

## **NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

### **COMPARING THE GOSPELS**

#### **LESSON 10**

##### **SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

Synoptic means to tell about the same things in much the same way and in much the same order they happened.

The first three Gospels Matthew, Mark and Luke — are called synoptic Gospels. The synoptic Gospels tell about Jesus Christ. The synoptic Gospels tell in a similar order what Jesus did. The synoptic Gospels tell similar things that Jesus did. Yet, each Gospel tells about Jesus Christ in its own way. The stories are the same in these Gospels, but are told in different ways.

God let the writers of the Gospels write in their own way. Yet, God told them what to write. By doing this, God gave a better and a more complete picture of what Jesus Christ is like.

The Gospel of John is different from the other Gospels. It tells other things about Jesus. The Gospel of John shows Jesus Christ as God. The other Gospels show Jesus Christ as man.

##### **Example.**

There was an accident in the settlement. The police came in. They asked different people what happened. Each person saw what happened. Each person told what happened in his own way. One remembered one thing and another remembered another thing. The police listened to all the stories. That is how they found out what really happened.

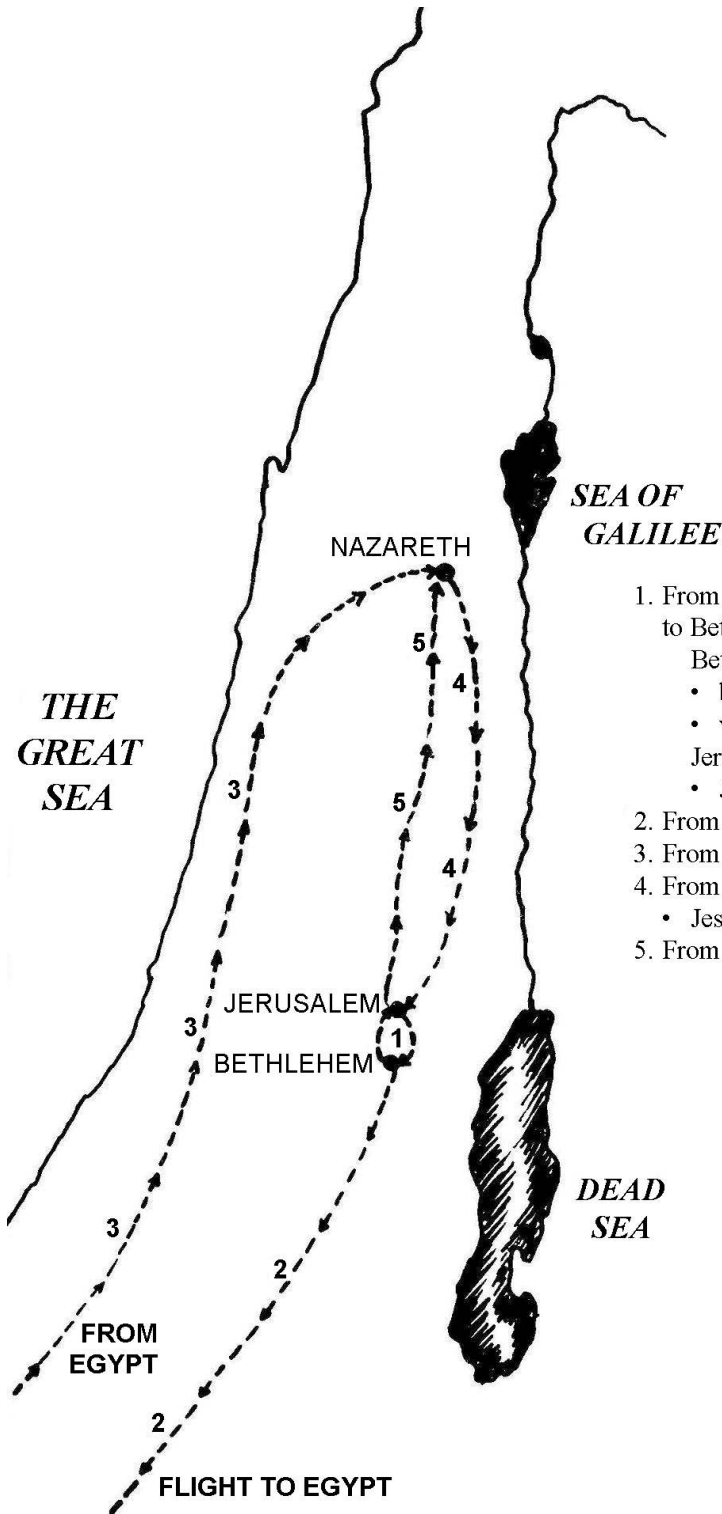
##### **CHARTS**

There are 6 charts in this lesson. One chart shows how the Gospels are alike. Two charts show Jesus' work. Another chart shows the miracles Jesus did. The next chart shows the parables of Jesus. The last chart tells of Jesus' visits and sermons.

These charts will help you find things in the Gospels.

