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The gospel according to

LUKE

A message of mercy to the marginalized

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**
 - Jesus being the Savior is emphasized heavily, it's His mission.

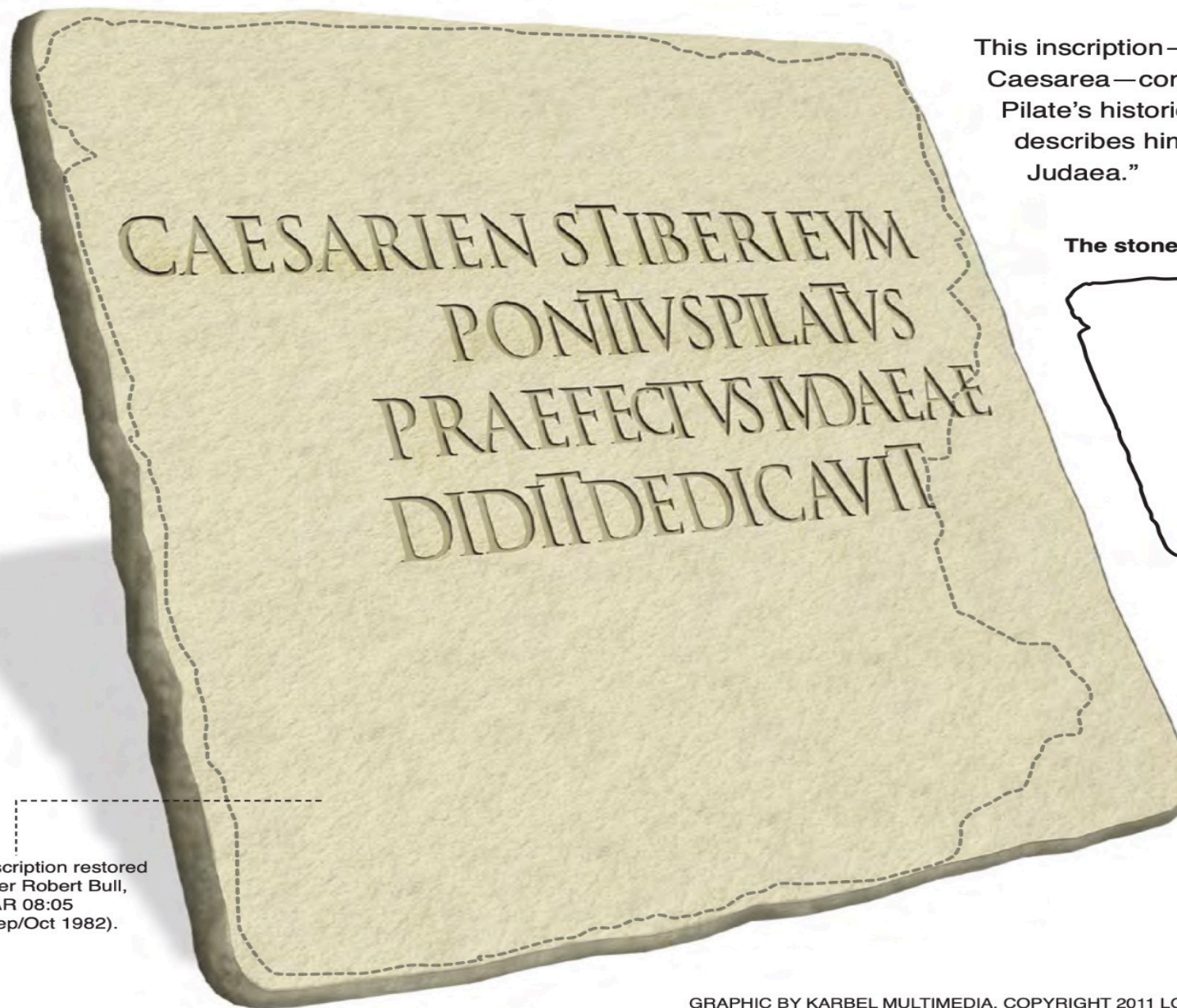
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Pontius Pilate's Inscription



Inscription restored
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BAR 08:05
(Sep/Oct 1982).

