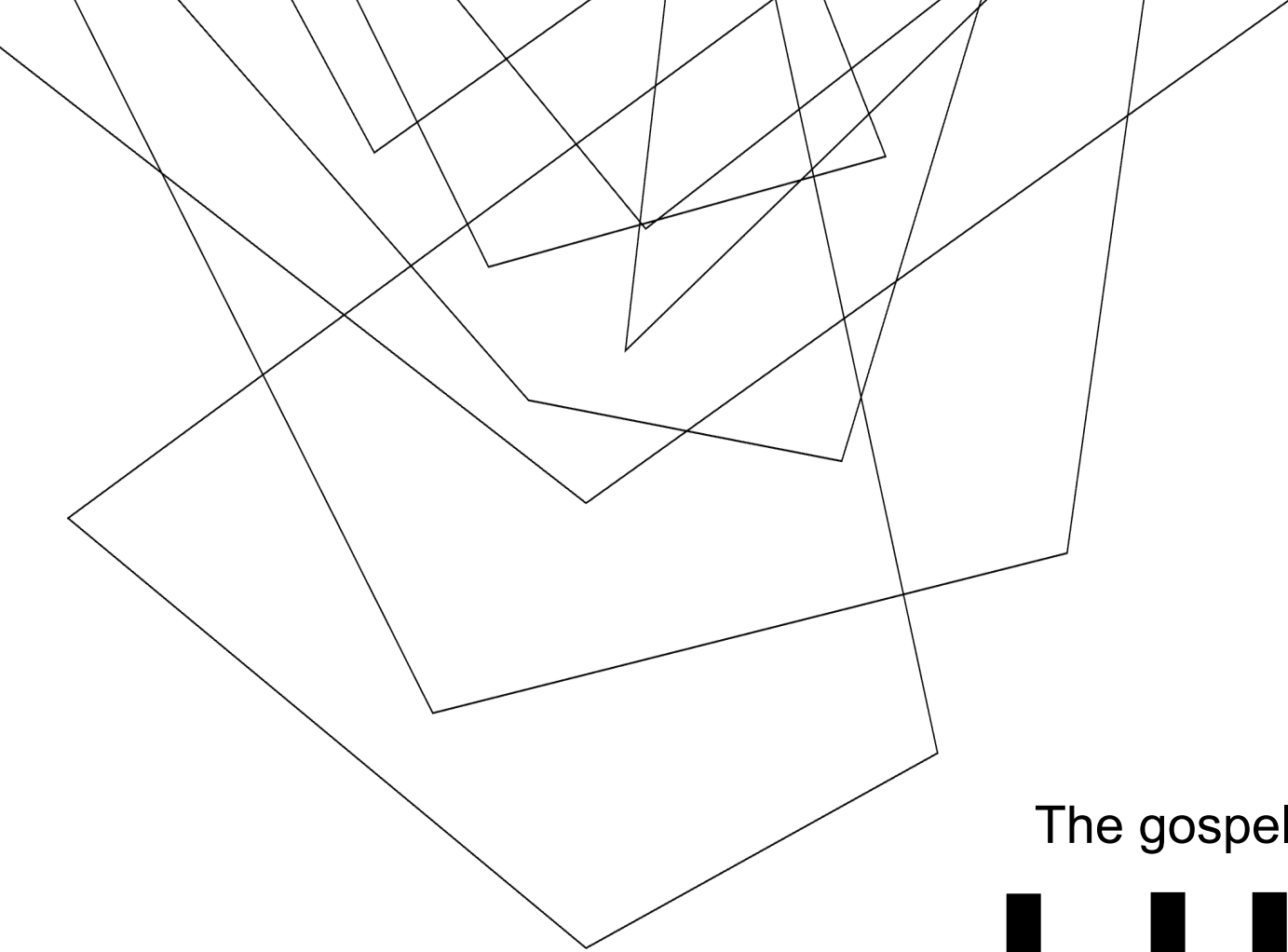


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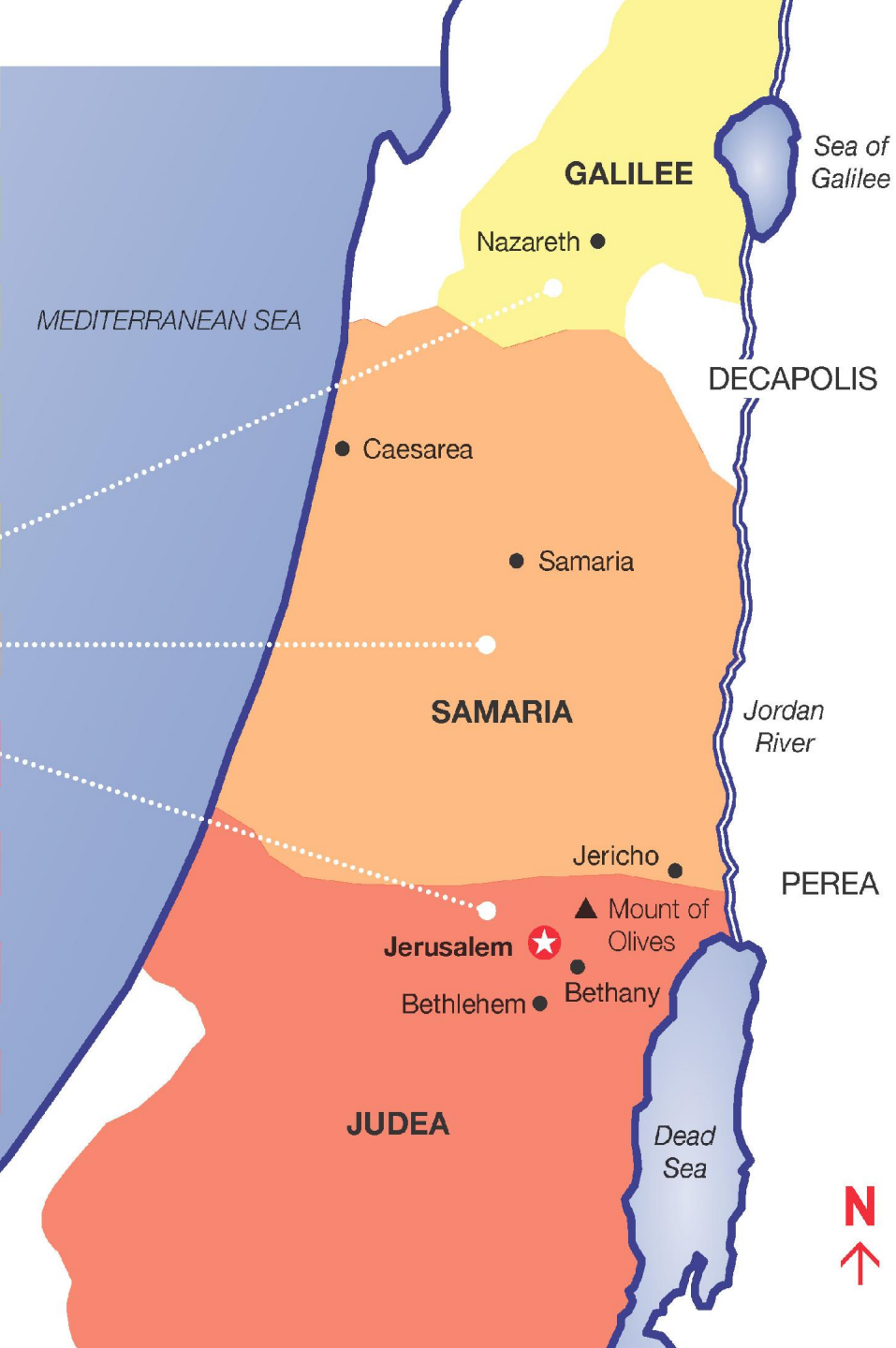
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V40 Why does Jesus use the “Son of Man” title?

A: Dan. 7:13-14 the SoM has kingship (brings judgment)

- When is Jesus returning?

A: we don't know (vv39-40)

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V49 judgment is coming to earth (“fire” cf. 3:9, 16-17)

V50 “baptism” into death (the cross cf. Mrk. 10:38; Rm. 6:3)

- “it consumes me until it is finished!” cf. John 19:28-30

V51 (cf. 2:14 “peace among those w/whom He’s pleased”)

V53 cf. Mic. 7:6 – even households will be divided on Jesus

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, right away you say, ‘A storm is coming,’ and so it does. <sup>55</sup> And when the south wind is blowing, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is.

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