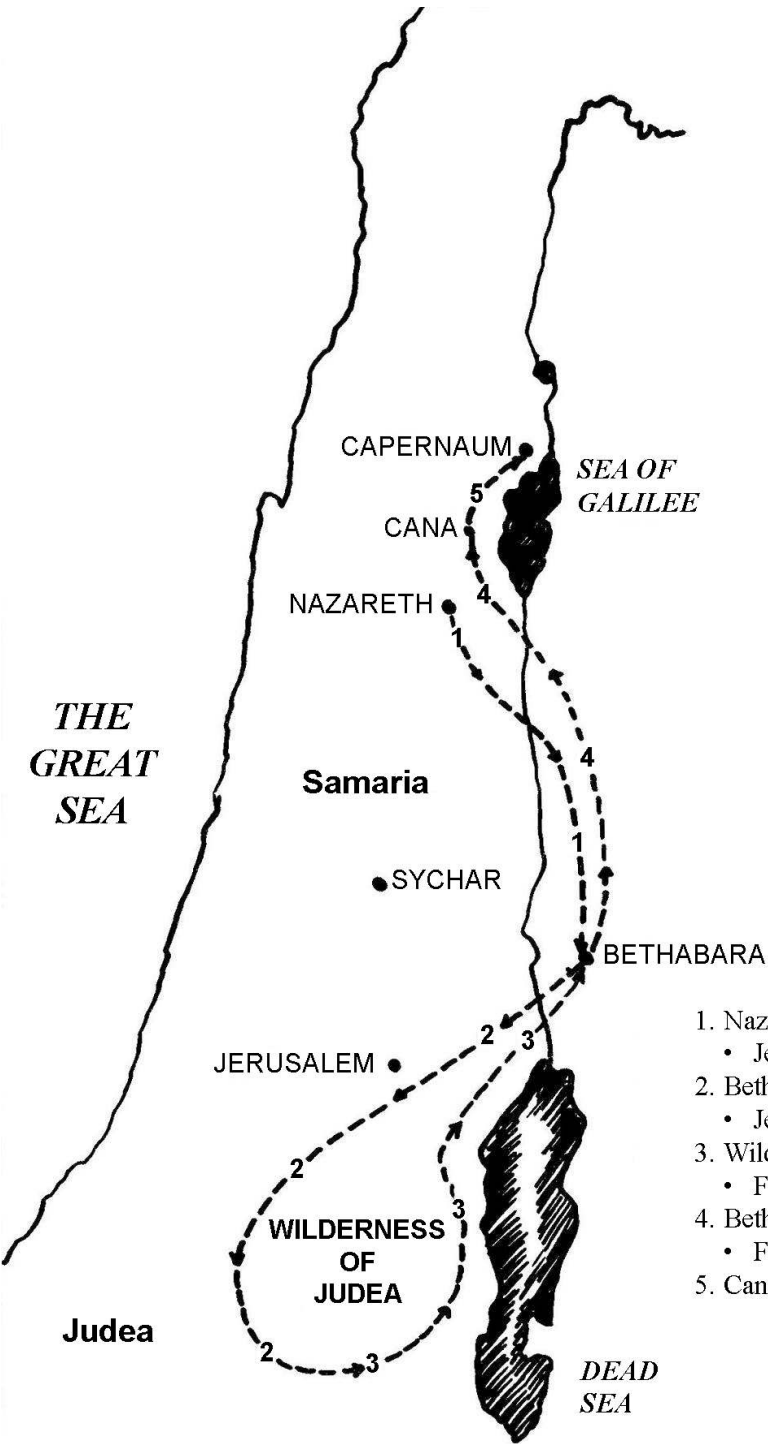
<b>LIFE AND WORK OF CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE GOSPELS</b>			
<b>WORK - PART - PLACE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRIST</b>	<b>IMPORTANT</b>
Part I JESUS PREPARED FOR HIS WORK Bethlehem - Jerusalem - Nazareth	30 yrs.		Birth of Christ. Dedicated in temple. Childhood to grown-up years
Part II BEGINNING OF JESUS' WORK Judea - Galilee	3 mo.	Prepared for work.	Baptized by John. Tempted by Satan.
Part III JESUS' WORK IN JUDEA	8 mo.	Christ was made known.	Visited with people.
Part IV JESUS' WORK IN SAMARIA	few days	Christ was liked by people.	Visited with woman at the well.
Part V JESUS' WORK IN GALILEE	22 mo.	Christ was liked by people.	Taught 12 disciples. Healed a leper. Did miracles. Taught the sermon on the mount.
Part VI JESUS' WORK IN JUDEA	3 mo.	Religious leaders turned against Christ.	Taught the disciples many things. Taught in parables.
Part VII JESUS' WORK IN PEREA	3 ½ mo.	Religious leaders turned against Christ.	Taught by showing. Jews rejected Christ as Savior.
Part VIII LAST DAYS OF JESUS' WORK	1 week	Accepted as king but soon rejected.	Tried by the Jews. Tried by Pilate. Death on the cross.
Part IX JESUS' WORK FINISHED	6 weeks		Victory -empty tomb. Appeared to disciples. Ascended to heaven.

## PART I JESUS PREPARED FOR HIS WORK



1. From Bethlehem to Jerusalem and return to Bethlehem.
  - Bethlehem
  - birth of Jesus
  - visit of wise men
  - Jerusalem
  - Jesus given to God
2. From Bethlehem to Egypt.
3. From Egypt to Nazareth.
4. From Nazareth to Jerusalem.
  - Jesus in the temple
5. From Jerusalem to Nazareth.