This inscription—found in
Caesarea—confirms Pontius
Pilate's historical existence. It
describes him as "Prefect of
Judaea."

The stone tablet today:



Today, the text has
been badly
damaged, but
seems to have
originally read:

*"For the
Caesareans. The
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The "Tiberium" was
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And he said, “Take your son, the beloved one, whom you love, Isaac, and go to the high land, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you of.” -- Genesis 22:2 LXX

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I will declare the LORD's decree. He said to me,
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This is my servant; I strengthen him, this is my chosen one; I delight in him. I have put my Spirit on him; he will bring justice to the nations.
-- Isaiah 42:1 (CSB)

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[21] Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" [22] Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but **seventy-seven times.**"

-- Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV)

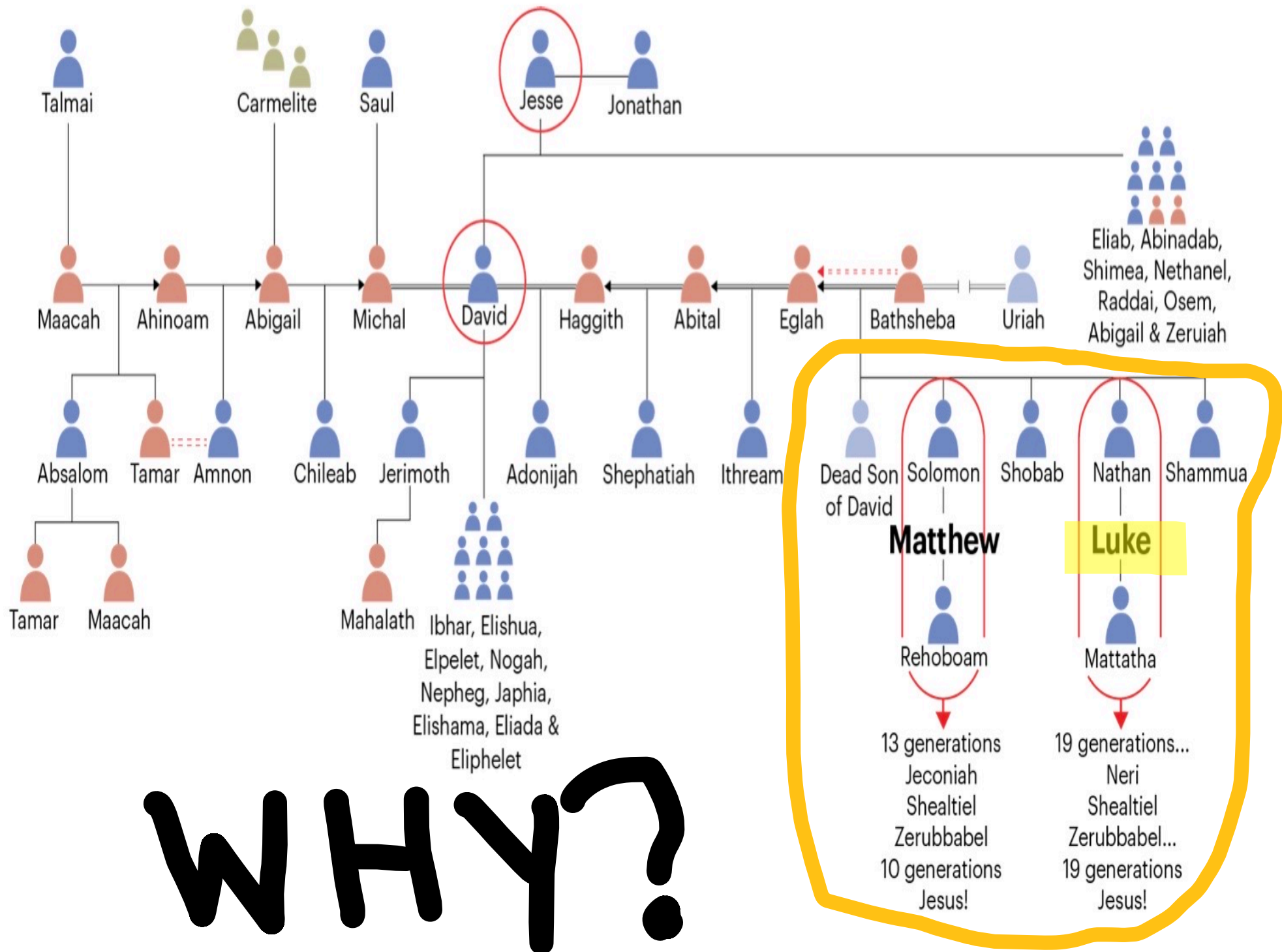
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-- Genesis 4:24 (ESV)

