WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Announcements

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Memory Verse

Matthew 17:5 (ESV)

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The Gospel According to Matthew

Focus	Offer of the King			Rejection of the King			
Reference	1:1 – 4:11	4:12 – 7:29	8:1 – 11:1	11:2 – 16:12	16:13 – 20:28	20:29 – 27:66	28:1 – 28:20
Division	Presentation of the King	Proclamation of the King	Power of the King	Progressive Rejection of the King	Preparation of the King's Disciples	Presentation & Rejection of the King	Proof of the King
Topic	Teaching the Throngs				Teaching the Twelve		
	Chronological		Thematic	Chronological			
Location	Bethlehem & Nazareth	Galilee			Judea		
Time	cir. 4 B.C. – A.D. 33						

The Gospel According to Matthew Schedule

Date	Meeting No.	The Gospel According to Matthew – Readings & Topics	Host Sm Grp
Jan 14	15	**Matthew 13:1-58** Parables: Soils, Purpose, Soils Explained, Weeds, Mustard Seed & Leven, Prophecy, Weeds Explained, Hidden Treasure, Pearl of Great Value, The Net, New & Old Treasures, Rejected at Nazareth Mark 4:1-20,30-32,6:1-6; Luke 8:4-15,13:18-21; *Constable* pp.323-354	B
Jan 21	16	**Matthew 14:1-36** John Baptist Murder, Feeds 5000, Walks on Water, Heals Mark 6:14-19,31-56; Luke 9:7-9,11-17; John 6:1-21; *Constable* pp.354-364	C
Jan 28	17	**Matthew 15:1-39** Traditions vs. Commandments, What Defiles a Person, A Canaanite Woman's Faith, Jesus Heals Many, Jesus Feeds 4000 Mark 7:1-37,8:1-10; *Constable* pp.364-378	D
Feb 4	18	**Matthew 16:1-28** Pharisees & Sadducees demand Signs, Phar & Sad Leaven, Peter Confesses Jesus Messiah, Jesus Foretells Death & Resurrection, Take up Cross & Follow; Mark 8:11-21,27-38,9:1; Luke 9:18-27; *Constable* pp.378-407	E
Feb 11	19	**Matthew 17:1-27** The Transfiguration, Jesus Heals a Boy with a Demon, Jesus Foretells His Death & Resurrection, The Temple Tax Mark 9:2-32; Luke 9:28-45; 2 Peter 1:17-18; *Constable* pp.407-422	F
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Our Study of Matthew

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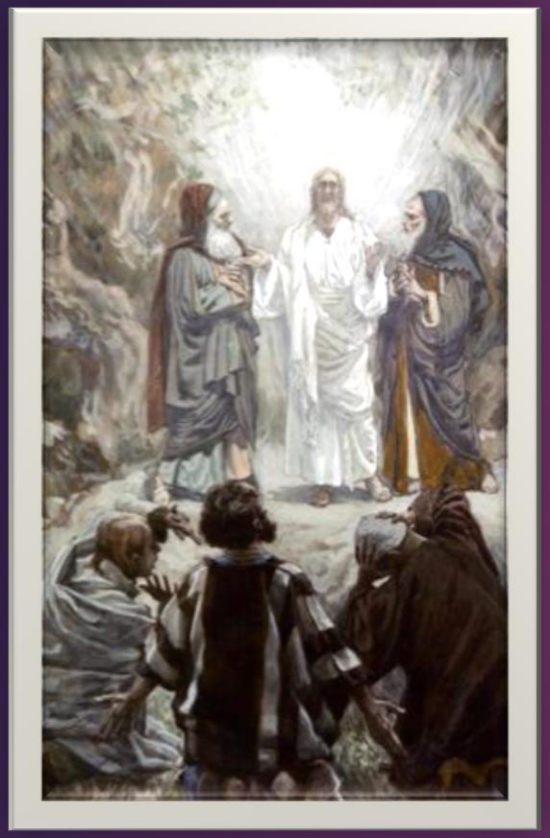
Matthew 8:1-34

