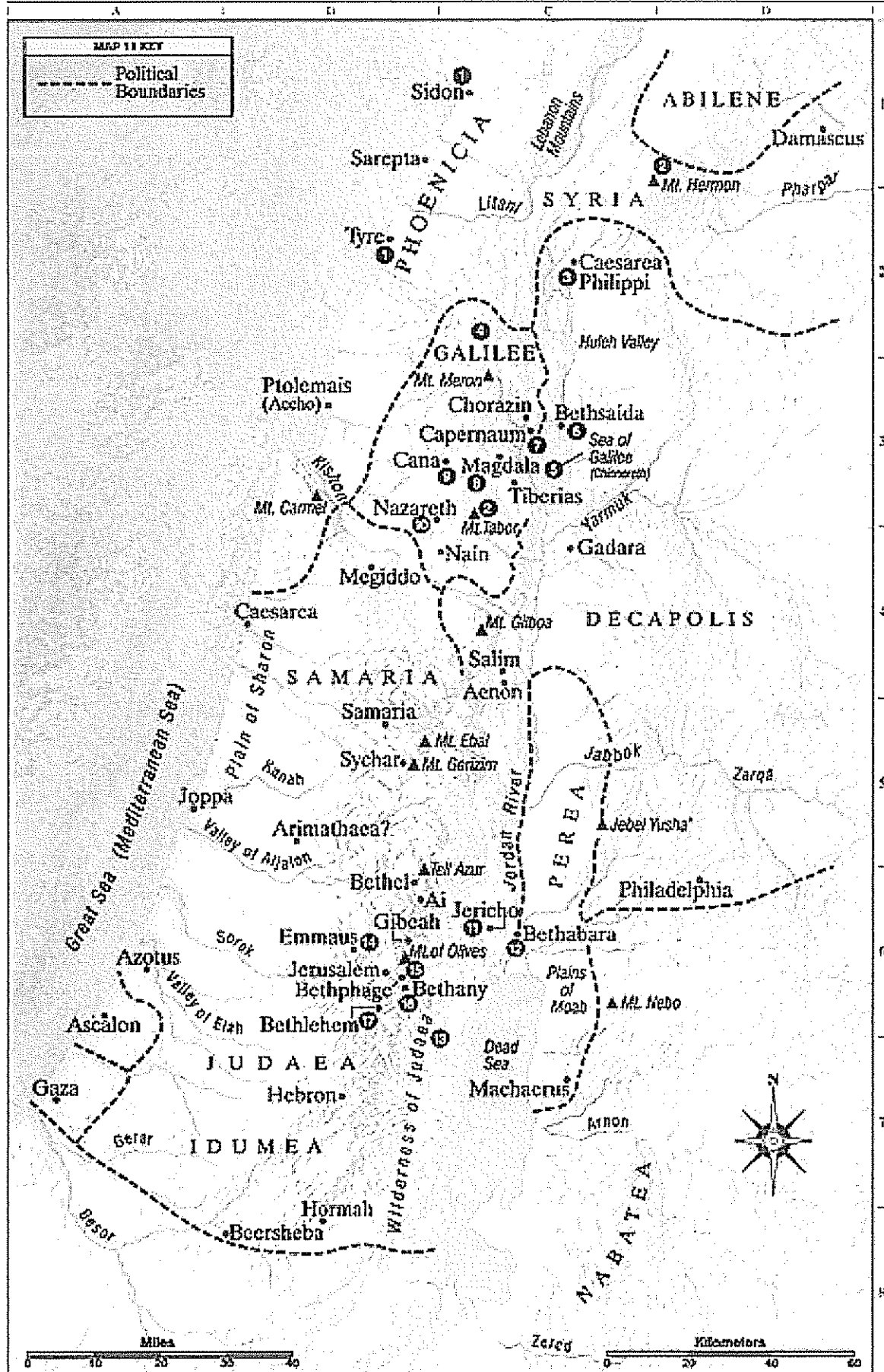


# THE WORLD OF JESUS

THE HOLY LAND IN NEW TESTAMENT TIMES

MAP 11



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**1. Tyre and Sidon** Jesus compared Chorazin and Bethsaida to Tyre and Sidon (Matt. 11:20-22). He healed the daughter of a Gentile woman (Matt. 15:21-28).