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- Enoch (v37) is in the **seventh** position (just like in Gen. 5:21)
- The only ancestor to share Jesus Christ's name (Joshua v29) is in the **49th** spot ($7 \times 7 = 49$)
- Every **49** years was supposed to be “**the year of Jubilee**” (Lev. 25:8; cf. Dan. 9:24; Lk. 4:18-19)

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| 1st seven: Enoch | 6th seven: Joseph |
| 2nd seven: Shelah | 7th seven: Jesus |
| 3rd seven: Abraham | 8th seven: Shealtiel |
| 4th seven: Admin | 9th seven: Mattathias |
| 5th seven: David | 10th seven: Joseph |
| 11th seven = 77th generation = Jesus of Nazareth | |



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- *diabolos* is used in the LXX to render the Hebrew word *satan* (accuser/adversary cf. Zech. 3:1-2; 1 Chrn. 21:1; Job 1-2). Revelation identifies him as the serpent (Rev. 12:9).

Crafty Serpent

v3 turn this stone to bread

- Prove your divine power and use it to serve your needs

vv5-6 “worship me, it will all be yours” - offering all the kingdoms of the world (cf. 2 Cor. 4:4; ; 1 Jn. 5:19; Rev. 13:2).

- The Messiah is supposed to claim the nations anyway (Ps. 2)! Do it the easy way.

vv9-11 throw yourself down from the Temple – even Ps. 91:11-12 says you’ll live!

- Prove to the crowds that you are the Messiah w/spectacle!

The New Adam

A: v4 “man shall not live by bread alone” (Deut. 8:3)

- I will listen to God’s Word, not yours. Serve God > self.

A: v8 “You shall worship the Lord your God” (Deut. 6:13)

- God alone deserves worship so I will do it God’s way and not take “shortcuts”

A: “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test” (Deut. 6:16; cf. Ex. 17:2-7)