Observation & Interpretation

Special Guest Speaker: Pastor Steve Holley

Steve was born into a wonderful Christian home in Washington, D.C. While attending a summer camp at age nine, Steve accepted Christ. Steve attended Annandale High School and graduated from James Madison University where he received his General Social Sciences degree. He has a Master of Arts degree in Theology from Capital Bible Seminary. Steve taught social studies at Lake Braddock Secondary School for 7 years. While attending Immanuel, Steve met Kathy, his wife. Together they served as lay youth counselors. Sensing God's call to the ministry, in 1982 he became the Youth Pastor. In 1995, Steve accepted the position of Family Education Pastor and served in that ministry until 2000 when he became the new Pastor of Ministries.

When not attending to pastoral duties, Steve enjoys activities with his family: hunting, fishing, golf, yelling for and at the Redskins, and reading both historical biographies and accounts of the American Civil War. The Holleys reside in Burke with their three sons, Michael, Drew, David and their daughter Meredith.



The Transfiguration

MATTHEW 17 : 1 - 27

Recall from Last Week – Matthew 16:27-28

- 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. [2nd COMING & JUDGMENT]

28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." [A PROPHETIC PROMISE]

"Son of Man" Human Being or Messiah?

- Ezekiel – "Son of Man" used 90 times = Human Being

- Daniel – "Son of Man" = Son of God (7:13)

13 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.

14 And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Matthew 17 : 1 – 8 Outline

- Transfiguration (vv 1 - 3)
- Tents (vv 4 - 5)
- Terror (vv 6 - 8)
- Tell No One (vv 9 – 13)
- Trusting or Twisted (vv 14 – 20)
- Troubled (vv 22 – 23)
- Taxes (vv 24 – 28)

Location - Mount Tabor

Mount Tabor

Traditional site of the Transfiguration of Jesus

OT – *(Joshua 19:22)* it was a border for 3 tribes: Zebulun, Issachar and Naphtali

(Judges 4:6) it was where Barak led 10,000 men and attacked Sisera and defeated the Canaanites.

55 BC – site of the defeat of Alexander the Judean who led 30,000 against the Romans.

66 AD – site of the siege between Galilean rebels led by Flavius Josephus against the Romans led by Placidus.

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Why Peter, James, and John?

Why not the other disciples?

Why Moses and Elijah?

Why not the Patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph), or King David?

What were Jesus, Moses, and Elijah talking about?

Luke's Account of the Transfiguration Luke 9:28-32

- [28] Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and **went up on the mountain to pray**. [29] And as **he was praying**, the appearance of his face was altered, and his **clothing became dazzling white**. [30] And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, [31] who appeared in glory and **spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem**. [32] Now Peter and those who were with him were **heavy with sleep**, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

Transfigured Form Alluded to in Scripture

- **John 1:14** - [14] "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we have seen his glory**, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."
- **Hebrews 1:1-3** [1] "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. [3] **He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature**, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,…"
- **2 Peter 1:16-18** [16] For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. [17] For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," [18] we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for **we were with him on the holy mountain**.
- **Revelation 1:12-16** [12] Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, [13] and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, **clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest**. [14] **The hairs of his head** were white, like white wool, like snow. **His eyes** were like a flame of fire, [15] **his feet** were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and **his voice** was like the roar of many waters. [16] In **his right hand** he held seven stars, from **his mouth** came a sharp two-edged sword, and **his face** was like the sun shining in full strength.

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- An interesting several days for Simon Peter:
  1) Matthew 16:16 – “You art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”
  2) Matthew 16:22 – Peter rebukes Jesus
  3) Matthew 16:23 – Jesus response: “Get behind me, Satan!”
  4) Matthew 17:4 – Peter suggests a Feast of Booths Building Project
  5) Matthew 17:5 – The presence and voice of God silences him and instructs “Listen to Him”!

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What is the instruction? Listen to Him!!!

- If He tells you He is going to Jerusalem to suffer and die – Believe Him!
- If he tells you that He will rise on the 3rd day – Believe Him!
- If He tells you to take up your cross and follow Him – Do it!
- If He tells you to go and proclaim Him to all the world – Do it!
- If He tells you that He is coming again – Believe Him!