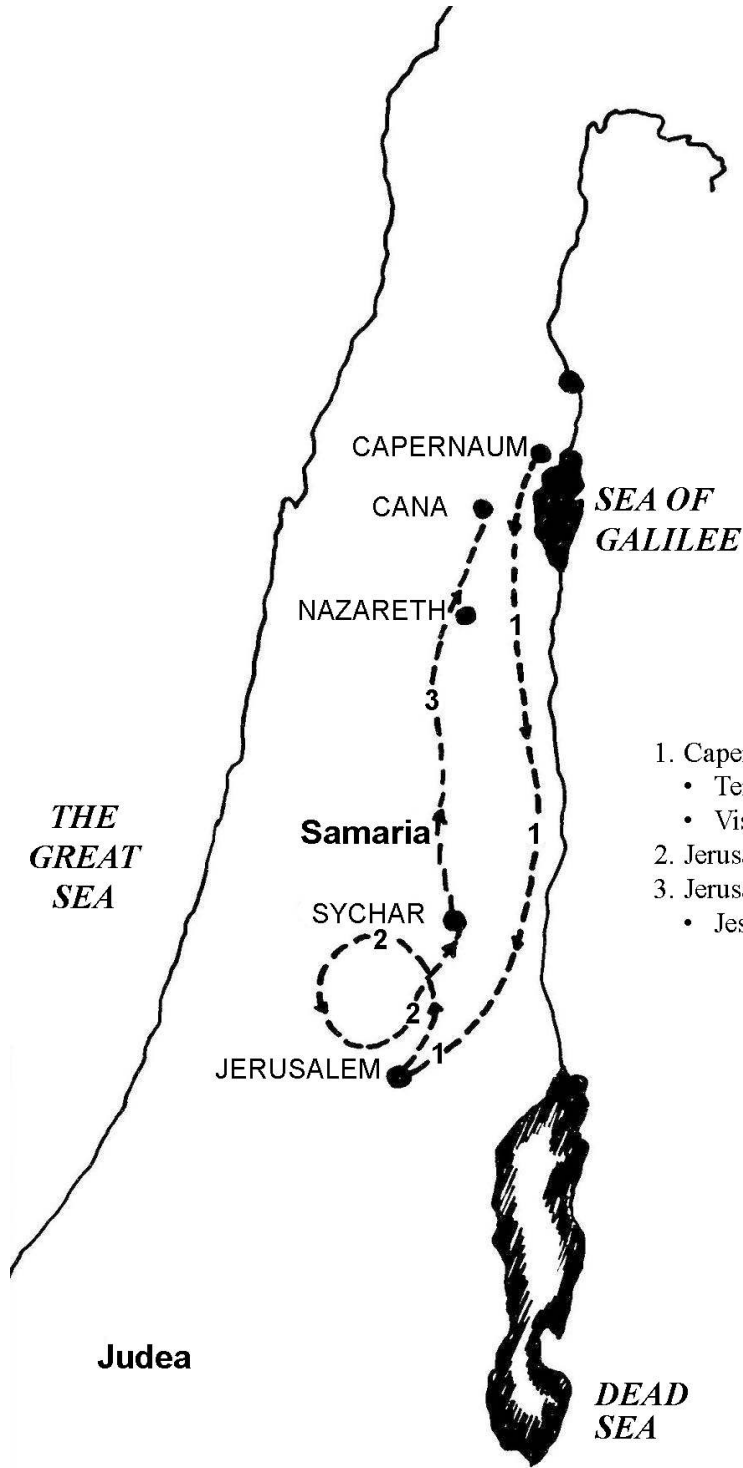
# PART II BEGINNING OF JESUS' WORK



1. Nazareth to Bethabara.
  - Jesus baptized
2. Bethabara to wilderness.
  - Jesus tempted
3. Wilderness to Bethabara.
  - First disciples
4. Bethabara to Cana.
  - First miracle
5. Cana to Capernaum.