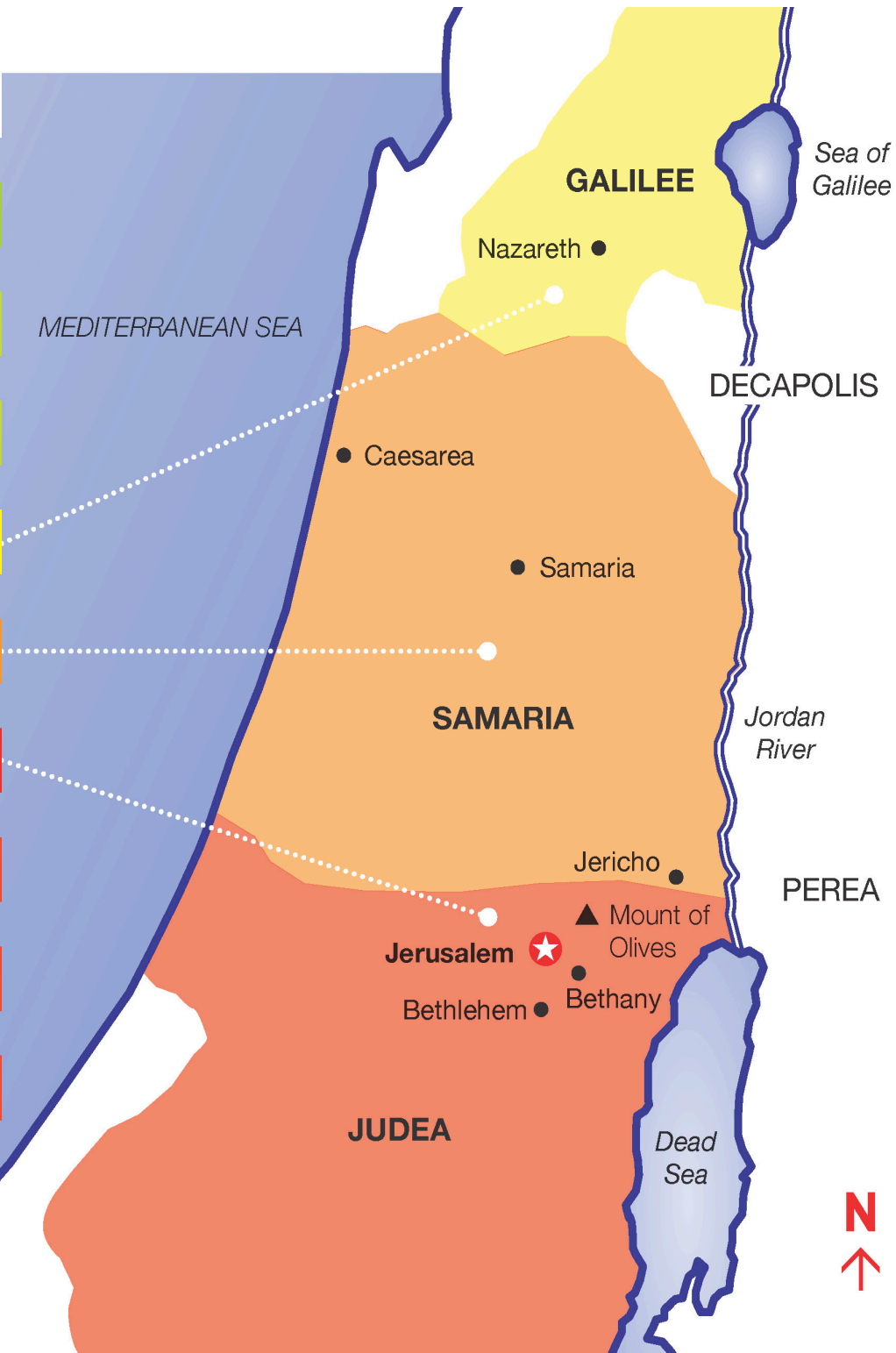
- Read the Bible in context!
- I will serve Him even to the cross rather than vain glory.

After the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him **for a time**. (Luke 4:13)

14 Then Jesus returned **to Galilee in the power of the Spirit**, and *news about him spread throughout the entire vicinity*. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, being praised by everyone. -- Luke 4:14-15 (CSB)

LUKE'S GOSPEL OVERVIEW

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Isaiah 61:1-2; 56:8; cf. Isa. 42:1-9; 49:1-12; 40:4-11; 52:13-53:12; Lev. 25 (year of Jubilee)

²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘**Physician, heal yourself.**’ **What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.**’ ” – Luke 4:22-23

