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WORDS OF LIFE

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JOHN 3:16





## **✘ What you missed: John 1:1-34**

- **In the beginning, was the Word, and the Word became Flesh-**
  - **Jesus is God and he came so we could have a personal relationship with him!**
- **John the Baptist baptized many but taught that he was the messenger, not the Messiah**
  - **Jesus is the Messiah!**



## **John 1:32-34**

**32 And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. 33 I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."**



## Matthew 3:13-17

**13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."**







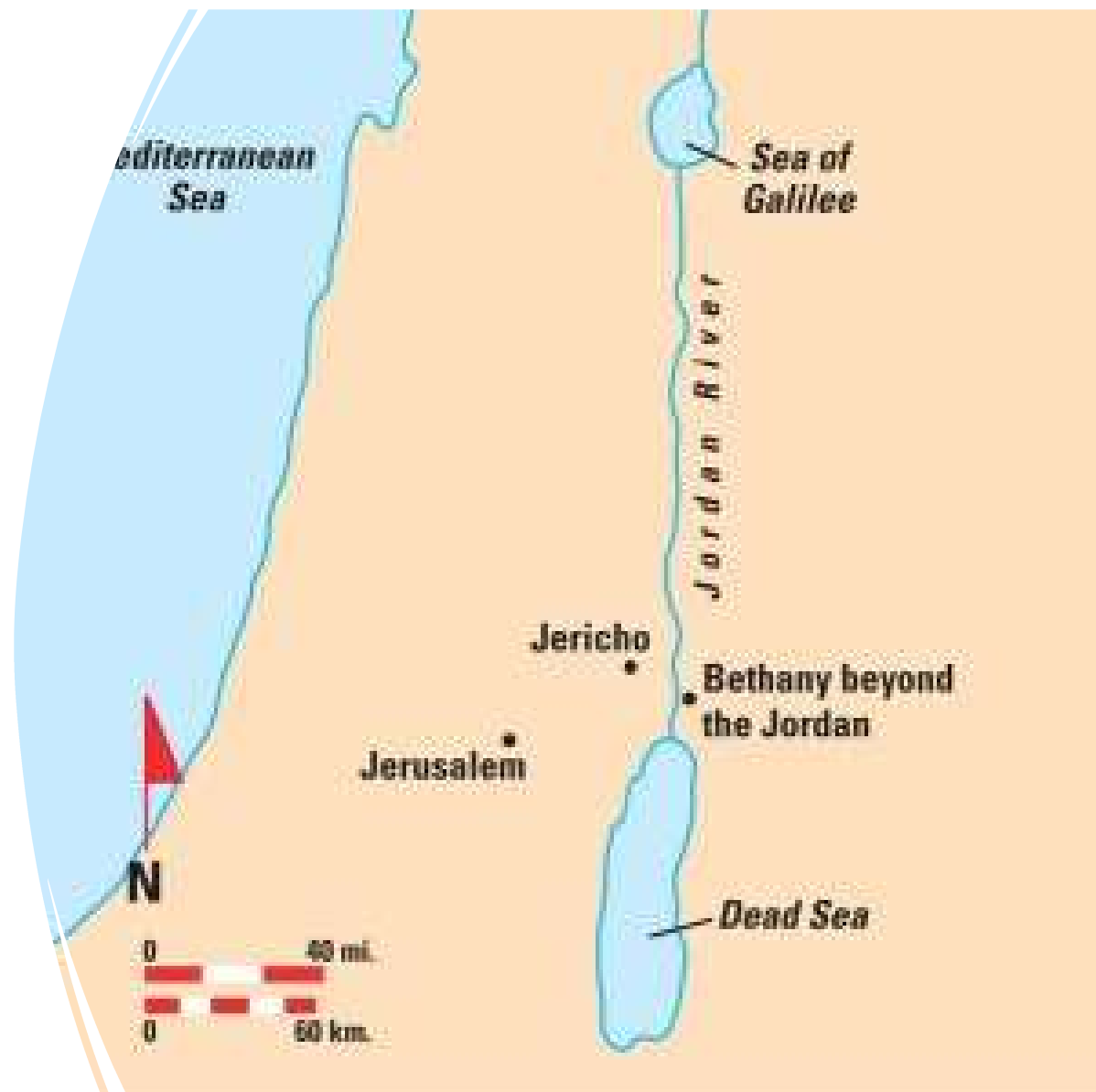
*This is My Beloved Son*

# Where are we?

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John 1:28

<sup>28</sup> This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.







## John 1: 35-36

**35 The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. 36 When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, (behold) the Lamb of God!"**





# John 1:37

**37 When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.**







## John 1:38

**38 Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” (seek)**

**They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?”**





## John 1:39

**39 “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.”**

**So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.**



# Take Aways

- **Jesus invites us to have a relationship with him**



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## John 1:23

**John the Baptist testifying to the Pharisees:**

**23 John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'"**







## Isaiah 40:3-5

**A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

**Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.**

**And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."**





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**Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).**





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- **Jesus' disciples spread the good news!**
- **Jesus sees the best in us- Jesus sees all of us**



# ✘ The Team so Far...

**Captain: Jesus**

- Andrew
- John
- Simon

**Still to come:**

- P...
- N...





