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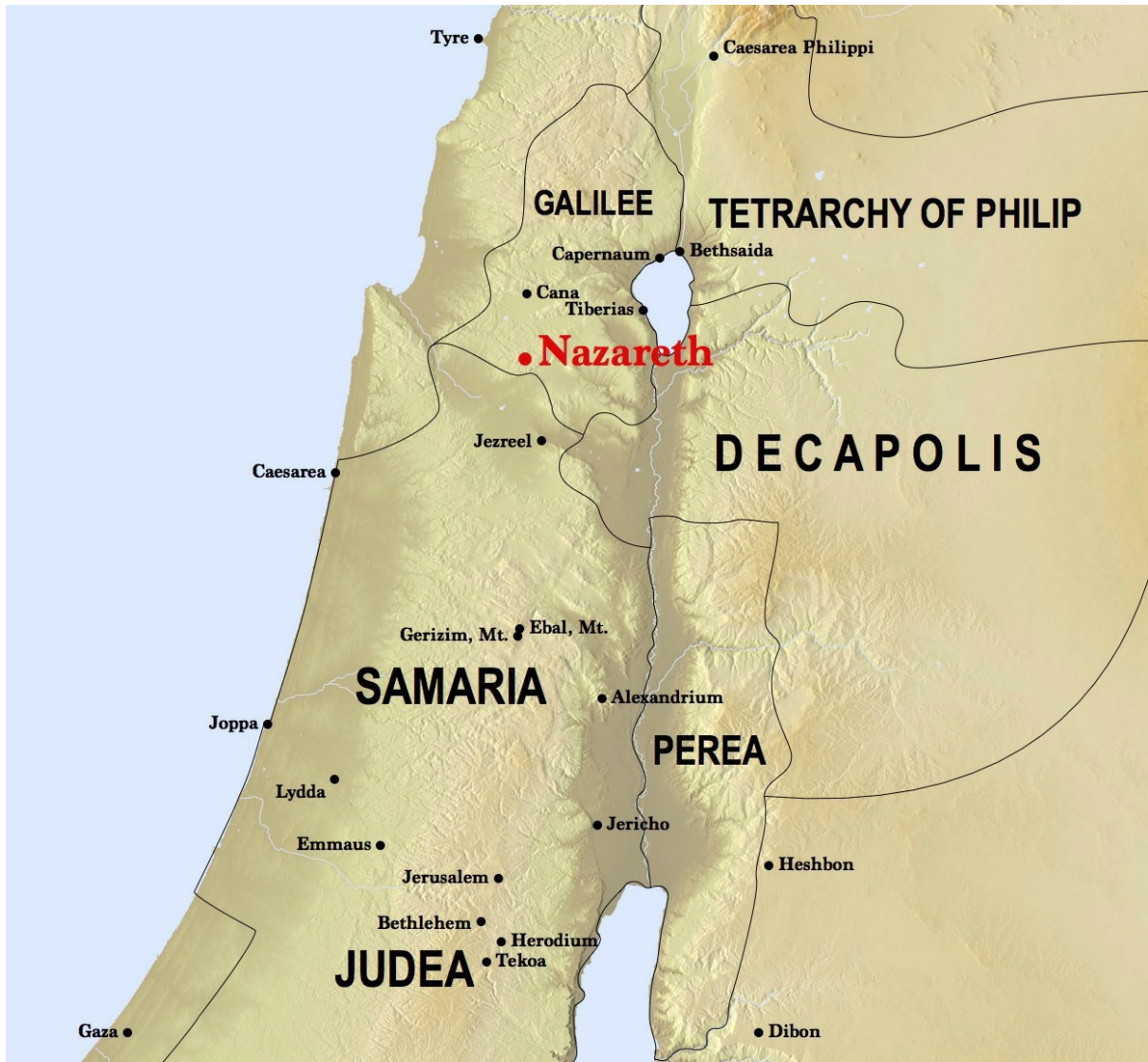
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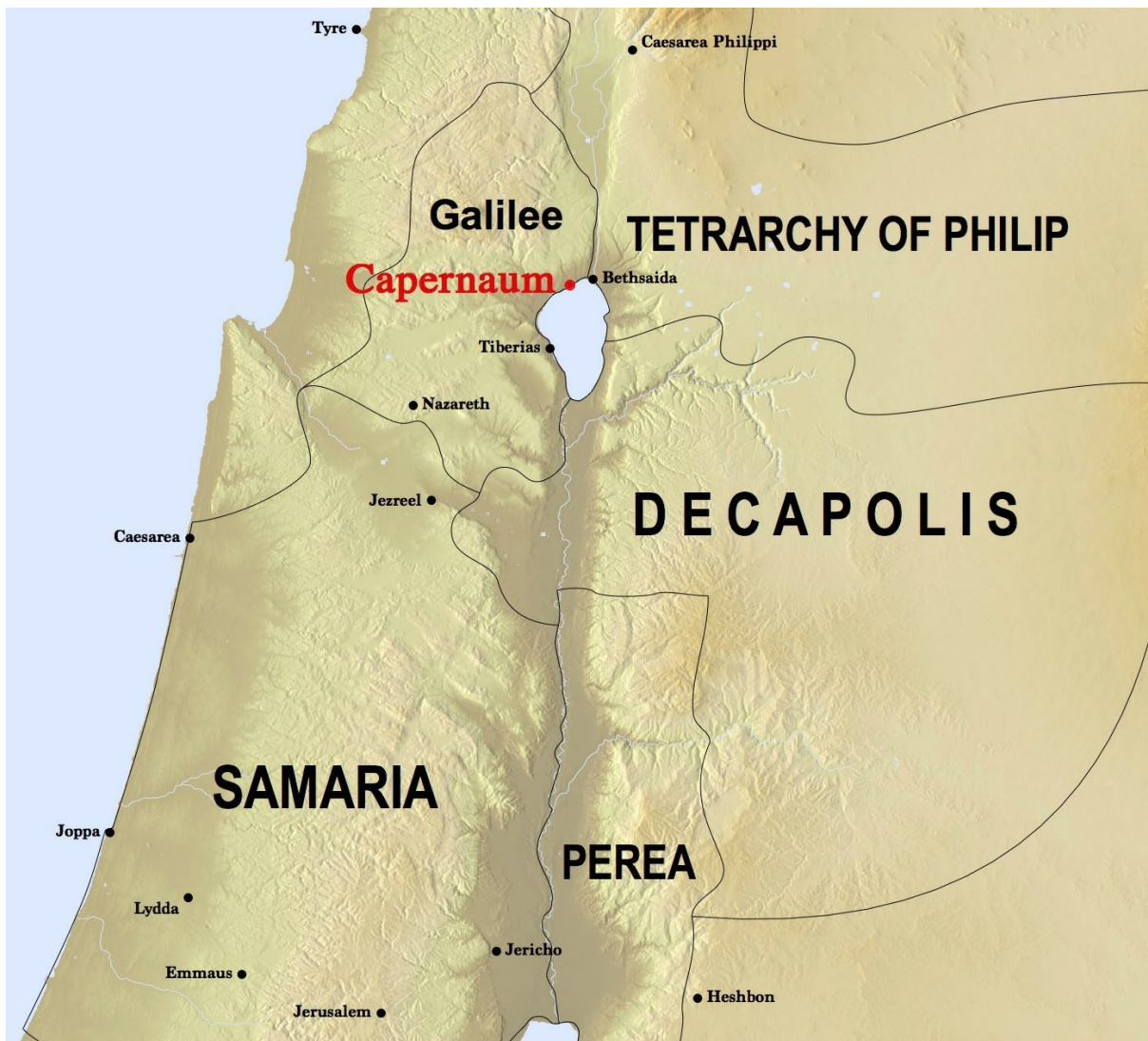


