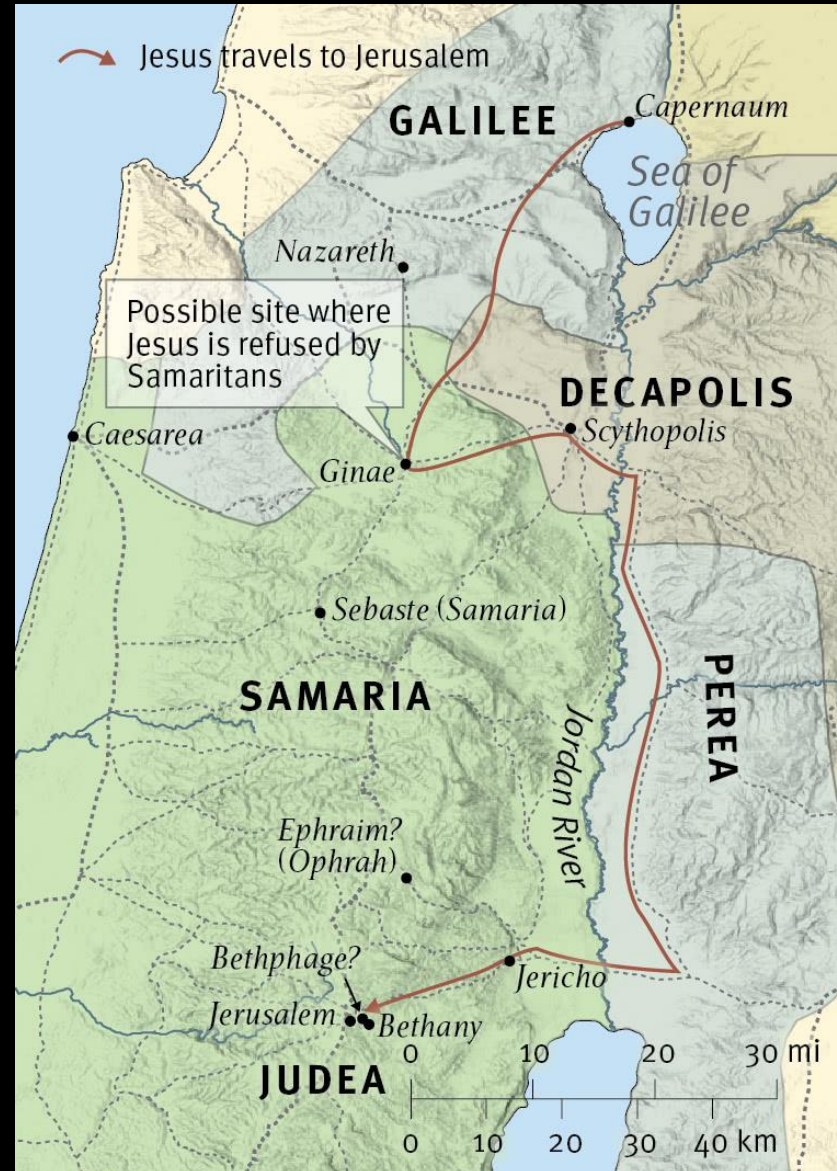


How to Glorify God

Lk.19:28f., triumphal entry into Jerusalem

- From Jericho to Jerusalem: continual ascent
- Jn.11:57
- 29-31: Bethany, about 2 m. from Jerusalem, a descent; eastern slope of Mount Olivet (37)
- Disciples bring Him an unbroken colt



Lk.19:32-36

- Garments for a saddle / red carpet. 2 K.9:13

Lk.19:37

- People praised God for Lord's miracles
- Matthew / John quote Zech.9:9 –
Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout,
O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your
King is coming to you; He is just and having
salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.

Lk.19:38

- People think they are shouting at God. Actually, their shouting is unavoidable.

Lk.19:39-40

- Pharisees and Romans: How do we glorify God?

- Their real fears –
 1. Religious opposition (they may lose power over people)
 2. Political opposition (Jn.18 – do not want Rome to intervene)

I. Sanctification, Mt.5:13-16

Matthew 5:13

- Industries put salt to about 14,000 uses
- Jesus calls disciples salt
- Some say more wars were fought over salt than gold
- Rome: highway (Via Salarium)
- Rome: paid soldiers a *salarium*

Matthew 5:13

Salt suggests ideas of . . .

- Purity, Lv.2:13
- Preservative, Mk.9:50
 - We must have qualities that promote truth / love in the world
- Peace (flavor), Mk.9:50; Col.4:6
 - You can lead a horse to water...
 - If we are salt, more people want the gospel

Matthew 5:13

- Salt can lose its flavor: become tasteless
- Deposits in salt mines can last thousands of years, yet retain flavor
- Refined salt can be stored for extended periods and retain flavor
- Even salt that is dissolved in water diffuses its flavor

Salt loses its flavor when it is...

1. Contaminated by mixing. 1 Co.15:33
2. Affected by environment. Ep.5:16

Matthew 5:14-16

You are light

14-15: Lord's highest compliment: be like Him
(Jn.9:5)

14:

- a. We must be seen
- b. We must be seen in the world

15-16: we shine (glorify)... How?

- a. Good works: winsome, attractive. Ac.9
- b. Draw attention to God, not self
[Mt.6:1, 5, 15]

I. Sanctification, Mt.5:13-16

II. Duplication, 2 Co.3:18

Transform

- Change inward reality to something else
- The glory Christians share with Christ increases from one stage of glory to higher one
- Ro.12:1-2
 - Transfiguration, Mt.17:2 – displayed His inner, divine nature
 - Christians display inner, redeemed nature

Romans 12: writer is Saul of Tarsus!

Transform

- Eph.4:17...20
 - As Gentiles learned gospel, they changed their ways
 - Jews learned Law; Christians learned Christ
 - Ephesians became Christians years after Lord left earth [Ac.1 . . . 19]
 - Results of learning Christ: dramatic change in conduct

Transform

- 1 Pt.2:12 – progression
 - Honorable conduct: good, noble, praiseworthy, lovely, winsome, excellent. Dn.6:3
 - Speak...evildoers. Dn.6:4-5
 - Day of visitation: when God visits with blessing (salvation); the hearer inspects the pure life of the Christian. Dn.6:20-27

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II. Duplication, 2 Co.3:18

III. Persecution, 1 Pt.4:16

Written during persecutions

- Paul: 2 Tim.1:12
- Lord to Peter: Jn.21:18-19
 - Peter will glorify God because he is willing to suffer for Christ Ac.5:41
 - Ezk.24:16, Ezekiel
 - Mt.19:27, apostles. Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”