### PART III JESUS' WORK IN JUDEA

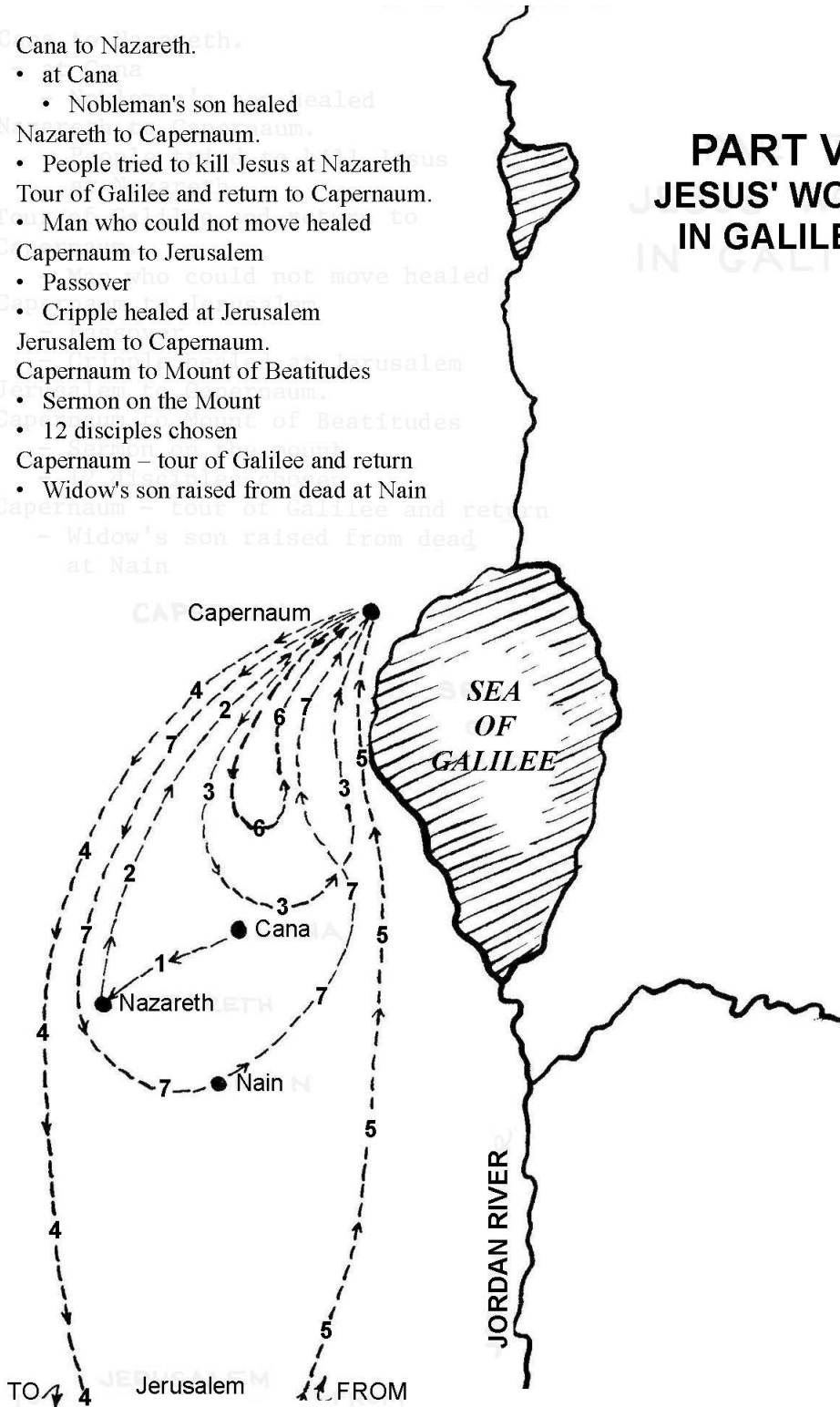
### PART IV JESUS' WORK IN SAMARIA



1. Capernaum to Jerusalem.
  - Temple cleaned
  - Visit with Nicodemus
2. Jerusalem to tour of Judea.
3. Jerusalem to Cana through Samaria.
  - Jesus and the woman at the well.

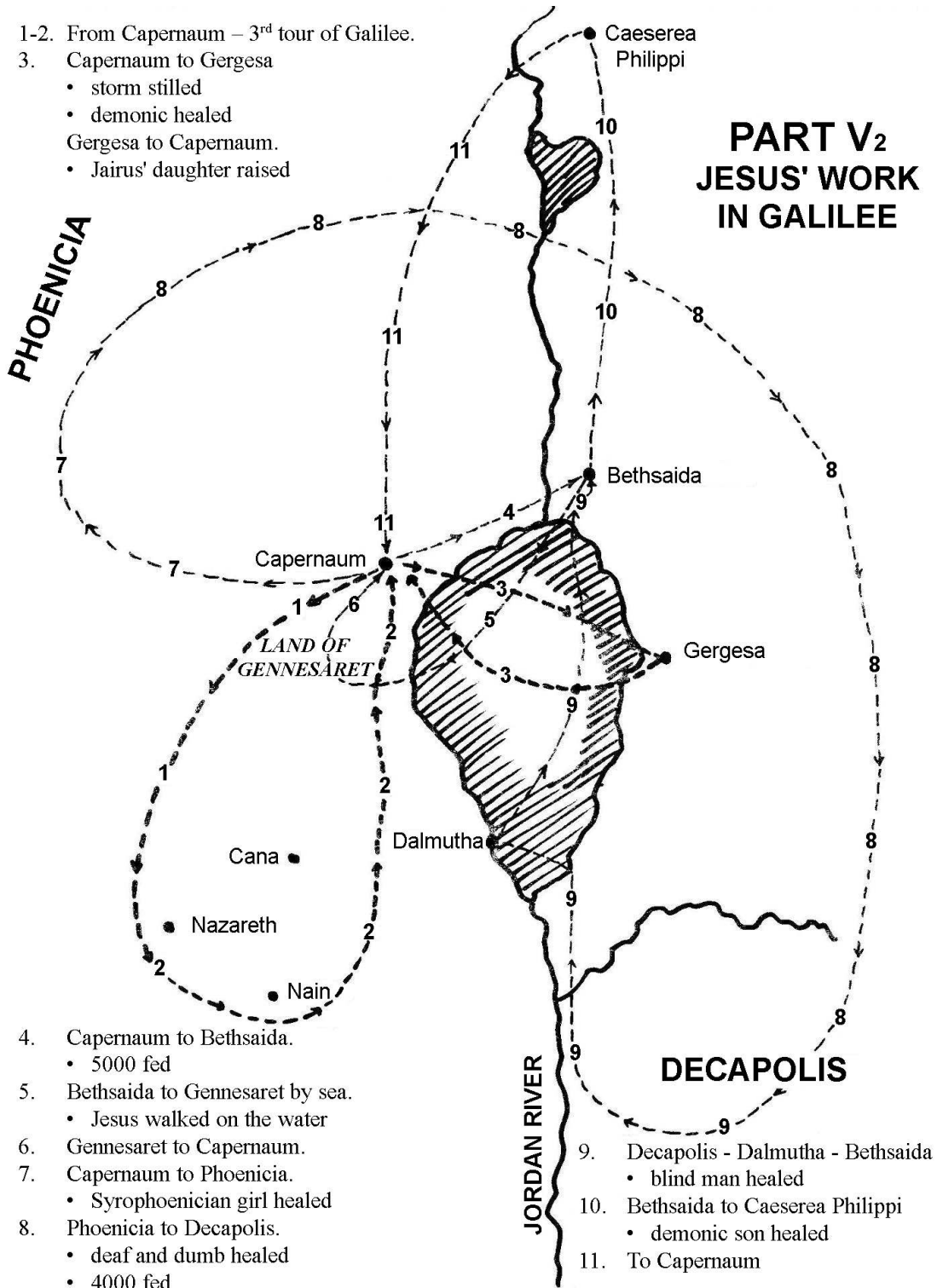
## PART V<sub>1</sub> JESUS' WORK IN GALILEE