Jesus calls - he calls people to follow him to be his ____.









Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea,

for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

—Mark 1:16-18 (ESV)



The next day again John [the Baptist] was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

—John 1:35-42 (ESV)

While Mark makes it appear that Simon and Andrew suddenly follow a stranger, in reality, Andrew had already spent time with ____.



The Chosen

And going on a little farther, [Jesus] saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

—Mark 1:19-20 (ESV)

Typically, a rabbi or Jewish religious teacher would have students coming *to him*, seeking *him out* to be his followers, but here we see *Jesus* ____ out his followers.

Jesus simply invites the men to ____ him, to go where he goes, do what he does, live as he lives, and, essentially, learn what it means to be *like* Jesus.

Being a disciple of Jesus means following him, and yet following him also means helping ____ follow him.

A lot of folks today have reduced Christianity down to a one-time decision, but it's about an ____ decision, to take up our cross and follow Jesus daily.

Jesus: *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

—Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

Jesus calls us to become disciples and then to “___” - literally, to be active in obeying Jesus - and help others become his disciples, too.

[Jesus] went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

—Mark 2:13-14 (ESV)

Levi is also known as ____, the author of the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus issues his invitation, Levi “rose and followed him,” apparently taking Jesus to his house to share a ____ with others Levi knew.

And as [Jesus] reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

—Mark 2:15-17 (ESV)



The “scribes of the Pharisees” couldn’t believe their eyes that Jesus would enter the ___ home of a tax collector and actually eat with other “tax collectors and sinners.”

“The church isn’t a hotel for saints but a ___ for sinners.”

And [Jesus] went up on the mountain and called to him those whom he desired, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) so that they might be with him and he might send them out to preach and have authority to cast out demons.

—Mark 3:13-15 (ESV)

Jesus chose the twelve in order to spend ___ with them and pour into them, to entrust his mission to them after he would leave.

Being a follower of Jesus, being his disciple, means we aren’t here just to soak it in but to be about Jesus’ ___, to be his hands and feet and voice in the world today.

[Jesus] appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

—Mark 3:16-19 (ESV)

Jesus is saying that he's calling anyone and everyone who will ___ to him.

Next Week - Jesus Heals (Mark 1:21-28, 20-34, 40-45; 2:1-12; 3:1-6) (read ahead)