



THE GOSPEL OF  
**Matthew**

<sup>12</sup> When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. <sup>14</sup> This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:

Matthew 4:12–17

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<sup>15</sup> “In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali,  
beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River,  
in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,

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<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light.

And for those who lived in the land where  
death casts its shadow,  
a light has shined.”

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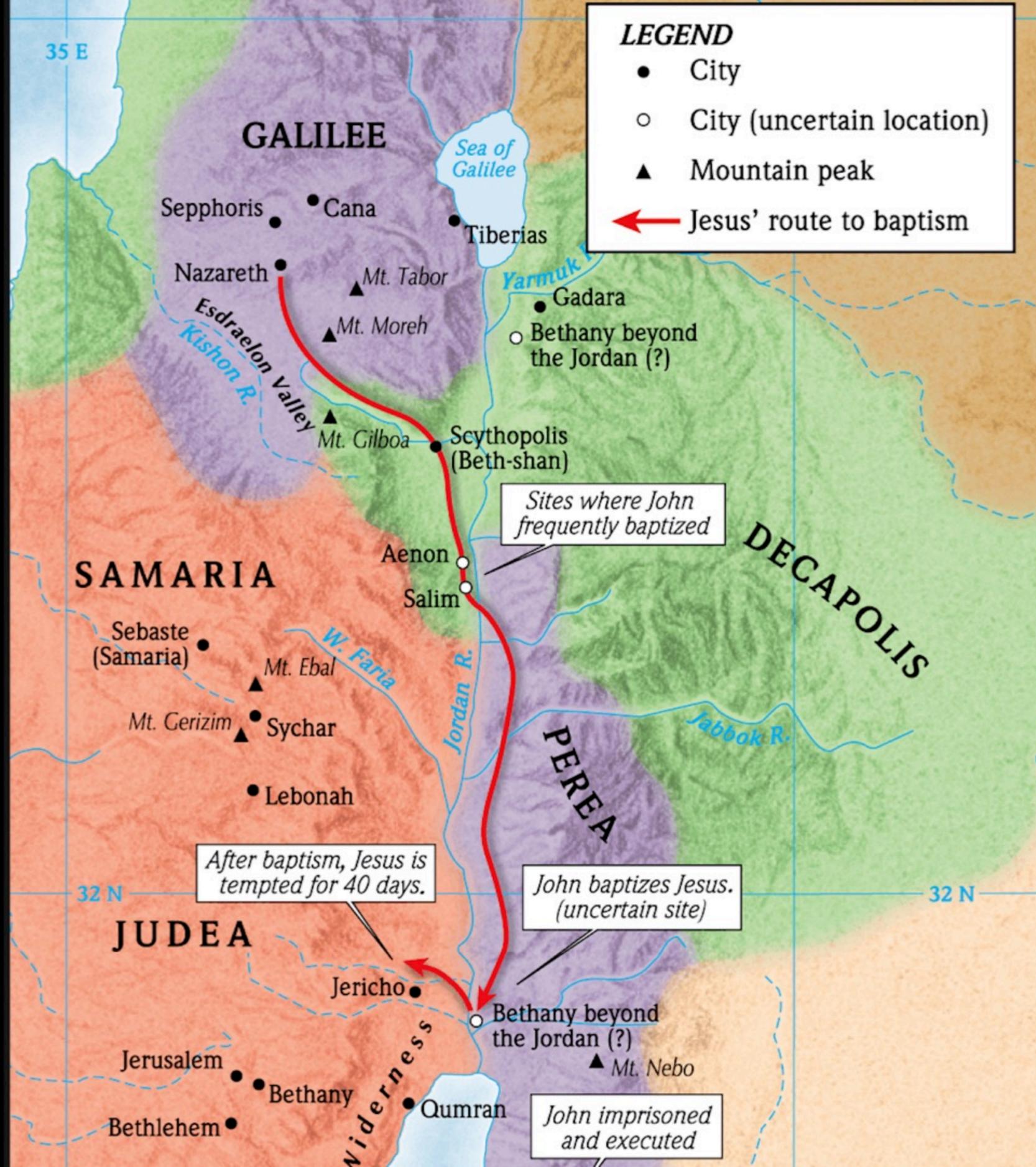
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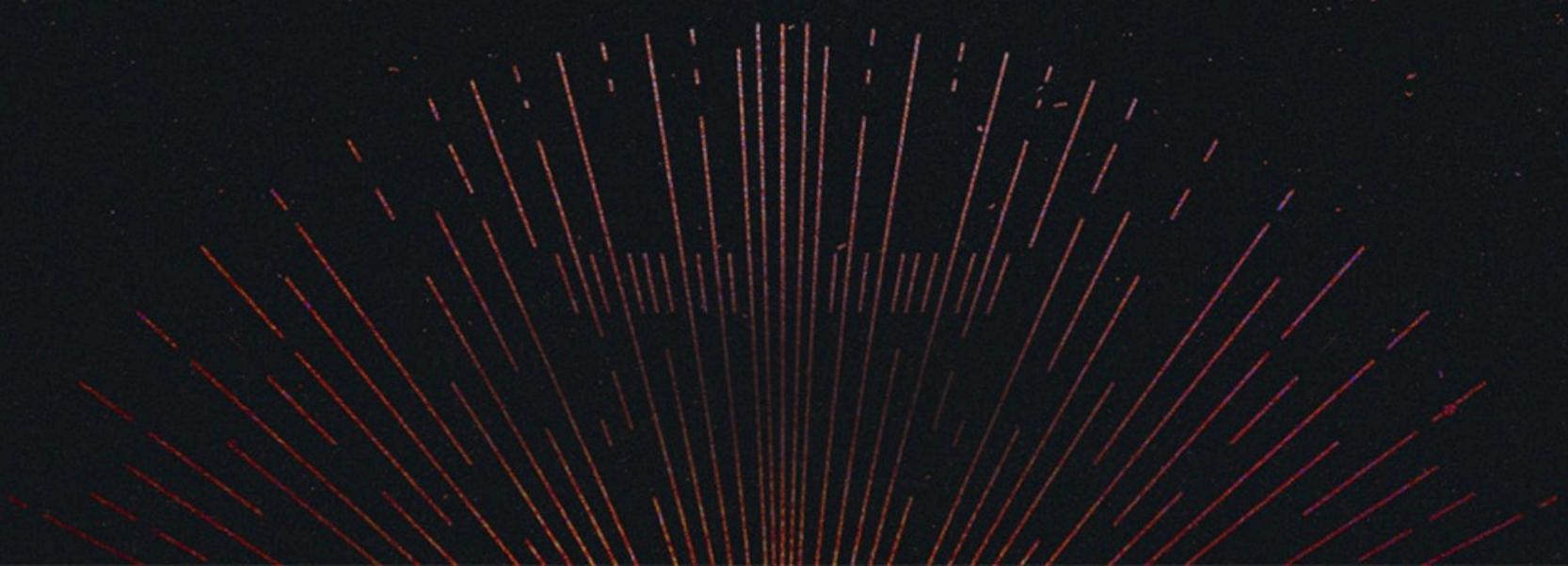
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Signifies God's Rule and Reign