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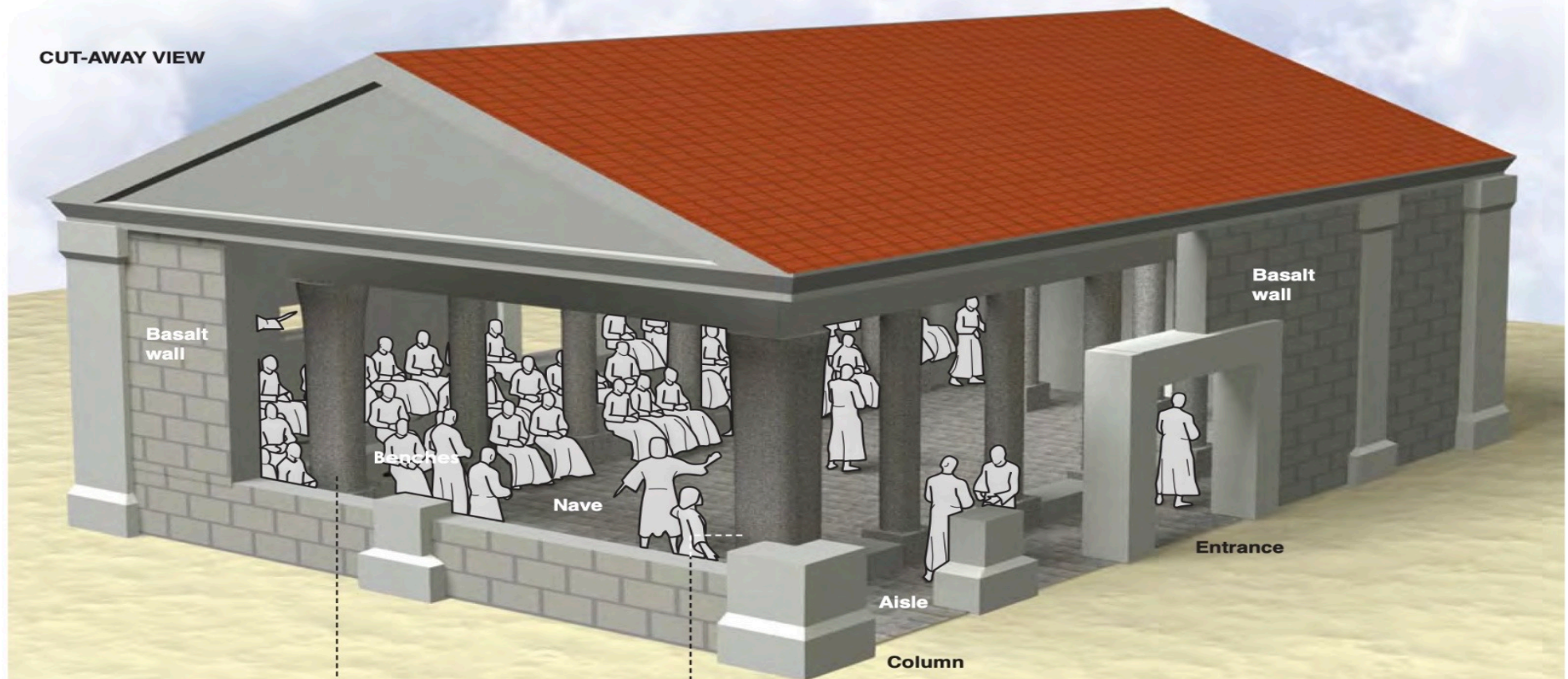
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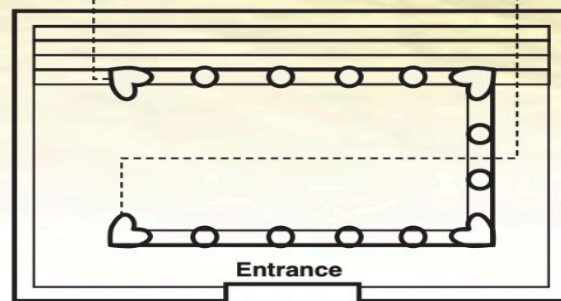
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Christ taught and healed many people in this synagogue. It was here the man with the unclean spirit proclaimed Jesus the Holy One of God (Mark 1:21–28; Luke 4:31–35). Jesus also delivered the discourse on the Bread of Life here (John 6:59).

CUT-AWAY VIEW



TOP VIEW



Heart-shaped columns were constructed at each of the four corners.

The Synagogue at Capernaum

Luke's Gospel says the synagogue in Capernaum was built by the centurion of whom Jesus later said, "I have not found such faith in Israel" (Luke 7:5, 9). It was destroyed and rebuilt in the fourth century.

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