

Israel's Regions

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North: Galilee

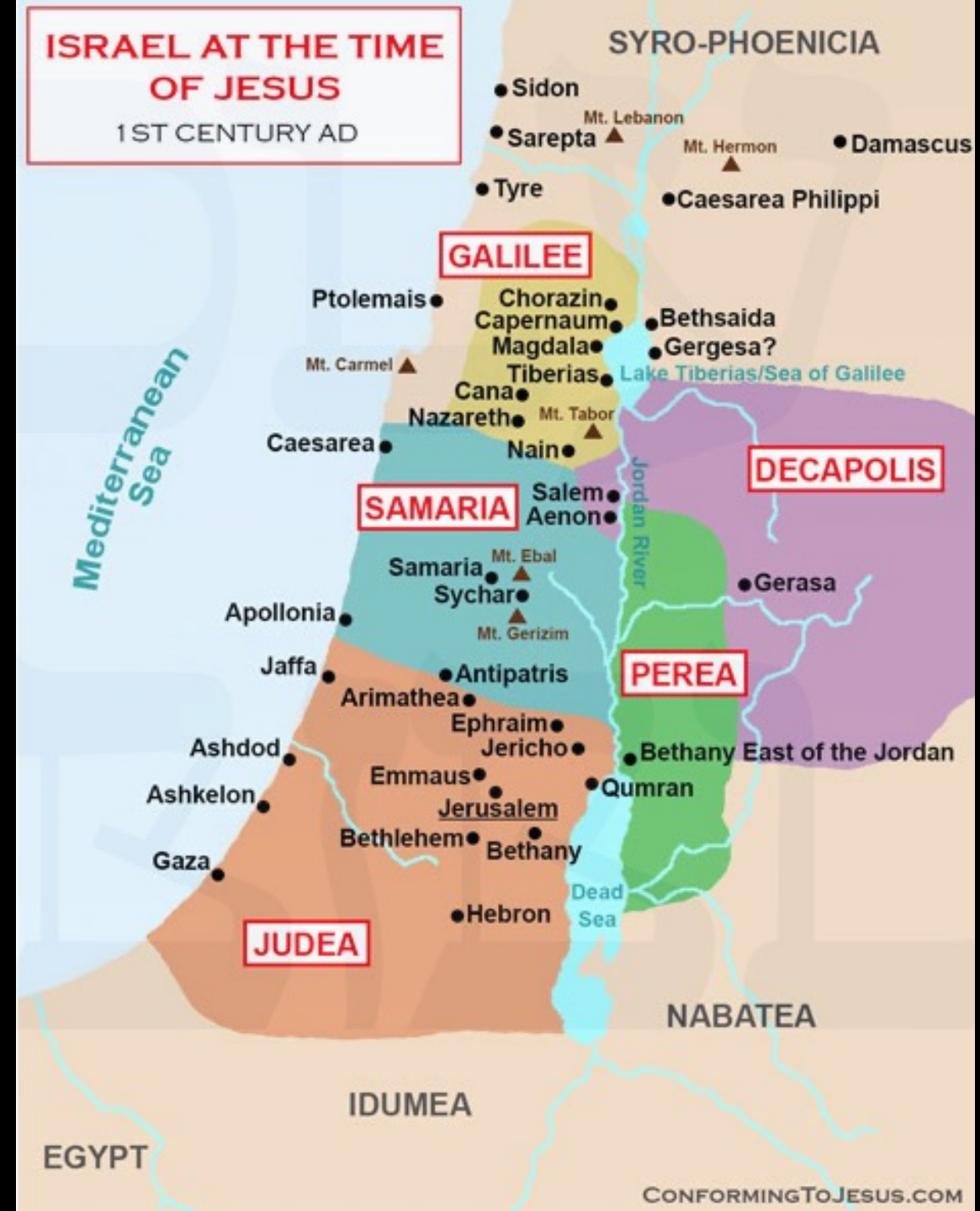
(key cities: Nazareth, Cana, & Capernaum)

Center: Samaria

(key cities: Samaria & Sychar)

South: Judea

(key cities: Jerusalem & Bethlehem)



