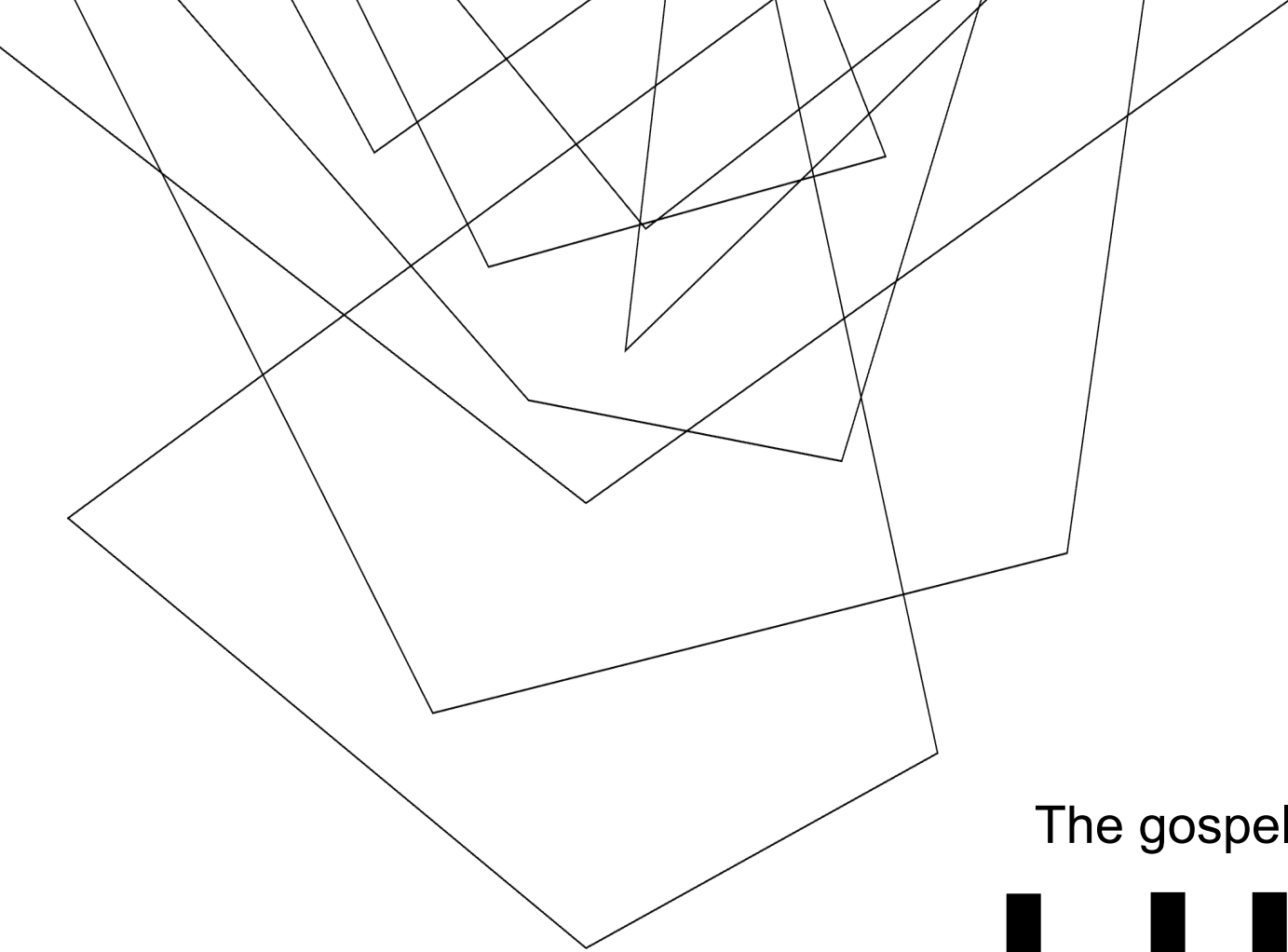


Major themes in Luke's gospel:

1. **Role reversals**: 1:52-53; 6:20-26; 13:30; 14:11; 18:14
 - Outcasts are loved by God: the poor, tax collectors, sinners, women, Samaritans, & even the Gentiles are exalted above the rich, proud & powerful.
2. **The dangers of wealth**: 8:14; 12:13-34; 16:10-13, 19-31; 18:18-30; *it can choke out your faith*
 - Jesus is constantly warning about power & wealth & commanding the rich to give what they have to the poor.
3. **Prayer**: 3:21; 5:16; 6:12, 28; 9:18, 28-29; 10:1-2; 11:1-4; 18:1-8; 22:32, 39-46; 23:34, 46
 - Jesus prays at every major point of His ministry!
4. **The Holy Spirit**: 1:15-17, 35, 67; 2:25-27; 3:16, 22; 4:1, 14, 18; 5:17; 11:13; 12:10-12; 24:49;
 - Luke begins & ends with the power of the Holy Spirit & worship at the temple. He is central to Jesus' ministry & promises
5. **Salvation**: 1:5-25, 26-2:38; 4:18-21; 5:30-32; 10:16-20; 19:10; 22:41-42; 24:44-47 (comes w/repentance)
 - Jesus being the Savior is emphasized heavily, it's His



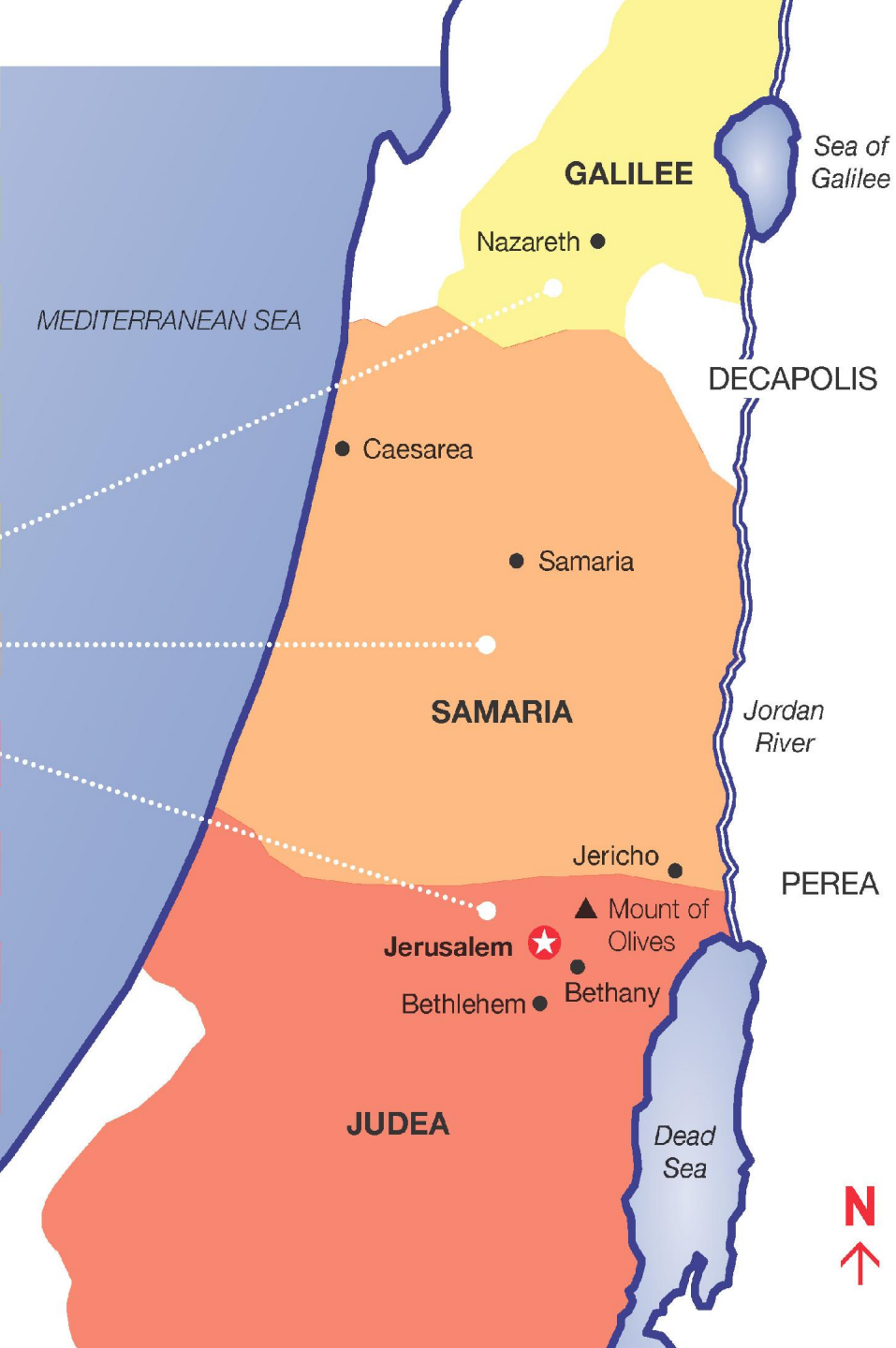
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HEROD'S TEMPLE 3D