**2. Mount of Transfiguration** Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matt. 17:1-13).

**3. Caesarea Philippi** Peter testified that Jesus is the Christ and was promised the keys of the kingdom (Matt. 16:13-20). Jesus foretold his own death and Resurrection (Matt. 16:21-28).

**4. Region of Galilee** Jesus spent most of his life and ministry in Galilee (Matt. 4:23-25). Here he gave the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7); healed a leper (Matt. 8:1-4); and chose the Twelve Apostles, of whom only Judas Iscariot was apparently not Galilean (Mark 3:13-19). In Galilee the risen Christ appeared to the Apostles (Matt. 28:16-20).

**5. Sea of Galilee, later called Sea of Tiberias** Jesus taught from Peter's boat (Luke 5:1-3) and called Peter, Andrew, James, and John to be fishers of men (Matt. 4:18-22; Luke 5:1-11). He also stilled the tempest (Luke 8:22-25), taught parables from a boat (Matt. 13), walked on the sea (Matt. 14:22-32), and appeared to his disciples after his Resurrection (John 21).

**6. Bethsaida** Peter, Andrew, and Philip were born in Bethsaida (John 1:44). Jesus went away privately with the Apostles near Bethsaida. The multitudes followed him, and he fed the 5,000 (Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14). Here Jesus healed a blind man (Mark 8:22-26).

**7. Capernaum** This was Peter's home (Matt. 8:5, 14). In **Capernaum**, which Matthew called Jesus' "own city," Jesus healed a paralytic (Matt. 9:1-7; Mark 2:1-12), cured a centurion's servant, healed the mother of Peter's wife (Matt. 8:5-15), called Matthew to be one of his Apostles (Matt. 9:9), opened blind eyes, cast out a devil (Matt. 9:18-33), healed a man's withered hand on the Sabbath (Matt. 12:9-13), gave the bread-of-life discourse (John 6:22-65), and agreed to pay taxes, telling Peter to get the money from a fish's mouth (Matt. 17:24-27).

**8. Magdala, Magadan** This was the home of Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9). Soon after Jesus came here after feeding the 4,000 (Matt. 15:38-39), the Pharisees and Sadducees requested that he show them a sign from heaven (Matt. 16:1-4).

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**9. Cana** Jesus turned water into wine (John 2:1-11) and healed a nobleman's son who was at **Capernaum** (John 4:46-54). Cana was also the home of Nathanael (John 21:2).

**10. Nazareth** The annunciations to Mary and Joseph took place in Nazareth (Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38; 2:4-5). After returning from Egypt, Jesus spent his childhood and youth here (Matt. 2:19-23; Luke 2:51-52), announced his divine Sonship, and was rejected by his own (Luke 4:14-32).

**11. Jericho** Jesus gave sight to a blind man (Luke 18:35-43). He also dined with Zacchaeus, "chief among the publicans" (Luke 19:1-10).

**12. Bethabara** John the Baptist testified that he was "the voice of one crying in the wilderness" (John 1:19-28). John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and testified that Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:28-34).

**13. Wilderness of Judaea** John the Baptist preached in this wilderness (Matt. 3:1-4) where Jesus fasted 40 days and was tempted (Matt. 4:1-11).

**14. Emmaus** The risen Christ walked on the road to Emmaus with two of his disciples (Luke 24:13-32).

**15. Bethphage** Two disciples brought Jesus a colt on which he began his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matt. 21:1-11).