1. Cana to Nazareth.
  - at Cana
  - Nobleman's son healed
2. Nazareth to Capernaum.
  - People tried to kill Jesus at Nazareth
3. Tour of Galilee and return to Capernaum.
  - Man who could not move healed
4. Capernaum to Jerusalem
  - Passover
  - Cripple healed at Jerusalem
5. Jerusalem to Capernaum.
6. Capernaum to Mount of Beatitudes
  - Sermon on the Mount
  - 12 disciples chosen
7. Capernaum – tour of Galilee and return
  - Widow's son raised from dead at Nain



- 1-2. From Capernaum – 3<sup>rd</sup> tour of Galilee.
3. Capernaum to Gergesa
  - storm stilled
  - demonic healed
- Gergesa to Capernaum.
  - Jairus' daughter raised

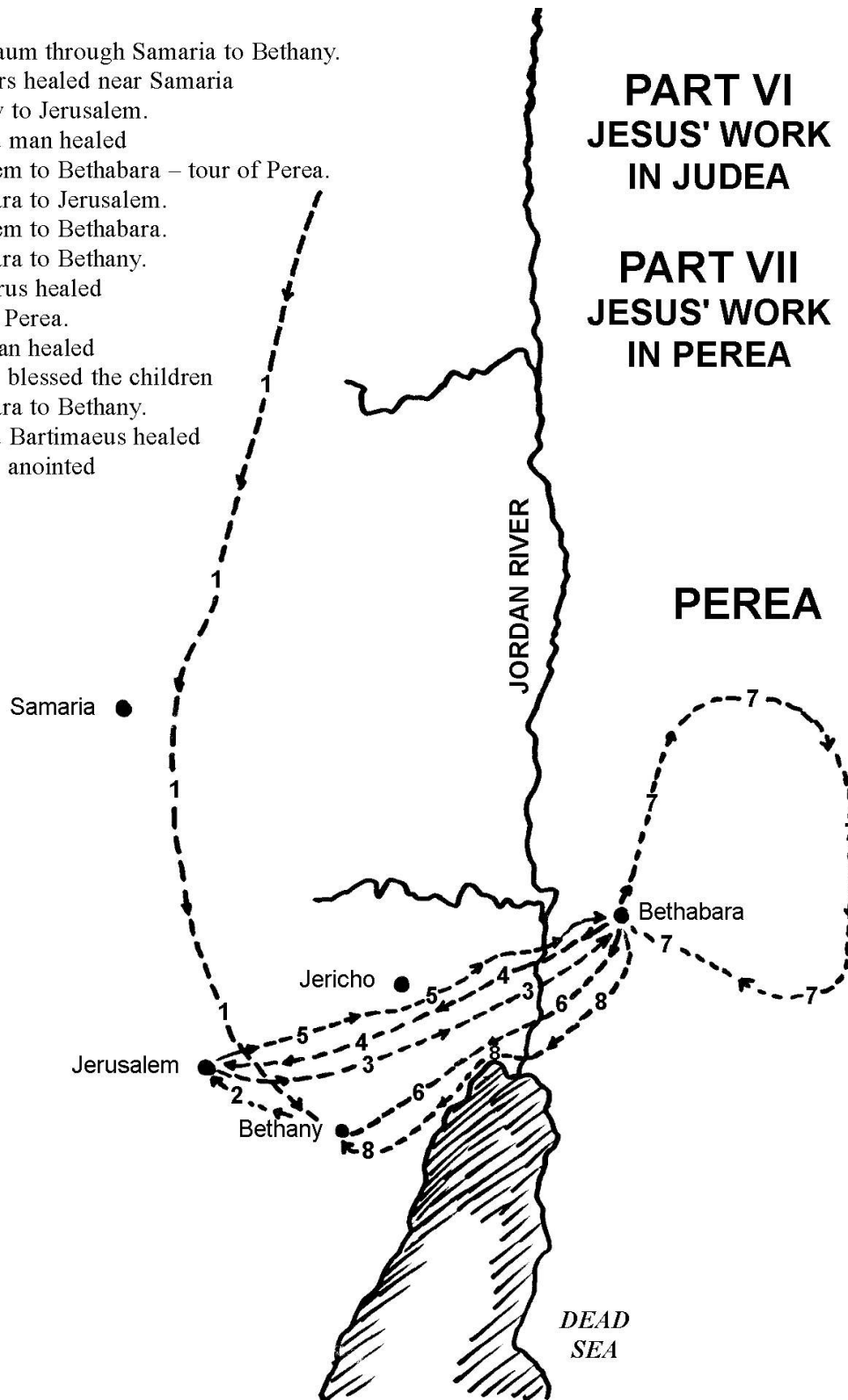
## PART V<sub>2</sub> JESUS' WORK IN GALILEE