The visual representation of Matthew 5:17 – Jesus: the Fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets

Matthew 17: 6 - 8 Terror

- 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” 8 And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

In the Gospels, where have we heard Jesus say “don’t fear”?

What is significant in the phrase “they saw no one but Jesus only”?

Matthew 17: 9 - 13 Tell No One

- 9 And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is **raised from the dead**."

  10 And the disciples asked him, "Then why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come?" 11 He answered, "Elijah does come, and he will restore all things. 12 But I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man will certainly suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist.

  Why tell no one? Why not tell everyone?

  How does Jesus help the disciples 'connect the dots' concerning John the Baptist ?

Matthew 17:14-20 Trusting or Twisted

- 14 And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, 15 said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. 16 And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.”

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Matthew 17:21 ???

Missing Text "and nothing will be impossible for you."

- This verse is not found in the earliest manuscripts.**

Codex Sinaiticus a.k.a "Aleph" (the Hebrew letter א) was found by Count Tischendorf in 1859 at the Monastery of St Catherine on Mount Sinai. Portions of the manuscript were found in the monastery dump, and a larger portion was presented to Tischendorf by one of the monks. It is a large codex, with 400 pages (or leaves) comprising about half of the Old Testament in the Septuagint version and the full New Testament. It has been dated to the **second half of the 4th century** and has been highly valued by Bible scholars in their efforts to reconstruct the original biblical text.

Codex Vaticanus a.k.a. "B," was found in the Vatican library. It is comprised of 759 leaves and has almost all of the Old and New Testaments. It is not known when it arrived at the Vatican, but it was included in a catalog listing in 1475, and it is dated to the **middle of the 4th century**. Vaticanus was first used as a source document by Erasmus in his work on the "Textus Receptus." Because he viewed the text of Vaticanus to be erratic, he seldom followed it when it differed from other Greek texts.

**So also Mark 16:9-20 and John 7:53 - 8:11

Matthew 17:22 - 23 Troubled

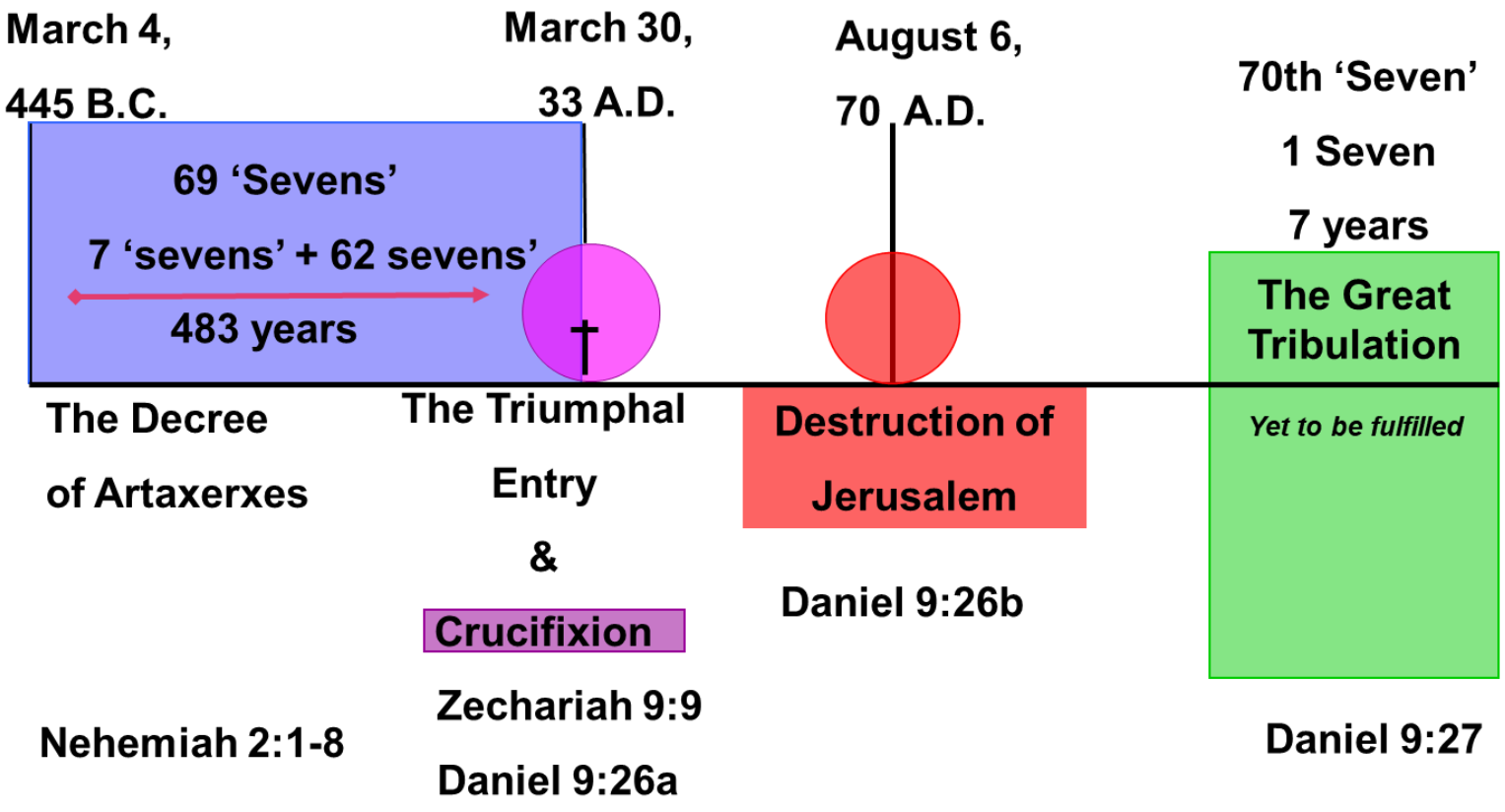
- 22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men,

