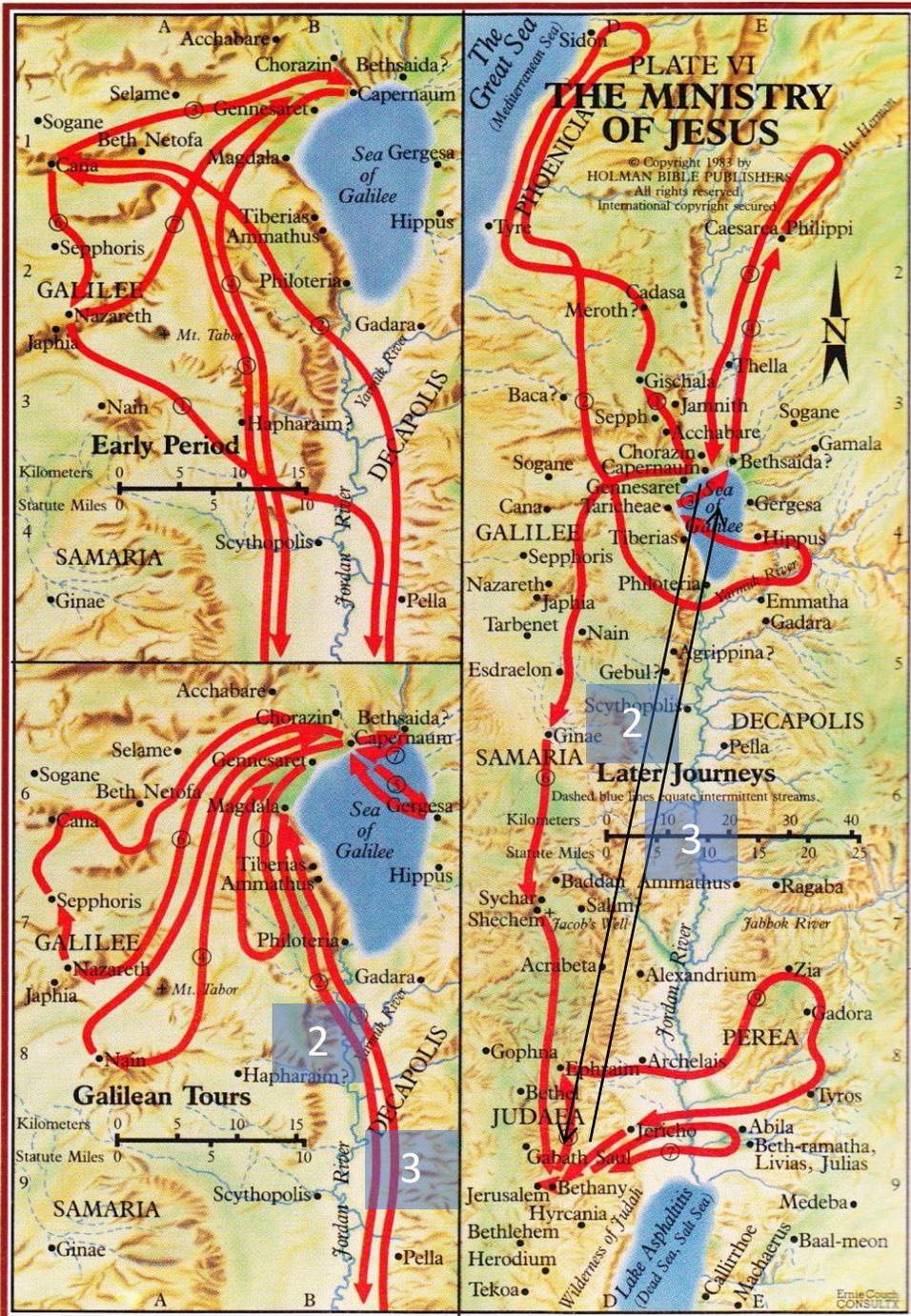


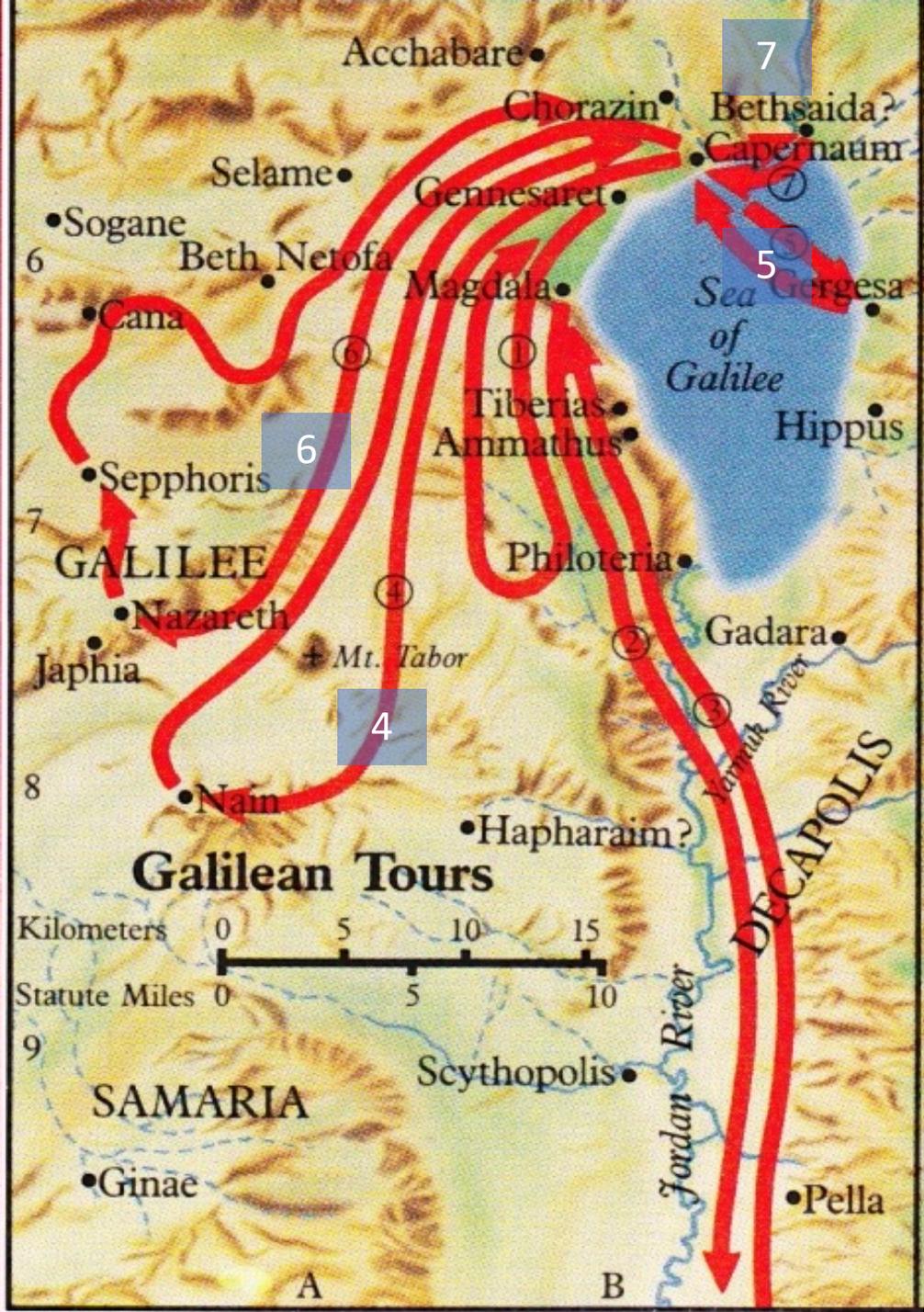
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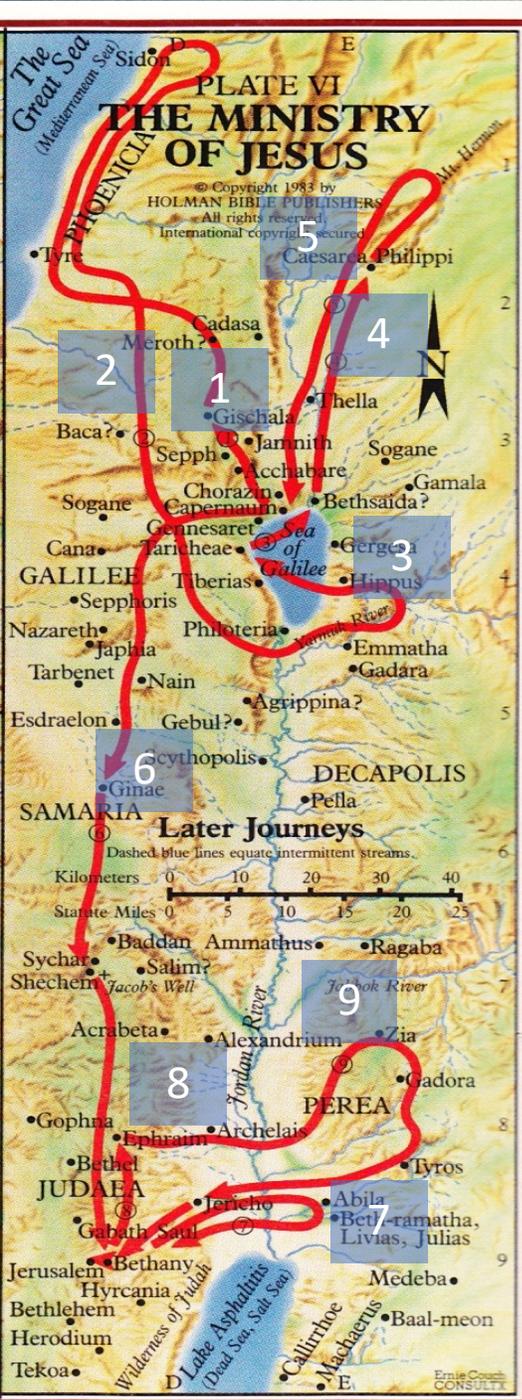
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Summary of the Gospels

Luke 1:1-4 - "Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled[a] among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."

- **Gospel Writers** - The Gospel writers were very careful to record times and places of Jesus' life. The accounts are written by eyewitnesses while they were still alive who validated them even under persecution and martyrdom.
- **Historians** - The Gospel record has sound historical authenticity. They have survived over 2000 years of scrutiny by historians and archaeologists.
- **Hope** - As followers of Jesus Christ, this gives us hope that He is indeed our Savior who is able to give us life after death.

Supplement on Acts

- **Literary Role** - Acts, written by Luke, serves as the glue between the Gospels and the letters of Paul.
- **Historians** - It is amazingly accurate and detailed within one generation of Jesus Christ --- a favorite among archaeologist and historians
- **Content** - It outlines 4 trips
 - Initial wildly successful trip to introduce the Gospel to the Gentiles --- Council at Jerusalem (49AD)
 - Second/Third trip expands then strengthens church
 - Fourth trip - journey to Rome for trial

