



Bible Geography

Historical Geography – Life of Christ

I. Birth to Baptism

A. Locations

1. Bethlehem
 - a. 5 miles south of Jerusalem
 - b. Prophesied (Micah 5:2)
 - c. Place of birth (Luke 2:1-20)
2. Jerusalem
 - a. Place of Mary's purification (Luke 2:22-24)
 - b. Jesus was 40 days old at this time (Leviticus 12:2-4, 5-7)
 - c. Christ seen here by Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38)
3. Egypt
 - a. Fled here from Herod the Great (Matthew 2:13-15)
 - b. Jesus would have been less than 2 years old (Matthew 2:16)
4. Nazareth
 - a. Returned after the death of Herod (Matthew 2:19-23)
 - b. Home of Mary and Joseph
 - c. 80 miles north of Jerusalem
 - d. Jesus lived here until 30 years old
 - e. People of the city rejected Jesus (Luke 4:16-30)
5. Jerusalem
 - a. Visited when Jesus was 12 years old
 - b. Went to fulfil a Jewish custom (Luke 2:41-52)
6. Bethabara
 - a. Name means "*house of crossing*"
 - b. Place of Jesus' baptism (John 1:28)
7. Wilderness of Judah
 - a. Fasted there for 40 days
 - b. Time of temptation (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)



II. Galilean Ministry

A. Locations

1. Cana

- a. Location of first two miracles
 - i. Changed water to wine (John 2:1-11)
 - ii. Healed a nobleman's son (John 4:46-54)
- b. Home of Bartholomew, i.e. Nathaniel (John 21:2)

2. Capernaum

- a. On the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee
- b. Home of Matthew (Matthew 9:9)
- c. House of Peter and Andrew (Mark 1:21,29)
- d. Jesus made it "*his own city*" (Matthew 9:1; Matthew 4:13)
- e. Where Jesus proclaimed Himself the "*bread of life*" (John 6:24,48)
- f. Cursed by Christ (Matthew 11:23)

3. Sychar

- a. In Samaria (John 4:5)
 - i. Location of Jacob's Well
 - ii. Conversion of the Samaritan Woman

4. Nain – (see Life of Christ – map 1)

- a. 6 miles southeast of Nazareth
- b. Jesus raised a widow's son (Luke 7:11-16)

5. Country of the Gerasenes or Gadarenes

- a. On the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- b. Jesus cast devils from men there (Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-17; Luke 8:26-37)

6. Bethsaida

- a. Name means "*house of fishers*"
- b. On the northern coast of the Sea of Galilee
- c. Hometown of Philip, Peter and Andrew (John 1:44; John 12:21)
- d. Jesus healed a blind man here (Mark 8:22-26)
- e. The 5,000 were fed near here (Matthew 14:13-21)
- f. City was cursed by Christ (Matthew 11:21)



III. Later Ministry

A. Locations

1. Phoenicia

- a. To the coasts of Tyre and Sidon (Matthew 15:21)
- b. Healed the Syro-Phoenician woman

2. Caesarea Philippi

- a. At the base of Mt. Hermon in the north
- b. Site of Peter's confession (Matthew 16:13-16; Mark 8:27)

3. Bethany

- a. Name means "*house of figs*"
- b. Less than 2 miles from Jerusalem on the eastern slope of the Mt. of Olives
- c. Home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (John 11:1)
- d. Christ ascended near here (Luke 24:50-51)