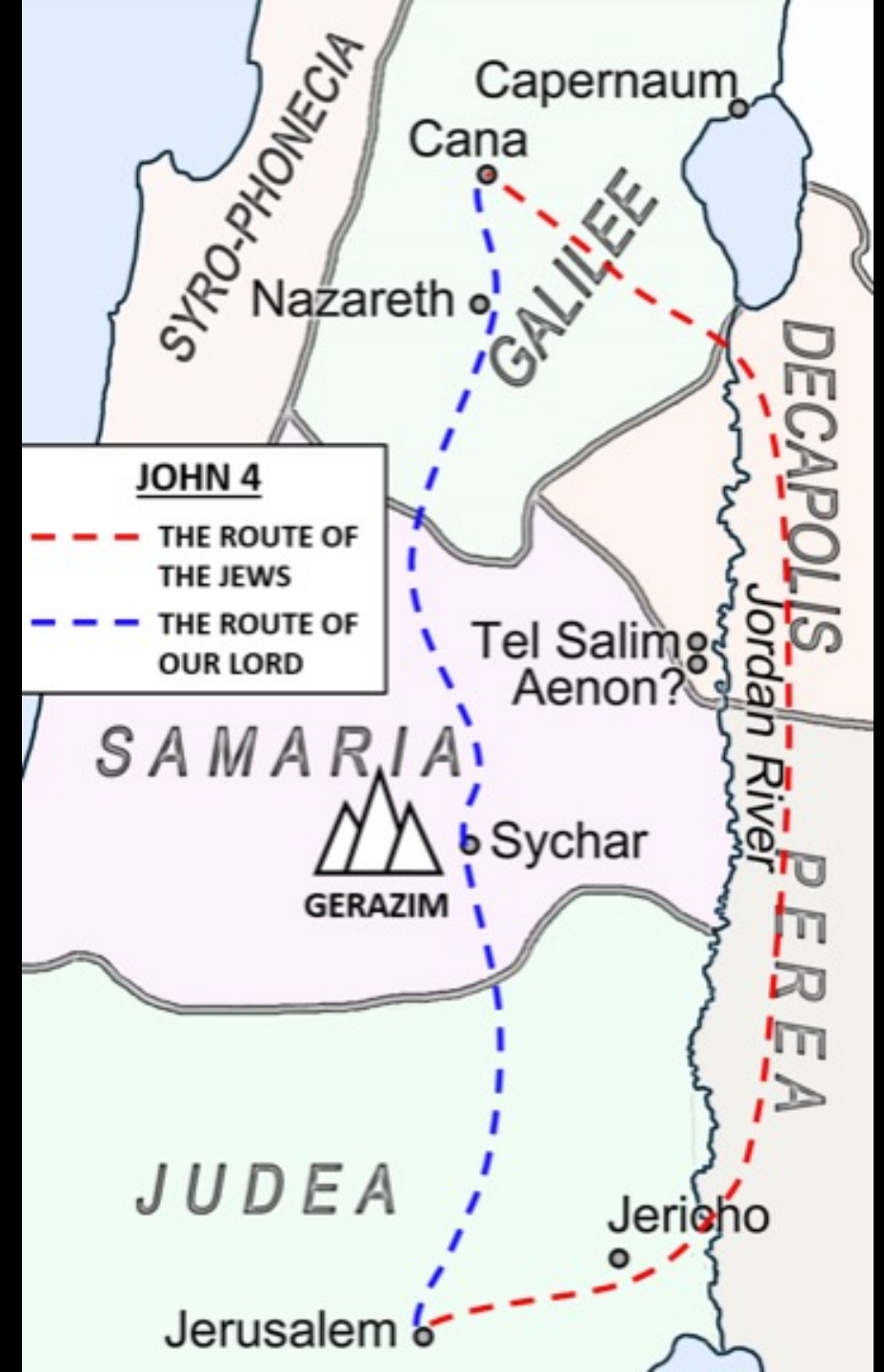
Israel's Routes from Judea to Galilee

Red: Typical Jewish route

They hated the Samaritans so much they tried to totally avoid them.

Blue: Jesus' route

Jesus loves ALL people, so he went through Samaria



Contrasts between Nicodemus and the Samaritan Woman

John 3 vs John 4

Area of Difference	Nicodemus	Samaritan Woman
Initiator	Nicodemus	Jesus
Name	Nicodemus	"No-name" person
Sex	Man	Woman
Place	Judah (Jerusalem)	Samaria
Ethnicity	Jew	Samaritan (mixed blood)
Social Status	Highly respected ruler & teacher (moral)	Despised and shunned (immoral)
Attitude	Polite (called Jesus Rabbi)	First resistant, then respectful
Time	By night	At noon
Occasion	Planned visit	Random
Content	Theological	Practical
Form	Nicodemus stopped talking & listened	She interacted to the end
Result	Not given	She was converted & witnessed
Similarities	Jesus loved them both & wanted both saved & died for both! And, Jesus wasted no time telling both what they needed the most, HIM!!!	