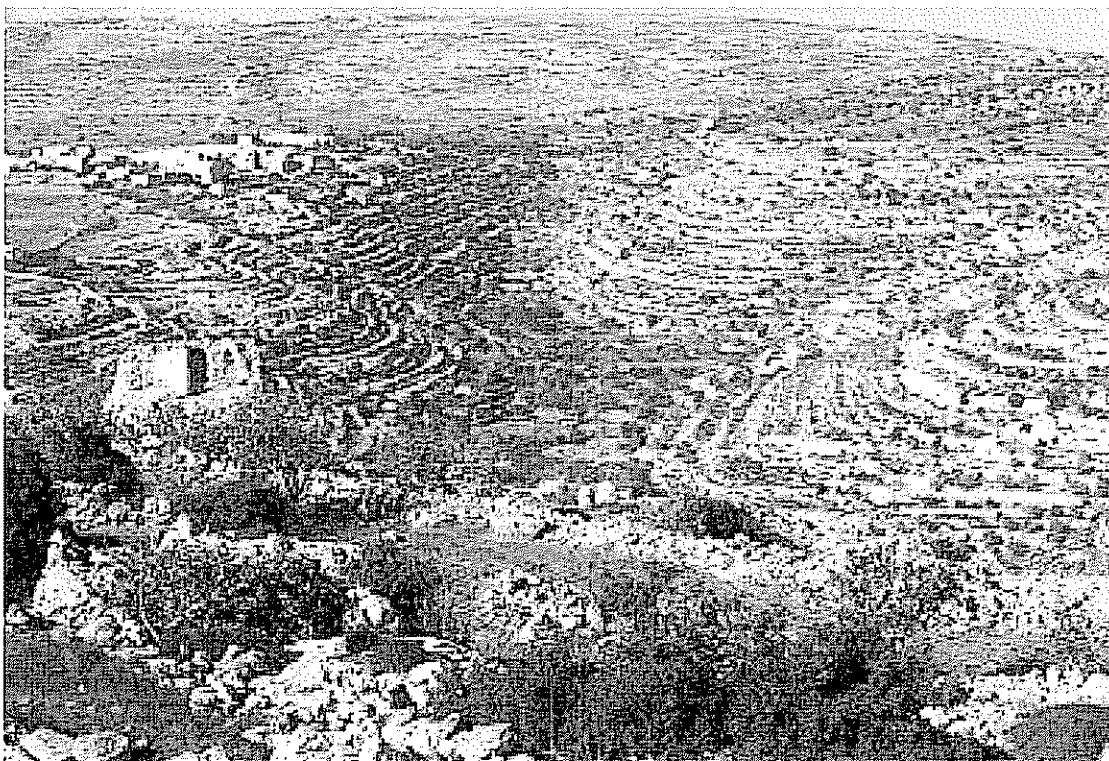
**16. Bethany** This was the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus (John 11:1). Mary heard Jesus' words, and Jesus spoke to Martha of choosing the "good part" (Luke 10:38-42); Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44); and Mary anointed Jesus' feet (Matt. 26:6-13; John 12:1-8).

**17. Bethlehem** Jesus was born and was laid in a manger (Luke 2:1-7); angels heralded to the shepherds the birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-20); wise men were directed by a star to Jesus (Matt. 2:1-12); and Herod slew the children (Matt. 2:16-18).

# THE WORLD OF JESUS

## The Land

- About 150 miles long
- 60 miles wide at its broadest point
- A mix of mountains, deserts, valleys, fertile land, and rocky land
- Divided by the Jordan River
- Bodies of water include Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Red Sea, Mediterranean Sea
- Jerusalem: capital city
- Shepherds and Farmers – agrarian and nomadic
- Ruled by the Roman Empire
- Relied on oral communication



# THE WORLD OF JESUS

## The Politics

- For centuries, endured waves of invasions from the East
- During Jesus' time, occupied by the Roman Empire – taxation
- Tetrarchs (Herod Antipas), kings (Herod the Great), procurators (Pontius Pilate)
- Political and religious parties:
  - Sadducees – priestly class tried to get along with Rome
  - Pharisees – moderates who focused on living the Law
  - Essenes – withdrew from society (Qumran – Dead Sea Scrolls)
- Military occupation



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## The Religion

- **Sadducees** – priestly class, very rigid and conservative religiously; ran the Temple
- **Pharisees** – lay people (not priests) seeking reform, devoted to the Law, ran the synagogues
- **Scribes** – Pharisees who copied the Law by hand
- **Sanhedrin** – Jewish ruling council made up of Pharisees and Sadducees
- **Essenes** – withdrew from society (John the Baptist?) to seek holiness
- **Zealots** – sought Jewish independence
- **Gentiles** – non-Jews
- **Samaritans** – Jews who had intermarried during the time of Exile



Jesus preaching to the Scribes and Pharisees