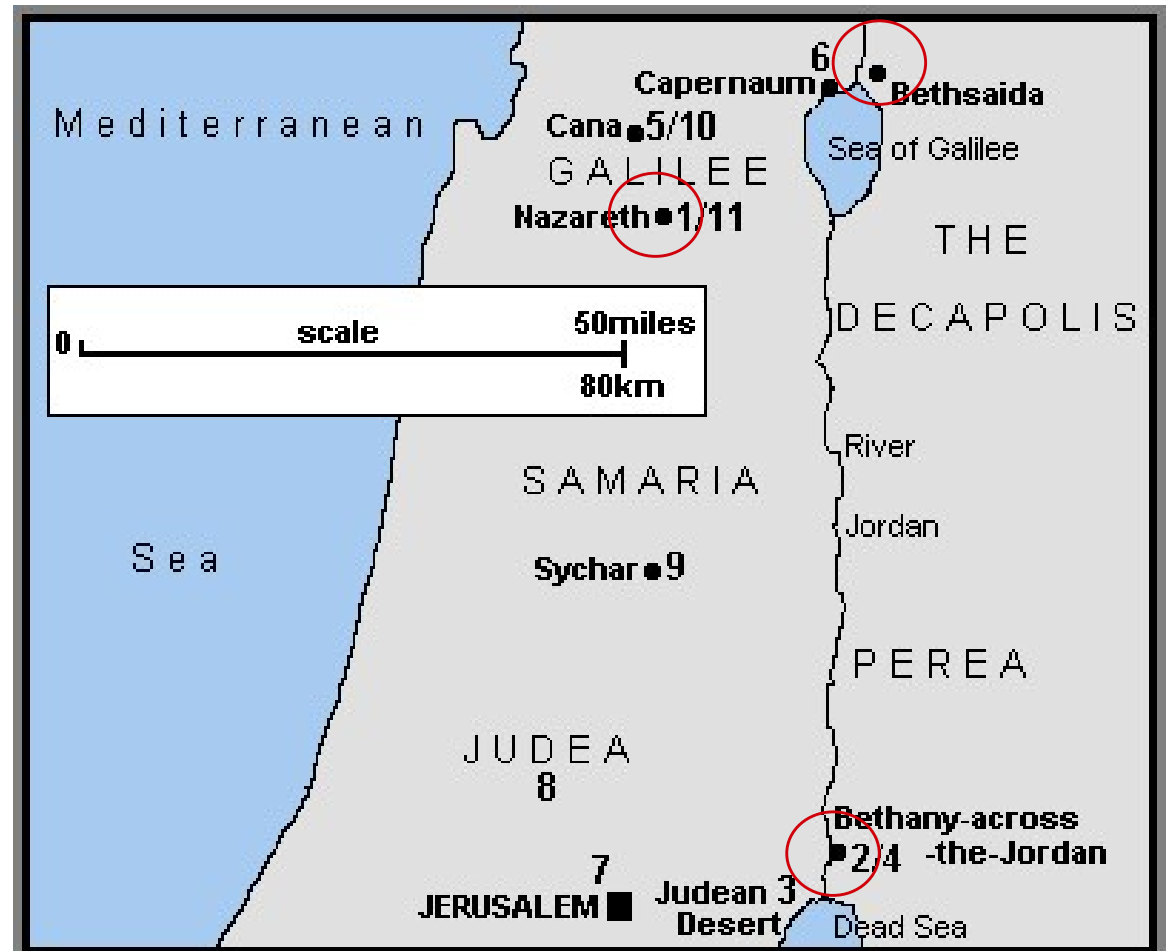
# John 1:43

**43 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee.  
Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."**



## John 1:44

**44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.**







## John 1:44-45

**45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”**





## Deuteronomy 18:17-18

**17 The Lord said to me: "What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him.**



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## John 1:46

**46 “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?”  
Nathanael asked.**

**“Come and see,” said Philip.**



# Take Aways

- **Jesus invites us to have a relationship with him**
- **Jesus' disciples spread the good news!**
- **Jesus sees the best in us- Jesus sees all of us**
- **Spread the Good News- Invitation, not a command**
- **There will be doubters**





## John 1:47-48

**47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."**

**48 "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.**

**Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."**







## John 1:49

**49 Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”**



# Take Aways

- **Jesus invites us to have a relationship with him**
- **Jesus' disciples spread the good news! X2**
- **Jesus sees the best in us- Jesus sees all of us**
- **There will be doubters**
- **Jesus knows us, even when we don't know him**





## John 1:50-51

**50 Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." 51 He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."**



# ✕ Names for Jesus

- **Lamb of God**
- **Rabbi (means Teacher)**
- **Messiah**
- **The one Moses wrote about**
- **Jesus of Nazareth- son of Joseph**
- **Son of God**
- **King of Israel**
- **Son of Man**



The image features a dark, grainy, charcoal-colored background. A vertical red band with a gradient from bright red at the top to dark red at the bottom runs through the center. A semi-transparent grey rectangular box is centered horizontally and vertically, containing the text "Jesus is God!". The text is in a bold, red, sans-serif font. There are also some faint, abstract patterns and textures scattered across the background, including a small white triangle of dots in the upper left and a zigzag pattern in the lower right.

**Jesus is God!**



# ✕ So What?

- **When Jesus calls, Answer**
  - Testimony
  - He sees the best version of you
  - Our identity changes with Christ
  - Every Call is different
- **Invite others to be a part of this Kingdom**
  - Think about a good movie...
- **You are on the Team**
  - If not, Come and See



## Matthew 28:18-20

**18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**



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