  23 and they will kill him, and he will be raised on the third day." And they were greatly distressed. **[See Daniel 9:26]**

Beginning in Matthew 16:21 and repeated several times in 17:22-23; in 20:17; and in 26:2.

Why do you think the disciples did not take what Jesus was saying seriously?

The Prophetic Timeline – Daniel 9:24-27



Matthew 17: 24 – 27 Taxes

- 24 When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax went up to Peter and said, “Does your teacher not pay the tax?” **[Usually collected a month before Passover in accordance with Exodus 30:11-16; Nehemiah 10:32]**

  25 He said, “Yes.” And when he came into the house, Jesus spoke to him first, saying, “What do you think, Simon? From whom do kings of the earth take toll or tax? From their sons or from others?” 26 And when he said, “From others,” Jesus said to him, “Then the sons are free.

  27 However, not to give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for me and for yourself.”

  [1 Shekel = 2 Drachma = two days wages]

  [*Jupiter Capitalinus Tax* - The Punishment of Emperor Titus in 70 AD]

Next Meeting

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Discussion & Application

1. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus (and Peter, James, and John) on the mount of "transfiguration" and what does it say about the authenticity of the Old Testament?
2. What do you think the overall purpose was for Jesus' going to the mount of transfiguration and why do you think Peter, James, and John were chosen to accompany Him there to "take it all in"?
3. What question raised earlier, in Matthew 16, was emphatically answered for Peter, James, and John by the transfiguration incident and how might it have affected their understanding (or not) of God's plan?
4. What is the connection between Elijah and John the Baptist raised by this incident and your understanding of the fulfillment of prophecy (or fulfillment yet to come) in Malachi 3:1 and Malachi 4:4-6?
5. What are the implications, for us, of Jesus paying the temple tax and what can you say about Jesus' way of doing it?
6. What are some "bottom line takeaways" (for you) from this lesson (Matthew 17)?