1. Capernaum through Samaria to Bethany.
  - Lepers healed near Samaria
2. Bethany to Jerusalem.
3. Jerusalem to Bethabara – tour of Perea.
4. Bethabara to Jerusalem.
5. Jerusalem to Bethabara.
6. Bethabara to Bethany.
7. Tour of Perea.
  - woman healed
  - Jesus blessed the children
8. Bethabara to Bethany.
  - Blind Bartimaeus healed
  - Jesus anointed

**PART VI  
JESUS' WORK  
IN JUDEA**

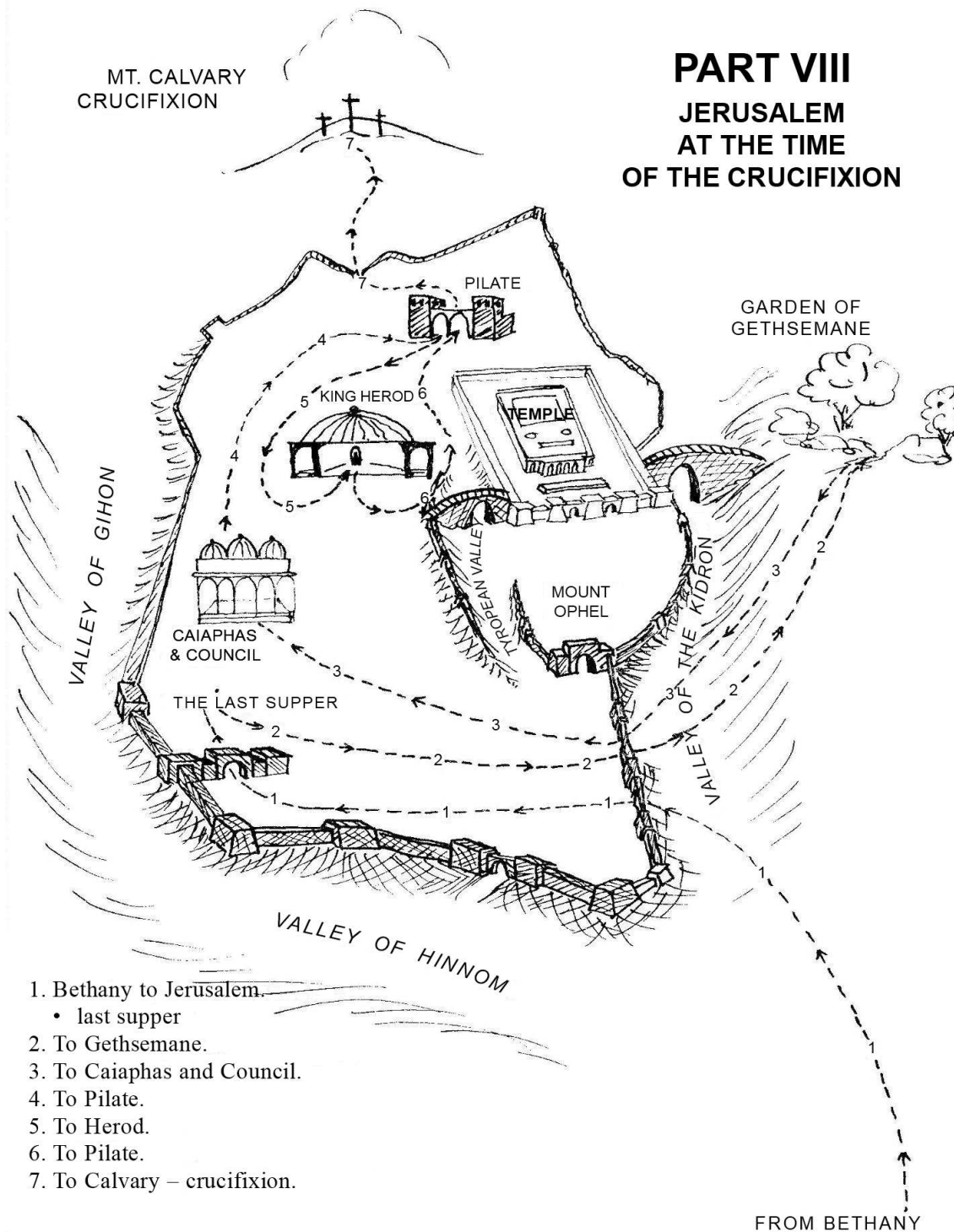
**PART VII  
JESUS' WORK  
IN PEREA**





# PART VIII

## JERUSALEM AT THE TIME OF THE CRUCIFIXION



1. Bethany to Jerusalem.
  - last supper
2. To Gethsemane.
3. To Caiaphas and Council.
4. To Pilate.
5. To Herod.
6. To Pilate.
7. To Calvary – crucifixion.