“Now the outward face of the temple in its front wanted nothing that was likely to surprise either men’s minds or their eyes; for it was covered all over with plates of gold of great weight, and, at the first rising of the sun, reflected back a very fiery splendor, and made those who forced themselves to look upon it to turn their eyes away, just as they would have done at the sun’s own rays. But this temple appeared to strangers, when they were coming to it at a distance, like a mountain covered with snow; for as to those parts of it that were not gilt, they were exceeding white.”

- Josephus ca. A.D. 75, *Wars* 5:222



BRONZE LEPTON

The widow in Mark 12 gave two lepta coins to the temple, each worth only half a prutah.

What one coin could buy:
A bath at the public bathhouse.

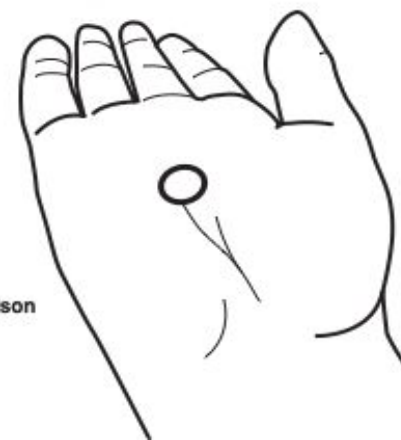
Translation of coin text:
"Of King Alexander"



A Bronze Lepton

These small bronze coins were minted during the reign of Alexander the Great (336–323 BC). They remained in circulation up to the time of Christ. The widow in the Gospels gave two coins like this as an offering (Mark 12:41–44; Luke 21:1–4).

Size
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Prediction in Luke 21:12–17

Arrested (“lay their hands”)

Persecuted

Conflict in synagogues

Imprisoned

**Brought before kings and
governors**

Given words to speak
(12:11-12)

**None can withstand or
oppose**

Executed

Fulfillment in Acts

4:3; 5:18; 12:1; 21:27

7:52; 8:3; 9:4–5; 12:4; 22:4,
7–8; 26:11, 14–15

6:9; 9:2; 13:44–51; 17:1–5;
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“The whole body, however, of the Church at Jerusalem, having been commanded by a divine revelation, given to men of approved piety there before the war, removed from the city, and dwelt at a certain town beyond the Jordan, called Pella. Here those that believed in Christ, having removed from Jerusalem, as if holy men had entirely abandoned the royal city itself, and the whole land of Judea; the divine justice, for their crimes against Christ and his Apostles finally overtook them, totally destroying the whole generation of these evildoers from the earth.

– Eusebius ca. A.D. 324, *History of the Church* 3.5.3

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(Isa. 34:2-5) ² For **the LORD is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host**; he has devoted them to destruction, has given them over for slaughter. ³ Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise; the mountains shall flow with their blood. ⁴ **All the host of heaven shall rot away**, and the skies roll up like a scroll. **All their host shall fall**, as leaves fall from the vine, like leaves falling from the fig tree. ⁵ **For my sword has drunk its fill in the heavens; behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom, upon the people I have devoted to destruction.**

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Luke 21:25-28 **cf. Dan. 7:9-14**

But what great event will they be waiting for? Luke, more than all the other gospels, has prepared us for the answer. His alert readers will not be surprised at Jesus' prediction; it has been anticipated in many sayings over the last ten chapters or so, and Jesus' dramatic action in the Temple was a prophetic sign, warning of what was to come. The Temple, the most beautiful building one could imagine, adorned and decorated by the skill and love of hundreds of years, and occupying the central place in the national life, religion and imagination—the Temple itself would be torn down. It had come to stand for the perversion of Israel's call that Jesus had opposed throughout his public career. If he was right, the present Temple was wrong; if God was to vindicate him, that would have to include the Temple's destruction. This was as unthinkable for a devout Jew as it would be for an American to imagine the destruction of the White House, the Washington Memorial and the Statue of Liberty; only much more so, because the Temple signified a thousand years of God's dealings with Israel. --- Tom Wright, [*Luke for Everyone*](#) (London: Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, 2004), 251–252.