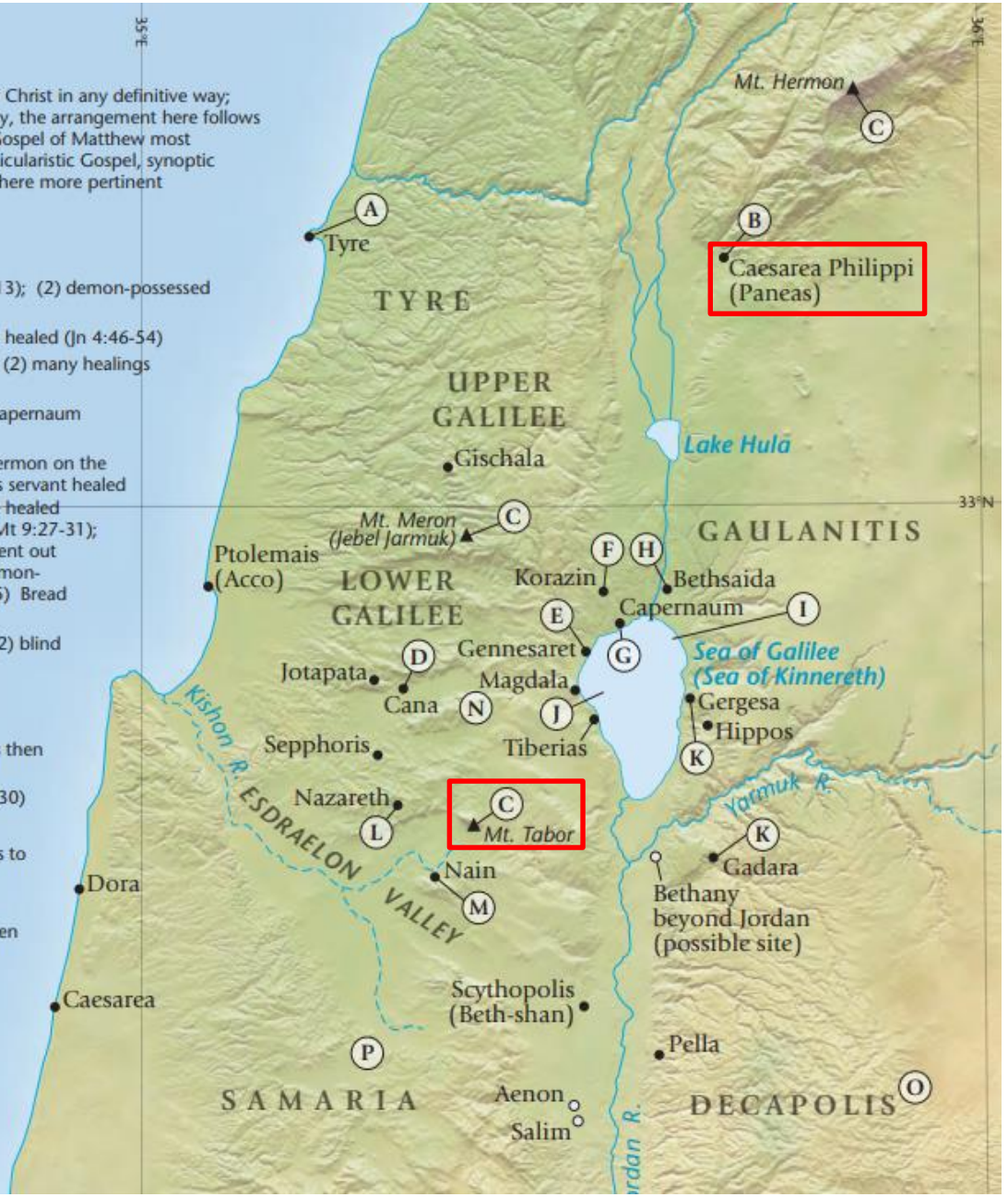
Closing

- Questions
- Benediction

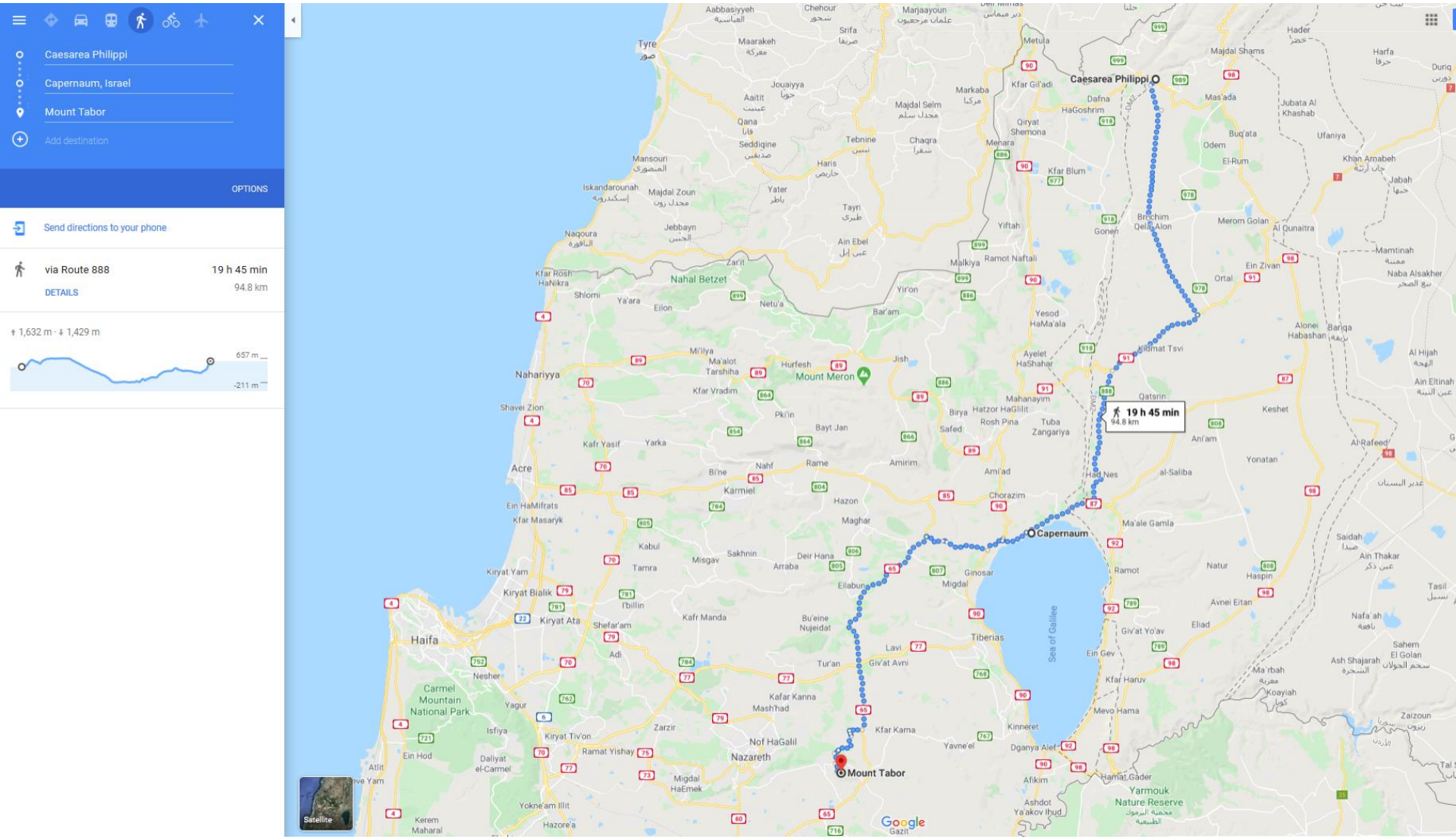
MINISTRY OF JESUS

Chronologically speaking, it is not possible to sequentially arrange the events in the life of Christ in any definitive way; none of the New Testament Gospels follows an overtly chronological pattern. Accordingly, the arrangement here follows a geographic order, basically proceeding from north to south on the map. Because the Gospel of Matthew most frequently contains information cited here, and because it is the most geographically particularistic Gospel, synoptic passages are keyed to the book of Matthew, except where they are unattested there or where more pertinent information about the event cited is available in another Gospel.