<b>COMPARING THE GOSPELS</b>				
	<b>MATTHEW</b>	<b>MARK</b>	<b>LUKE</b>	<b>JOHN</b>
Written to:	The Jews	The Romans	The Greeks, Gentiles	The Gentiles
Written by:	Matthew the disciple	John Mark	Luke, the doctor	John, the disciple
Time of writing:	A.D. 60-70	A.D. 60-70	A.D. 60-70	A.D. 70-100
Tells about: <sup>1</sup>	The promised Savior	The powerful Savior	The perfect Savior	The personal Savior
Jesus is seen	as the One Who fulfilled the Old Testament	in His work	as God in a human body	in His everyday life
Jesus is seen as:	King	Servant	Man	God
Outstanding things about the book	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- uses many words of the Old Testament.</li> <li>- tells what family Joseph came from.</li> <li>- tells about the birth of Christ.</li> <li>- tells about the wise men.</li> <li>- gives the teachings of Jesus in an orderly way.</li> <li>- sermon on the mount, Matthew 5 - 7</li> <li>- 13 parables</li> <li>- sermon on Mount of Olives. Matthew 24 - 25.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- short book</li> <li>- gives short, simple stories about the life of Christ.</li> <li>- tells mostly about the work of Christ in Galilee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- longest book.</li> <li>- tells what family Mary came from.</li> <li>- tells about the birth of Christ.</li> <li>- tells about the shepherds seeing Jesus.</li> <li>- tells mostly about Jesus' work in Judea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tells of Christ in the creation.</li> <li>- tells about Jesus' work in Judea.</li> <li>- tells of many of Jesus' visits.</li> <li>- tells much about Jesus' death.</li> <li>- tells about Jesus' resurrection.</li> <li>- tells about the upper room visit.</li> <li>- tells of Jesus and His disciples after the resurrection.</li> </ul>

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Part	Happenings	Mark	Matthew	Luke	John
Part I <sup>2</sup> 30 years	<b>Jesus Prepared for His Work</b> Opening to the Gospels Genealogies Births made known		1:1-17 1:18-25	1:1-4 3:23-38 1:5-56	1:1-14
	Birth of John the Baptist Birth of Jesus Visit of the Shepherds		1:18-25	1:57-80 2:1-7 2:8-20	
	Circumcision of Jesus Jesus taken to the temple Visit of the wise men		2:1-12	2:21 2:22-38	
	Jesus goes to Egypt Jesus goes to Nazareth Jesus in Nazareth		2:13-18 2:19-23 2:23	2:39 2:39-52	
Part II 3 month	<b>Beginning of Jesus' Work</b> Work of John the Baptist Jesus baptized Jesus tempted	1:1-8 1:9-11 1:12-13	3:1-12 3:13-17 4:1-11	3:1-20 3:21-22 4:1-13	1:15-18 1:29-34
	John - who he is First disciples of Jesus First miracle of Jesus Jesus at Capernaum				1:19-28 1:35-51 2:1-11 2:12
Part III 8 mo.	<b>Jesus' Work in Judea</b> In Jerusalem Cleaning the temple Visit with Nicodemus In Judea				2:13-25 3:1-21 3:22-36
Part IV few days	<b>Jesus' Work in Samaria</b>	1:14	4:12	4:14	4:1-42
Part V 22 mo.	<b>Jesus' Work in Galilee</b> Beginning of work in Gal. First preaching tour	1:14-15 1:16-45	4:12-17 4:18-25; 8:2-4;14-17	4:14-30 4:31 - 5:16	4:1-3;43-54
	Religious leaders more and more against Jesus Jesus well known Jesus chooses 12 disciples	2:1 - 3:6 3:7-12 3:13-19	9:1-17 12:1-14 12:15-21 10:1-4	5:17 - 6:11 6:17-19 6:12-16	5:1-47

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	<b>Happenings</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
	Sermon on the mount Second preaching tour		5:1 - 8:1 8:5-13 11:1-30	6:20-49 7:1 - 8:3	
	A day of teaching	3:19-35 4:1-34	12:22-50 13:1-53	8:4-21	
	A day of miracles	4:35 - 5:43	8:18-34 9:18-26	8:22-56	
	Third preaching tour	6:1-13	13:54-58 9:35 - 11:1	9:1-6	
	Death of John the Baptist The turning point at Capernaum	6:14-29 6:30 - 7:23	14:1-12 14:13 - 15:20	9:7-9 9:10-17	6:1-71
	Healing and miracles in many places Jesus and His disciples	7:24 - 8:26 8:27 - 9:32	15:21 - 16:12 16:13 - 17:23	9:18-45	
	Jesus works at Capernaum	9:33-50	17:24 - 18:35	9:46-50	7:1-9
Part VI 3 mo.	<b>Jesus' Work in Judea</b> Galilee to Jerusalem Jesus in Jerusalem Jesus in Judea - teaching	10:1	19:1	9:51-62 10:1-13:21	7:10 7:11 -10:21 10:22-39
Part VII 3 ½ mo.	<b>Jesus' Work in Perea</b> Jesus going toward Jerusalem - teaching Last trip to Jerusalem through Samaria and Galilee			13:22 -17:10 17:11 -18:14	10:40-11:54
	Jesus in Perea Jesus goes toward Jerusalem	10:1-45 10:46-52	19:1 - 20:28 20:29-34	18:15-34 18:35 - 19:28	11:55 - 12:11
Part VIII 1 week	<b>Last Days of Jesus' Work</b> Sunday Monday	11:1-11 11:12-19	21:1-11 21:12-17	19:29-44 19:45-48	12:12-19
	Tuesday	11:20 -14:11	21:18 - 26:16	20:1 - 22:6	12:20-50
	Wednesday Thursday	14:12-31	26:17-35	22:7-39	13:1 - 14:31