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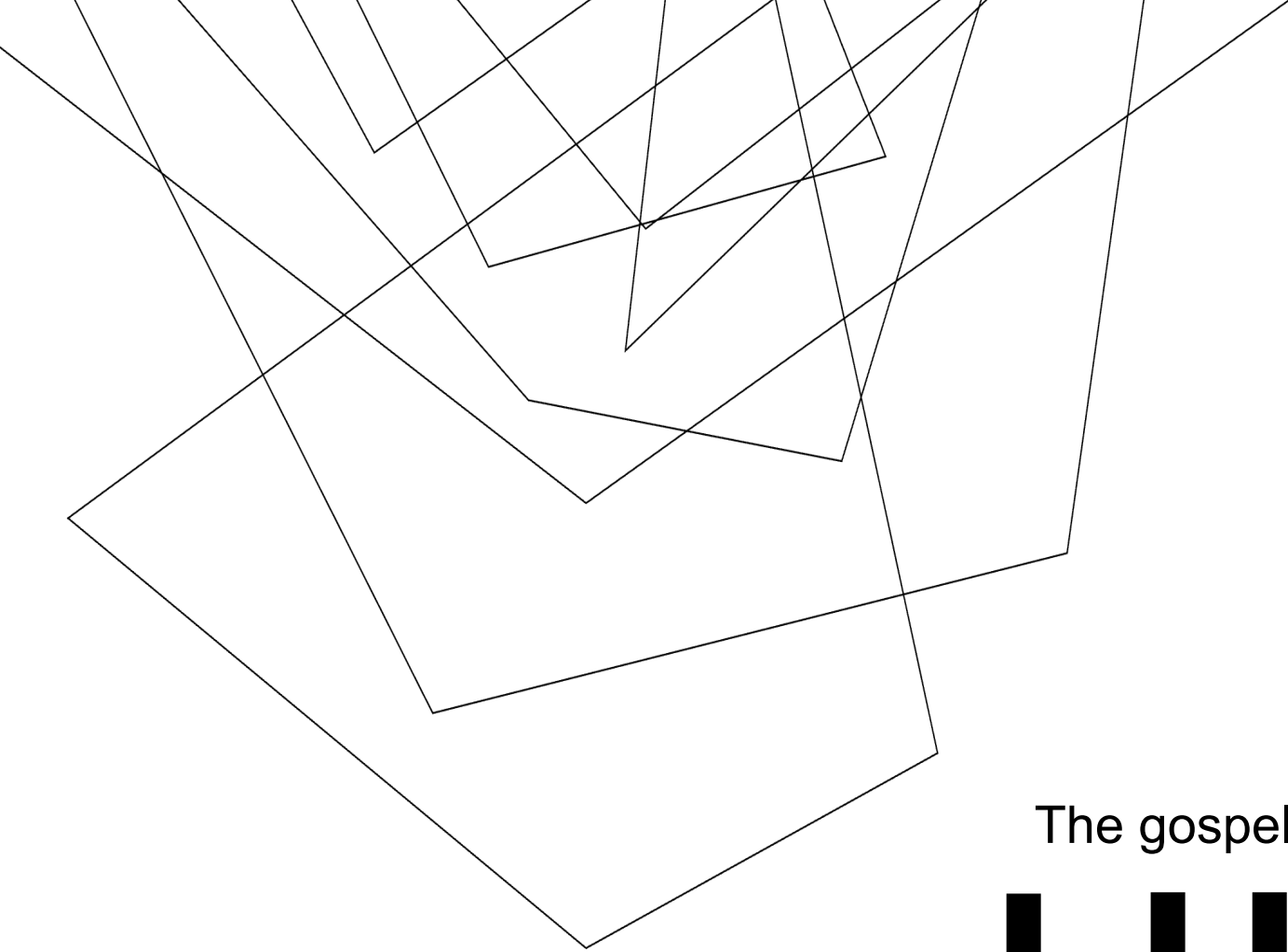
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