



The Call of Christmas



You ever have one of those weeks?



It's those weeks that remind us why this week is important.



What happened after the birth of Jesus?

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After 8 days Jesus was circumcised.

After Mary's purification of 40 days Jesus was presented at the Temple as the first born Son and blessed by Simeon and Anna and then returned to Nazareth.

Luke 2:21-40

Luke 2:40 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Sometime between 40 days and two years the
Magi presented themselves at Joseph and
Mary's house in Nazareth.
Matthew 2:1-12



Joseph, Mary, and Jesus flee Nazareth for Egypt until Herod dies after being warned in a dream.

Matthew 2:13-23

Luke jumps ahead to Jesus at the age of 12.

Luke 2:41-51

Luke 2:46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."

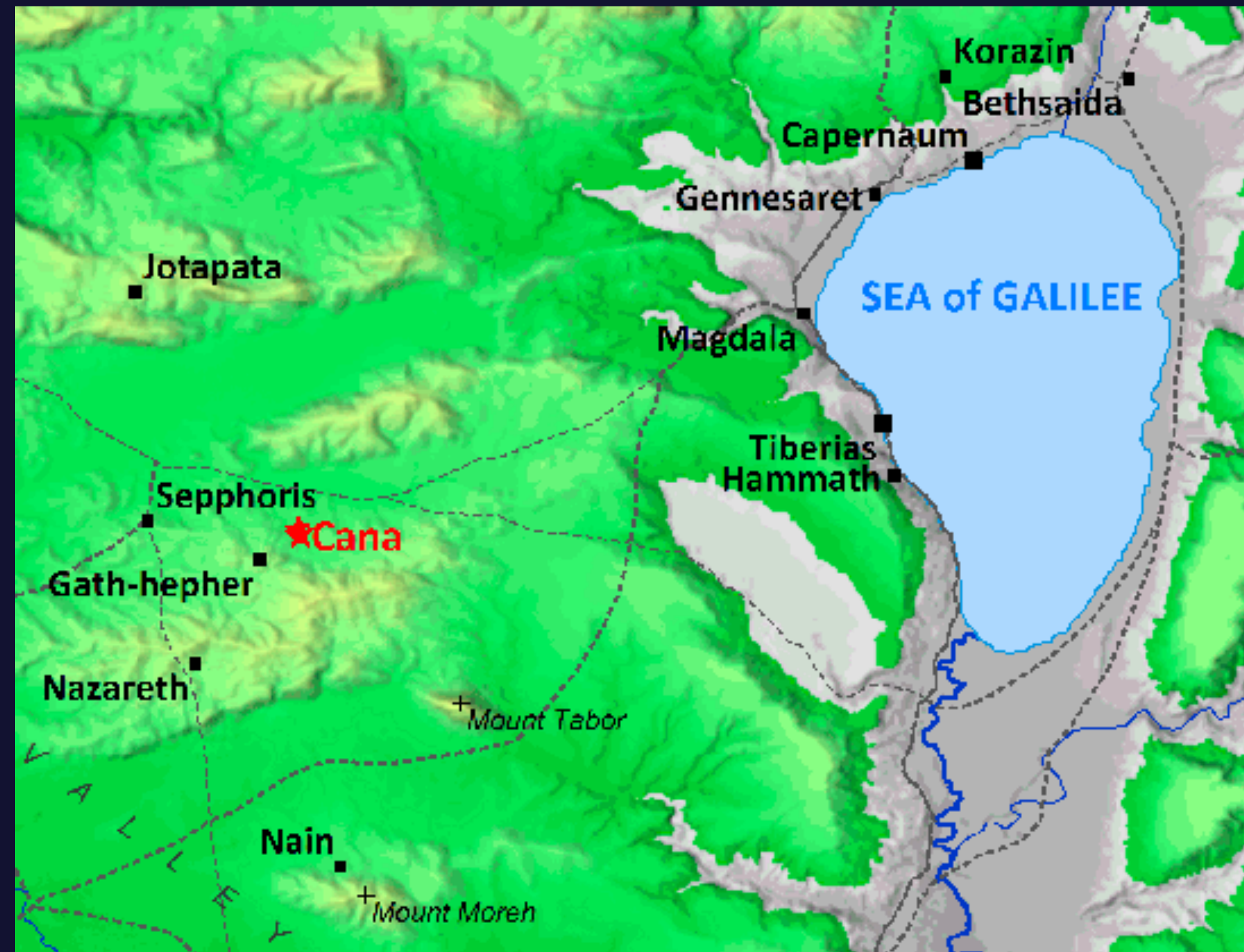
49 And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” 50 And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. 51 And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

Jesus started His ministry after being baptized and tempted at about 30 yrs. old.

Jesus calls His disciples and is invited to a family wedding in Cana on Galilee.

John 2



John 2:2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

John 7:1 After this Jesus went about in Galilee. He would not go about in Judea, because the Jews were seeking to kill him. 2 Now the Jews' Feast of Booths was at hand. 3 So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. 4 For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world."

5 For not even his brothers believed in him.
6 Jesus said to them, “My time has not yet come,
but your time is always here. 7 The world cannot
hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it
that its works are evil. 8 You go up to the feast. I
am not going up to this feast, for my time has not
yet fully come.” 9 After saying this, he remained in
Galilee.

John 8:17 In your Law it is written that the testimony of two people is true. 18 I am the one who bears witness about myself, and the Father who sent me bears witness about me.” 19 They said to him therefore, “Where is your Father?” Jesus answered, “You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also.” 20 These words he spoke in the treasury, as he taught in the temple; but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

John 13:1 Now before the Feast of the
Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had
come to depart out of this world to the Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end.

John 16:20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

21 When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. 22 So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

The suffering and sorrow of pregnancy is
tremendous.

But when that child is born and the mother sees
and holds that child for the first time.

Realizing that a human being has been brought
into this world.

The hour for Jesus had come.

Through His sacrifice humanity could be
born again.

As a Christian our greatest joy should be that through our suffering and sacrifice we see people spiritually reborn through Christ.

We see them identify with Jesus through water baptism and celebrate their new lives.

Wherever & however a person meets Jesus we will celebrate their new birth here as a church that we might walk as one.

Then we minister to them as they learn to teach
others about the new birth.

We experience sorrow, now, in this life.



It is that very sorrow that makes the the
confidence we have in Christ so sweet.



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