	<b>Happenings</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
	Friday	14:32 - 15:47	26:36 - 27:61	22:39 - 23:54	15:1 - 19:42
	Saturday		27:62-66	23:55-56	
Part IX 6 weeks	<b>Jesus' Work Finished</b> Resurrection Jesus and His disciples	16:1-8 16:9-18	28:1-8 28:9-20	24:1-12 24:13-49	20:1-10 20:11 - 21:25
	Ascension	16:19,20		24:50-53	

<b>THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST</b>				
<b>Miracles</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
Man set free from demons Peter's mother-in-law healed The leper healed Water made into wine	1:23-28 1:29-31 1:40-45	8:14-15 8:1-4	4:33-37 4:38-39 5:12-14	2:1-11
Nobleman's son healed Catch of fish Centurion servant healed Man with palsy healed	2:2-12	8:5-13 9:2-8	5:4-9 7:2-10 5:18-26	4:46-54
Widow's son raised from dead Man with dried-up hand healed Many people healed near Galilee Gadarene man set free from demons	3:1-6 3:7-12 5:1-20	12:9-14 12:15 8:28-34	7:12-16 6:6-11 8:26-39	
Sick woman healed Jairus' daughter raised from dead  Blind man healed	5:25-34 5:22-24 5:35-43	9:20-22 9:18-19 9:23 - 26 9:27-34	8:43-48 8:41-42 8:49-56	
Blind and dumb man healed Five thousand fed Walking on the water Syro-phenician girl healed	6:35-44 6:45-52 7:24-30	12:22-23 14:15-21 14:22-33 15:22-28	11:14 9:12-17	6:5-14 6:16-21
Deaf and dumb man healed Four thousand fed Blind man of Bethsaida healed Demon possessed boy set free	7:32-37 8:1-9 8:22-26 9:14-29	15:32-38 17:14-21	9:37-42	
Man healed at pool of Bethesda Man with dropsy healed Ten lepers healed Blind man healed			14:1-6 17:11-19	5:2-15 9:1-41
Lazarus raised from dead Two blind men healed Servant's ear put back on Big catch of fish	10:46-52	20:29-34	18:35-43 22:50-51	11:1-46 21:1-11

**Most of the Miracles Are in the First Three Gospels. The Only Miracle Mentioned in All Four Gospels Is the Feeding of the Five Thousand.**

<b>THE PARABLES OF JESUS CHRIST</b>				
<b>Parables</b>	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
The two men who owed money The rich fool The lord coming for the wedding The fig tree with no fruit			7:41-48 12:16-21 12:35-40 13:6-9	
The house upon the rock The sower and the seed Grain The wheat and the tares	4:3-20 4:26-29	7:24-27 13:3-9 ,18-23  13:24-30, 36-43	6:47-49 8:4-15	
The mustard seed The leaven (yeast) The cloth and bags The hidden treasure	4:31-32  2:21-22	13:31-32 13:33 9:16-17 13:44	13:18,19 13:20-21	
The good pearl The fish net The wicked servant The good Samaritan		13:45-46 13:47-53 18:23-35	10:30-37	
A friend at midnight The good shepherd A good place to sit The great supper			11:5-13  14:7-11 14:15-24	10:1-16
The lost sheep The lost coin The prodigal son The unjust servant		18:11-14	15:1-7 15:8-10 15:11-32 16:1-13	
The rich man and Lazarus (true story) The unjust judge The Pharisee and the publican The workers in the vineyard		20:1-16	16:19-31  18:1-8 18:9-14	
The ten pounds The two sons The grape field The marriage feast	12:1-12	21:28-32 21:33-44 22:1-14	19:11-27  20: 9-16	
The ten virgins The ten talents The true vine		25:1-13 25:14-30		15:1-11

Luke has the most parables. Luke has 21 parables. Matthew has 17. The rest

of the Gospels have a few. Luke is made up of very short stories. They are almost like pictures taken with a camera. The other Gospels have longer stories. Matthew gives the sermon on the mount in three chapters and Luke gives it in 29 verses.

The story of the rich man and Lazarus is not really a parable. Jesus says, "*There was ...*" These verses say it really happened. Jesus used the name of a man. This story shows what hell is like.

<b>THE VISITS AND THE SERMONS OF JESUS CHRIST</b>				
	<b>Mark</b>	<b>Matthew</b>	<b>Luke</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>VISITS</b>				
Jesus and Nicodemus				3:1-21
Jesus and the woman at the well				4:4-26
The bread of life visit				6:25-59
Jesus' last visit with His disciples	14:12-31	26:17-35	22:7-38	13:1 - 17:26
<b>SERMONS</b>				
Sermon at Nazareth			4:16-30	
Sermon on the mount		5:17:29	6:20-49	
Sermon on the Mount of Olives	13:1-37	24:1 - 25:46	21:5-36	

The first three Gospels tell of Jesus' last visit with His disciples in a few verses. John tells of the last visit in five chapters. John also tells much more of what happened after the resurrection. John tells of many short visits.

#### ASSIGNMENT

1. READ MATTHEW CHAPTERS 10 to 19.
2. Fill in the chart on the next page. This will help you as you study the life of Christ in the Gospels.



<b>LIFE AND WORK OF CHRIST AS SEEN IN THE GOSPELS</b>			
<b>Work - Part - Place</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Thoughts about Christ</b>	<b>Important</b>
<b>Part I</b>			
<b>Part II</b>			
<b>Part III</b>			
<b>Part IV</b>			
<b>Part V</b>			
<b>Part VI</b>			
<b>Part VII</b>			
<b>Part VIII</b>			
<b>Part IX</b>			

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