- (A) *Region of Tyre:* Gentile woman's daughter healed (Mt 15:21-28)
- (B) *Caesarea Philippi:* Peter's great declaration (Mt 16:13-20)
- (C) *Mt. Meron/Mt. Tabor/Mt. Hermon:* (1) possible location of Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-13); (2) demon-possessed boy healed nearby (Mt 17:14-21)
- (D) *Cana of Galilee:* (1) water changed to wine (Jn 2:1-11); (2) Capernaum official's son healed (Jn 4:46-54)
- (E) *Gennesaret:* (1) possible location of feeding of multitudes (Mt 14:13-21; 15:32-39); (2) many healings (Mk 6:53-56)
- (F) *Area of Korazin:* (1) judgment pronounced on the cities of Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum (Mt 11:20-24); (2) possible area of Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5–7)
- (G) *Capernaum:* (1) catch of fish (Lk 5:1-11); (2) evil spirit cast out (Mk 1:21-28); (3) Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5–7); (4) Peter's mother-in-law healed (Mt 8:14-15); (5) Roman officer's servant healed (Mt 8:5-13); (6) paralyzed man healed (Mk 2:1-12); (7) woman with a hemorrhage healed (Mk 5:25-34); (8) Jairus's daughter raised (Lk 8:40-56); (9) two blind men healed (Mt 9:27-31); (10) a mute, demon-possessed man healed (Mt 9:32-34); (11) the twelve apostles sent out (Mt 10:1-15); (12) man with deformed hand healed (Mt 12:9-13); (13) another demon-possessed man healed (Mt 12:22-37); (14) Temple tax provided (Mt 17:24-27); (15) Bread of Life discourse (Jn 6:22-59)
- (H) *Bethsaida:* (1) possible location of feeding of multitudes (Mt 14:13-21; 15:32-39); (2) blind man healed (Mk 8:22-26)
- (I) *Sea of Galilee near Bethsaida:* walking on water (Mt 14:22-33)
- (J) *Sea of Galilee:* storm quieted (Mt 8:23-27)
- (K) *Gergesa/Gadara:* possible location of casting out demons, which enter pigs; the pigs then rush down a steep bank and drown (Lk 8:26-39)
- (L) *Nazareth:* (1) childhood home (Mt 2:19-23); (2) rejected by townspeople (Lk 4:16-30)
- (M) *Nain:* widow's son raised (Lk 7:11-17)
- (N) *Region of Galilee:* (1) leper cleansed (Mk 1:40-45); (2) post-resurrection appearances to the disciples (Mt 28:16-20)
- (O) *Decapolis (Region of Ten Towns):* many healings (Mt 15:29-31; Mk 7:31-37)
- (P) *Region between Galilee and Samaria:* (1) refused entry into village (Lk 9:51-56); (2) ten lepers healed (Lk 17:11-19)
- (Q) *Sychar:* woman at the well of Samaria (Jn 4:1-42)
- (R) *Ephraim:* enters into seclusion with the disciples (Jn 11:54)
- (S) *Region of Perea:* (1) teaching on marriage (Mt 19:1-12); (2) possible location of healing of woman with infirmity (Lk 13:10-13); (3) possible location of healing of man with swollen limbs (Lk 14:1-6); (4) possible location of the rich young ruler (Lk 18:18-30)
- (T) *Jericho:* (1) Bartimaeus healed (Mk 10:46-52); (2) Zacchaeus converted (Lk 19:1-10)



Caesarea Philippi to Mount Tabor via Capernaum 58.9 miles



The Church of the Transfiguration located atop Mount Tabor in Israel

Bible Study

Inductive Bible Study Approach:

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- Dr. Constable's **Notes on Matthew** (Full Commentary - FREE pdf download)
- **Grace to You** - John MacArthur's sermons on Matthew (audio files & transcripts)
- IBC Sermons on The Gospel According to Matthew
- What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? & What We (IBC) Teach (Basic Doctrine)

Interpreting Scripture

(Ref. IBC What We Teach)

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