“Repent!”



“God’s kingdom meant danger as well as hope. If justice and peace are on the way, those who have twisted justice or disturbed peace may be in trouble. They had better get their act together while there’s time. And the good old word for that is: ‘Repent!’ The trouble with that word, too, is that people have often not understood it.

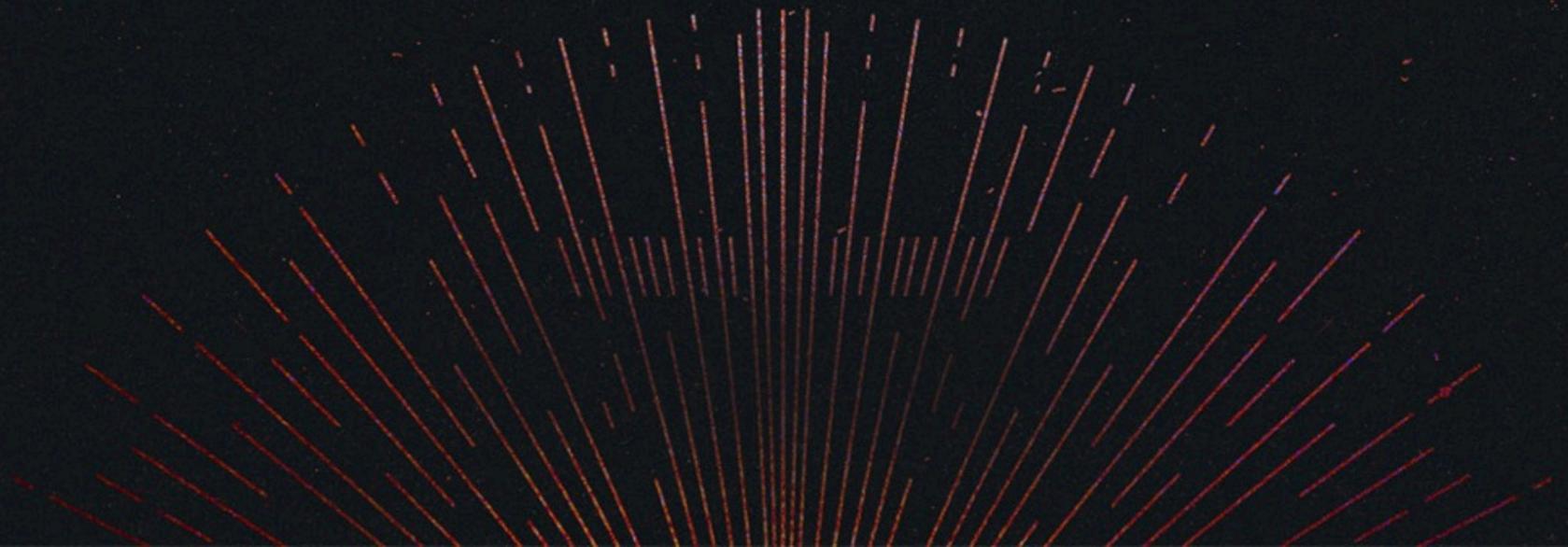


They have thought it means 'feeling bad about yourself'. It doesn't. It means 'change direction'; 'turn round and go the other way;' or 'stop what you're doing and do the opposite instead'. How you feel about it isn't the really important thing. It's what you do that matters."

— N.T. Wright, *Matthew For Everyone*



Repentance means realigning your life with the rule  
of God.



Where might God be calling you to repent?

The image features a dark, almost black background with a subtle, scattered pattern of small, faint orange and yellow specks, resembling a starry night sky. At the bottom of the frame, there is a semi-circular arrangement of thin, red lines that radiate upwards, creating a subtle glow and a sense of depth.



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