

Land my Saviour tread

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"The holy land"

The land Jesus walked

- **Land of religious importance for:**
Jews (Patriarchs lived)
Christians (Jesus Lived)
Muslims (Next to Mecca)
- **Land of history of nations**
To Abraham God gave as promise
Joshua conquered and possessed
God gave as an inheritance to them
- **Land flowing with milk and honey**
Patriarchs and prophets lived
David and Solomon ruled
Christ was born and lived

Brief history

History of the promise land

- Monarchy Period (Iron Age II) **1000–586 BCE**
- Neo-Babylonian Period (Iron Age III) **586–539 BCE**
- Persian Period **539-333 BCE**
- Hellenistic Period **333–165 BCE**
- Maccabean/Hasmonean Period **165–63 BCE**
- Roman Period **63 BCE–330 CE**
- Byzantine Period **330–638 CE**

Arab Caliphate Period 638–1099 CE

- Umayyad Period **638–750 CE**
- Abbasids, Ikshidids, Fatimids, Seljuks etc **750–1099 CE**

Crusader Period 1099–1244

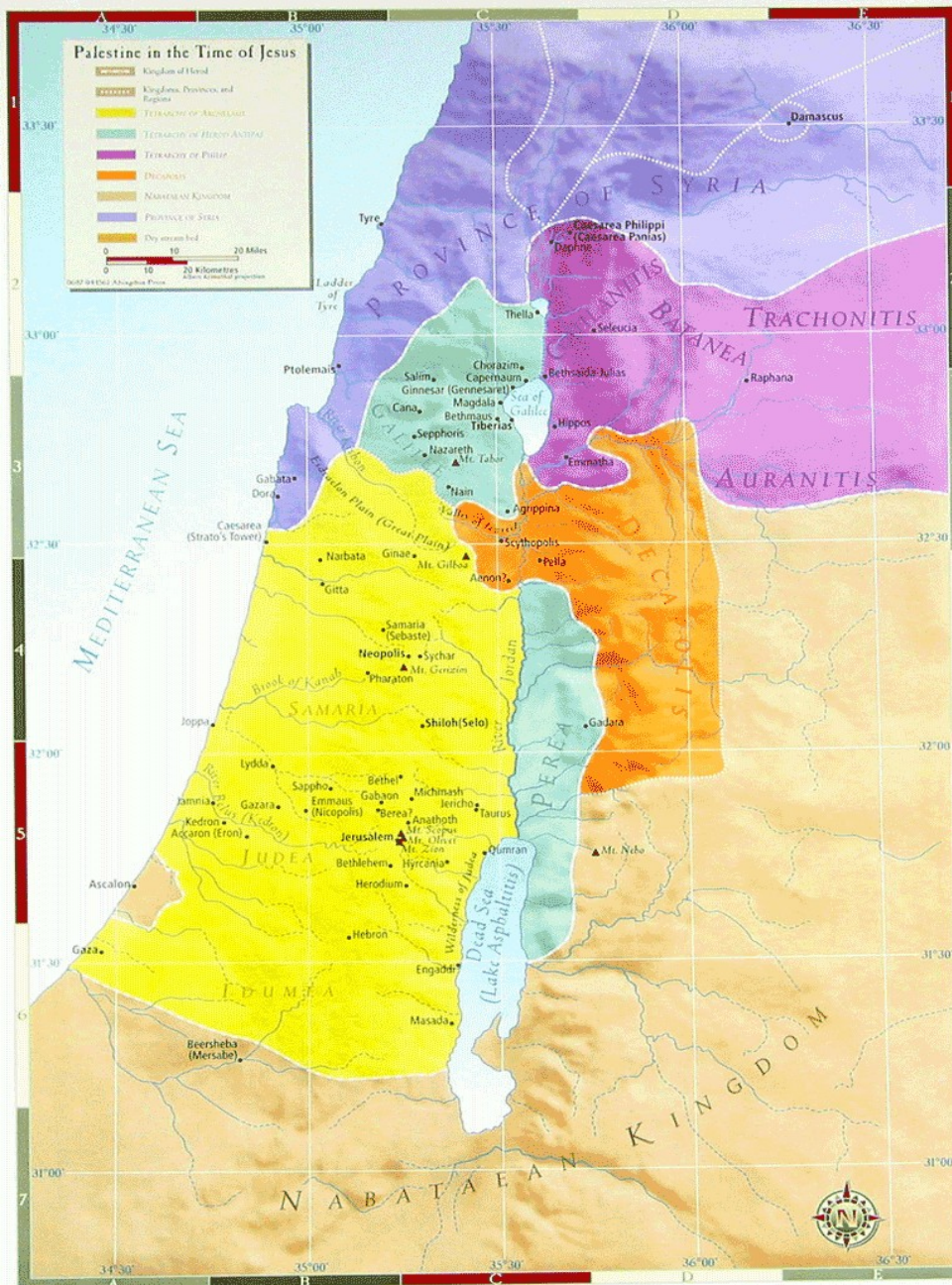
Islamic period

- Mamluk Period **1244–1517**
- Ottoman Period **1517-1917**

Modern Period

- British Mandate Period **1917–1948**
- State of Israel: **1948 to present**

Palestine at Jesus time



Birth of Jesus (BC.4)

- Luke 2:1-4 And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
- (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
- And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (He was of the house and lineage of David:)

Map of Palestine



Political history (AD.26)

- Luke 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
- Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and
- Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,
- His brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis,
- Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

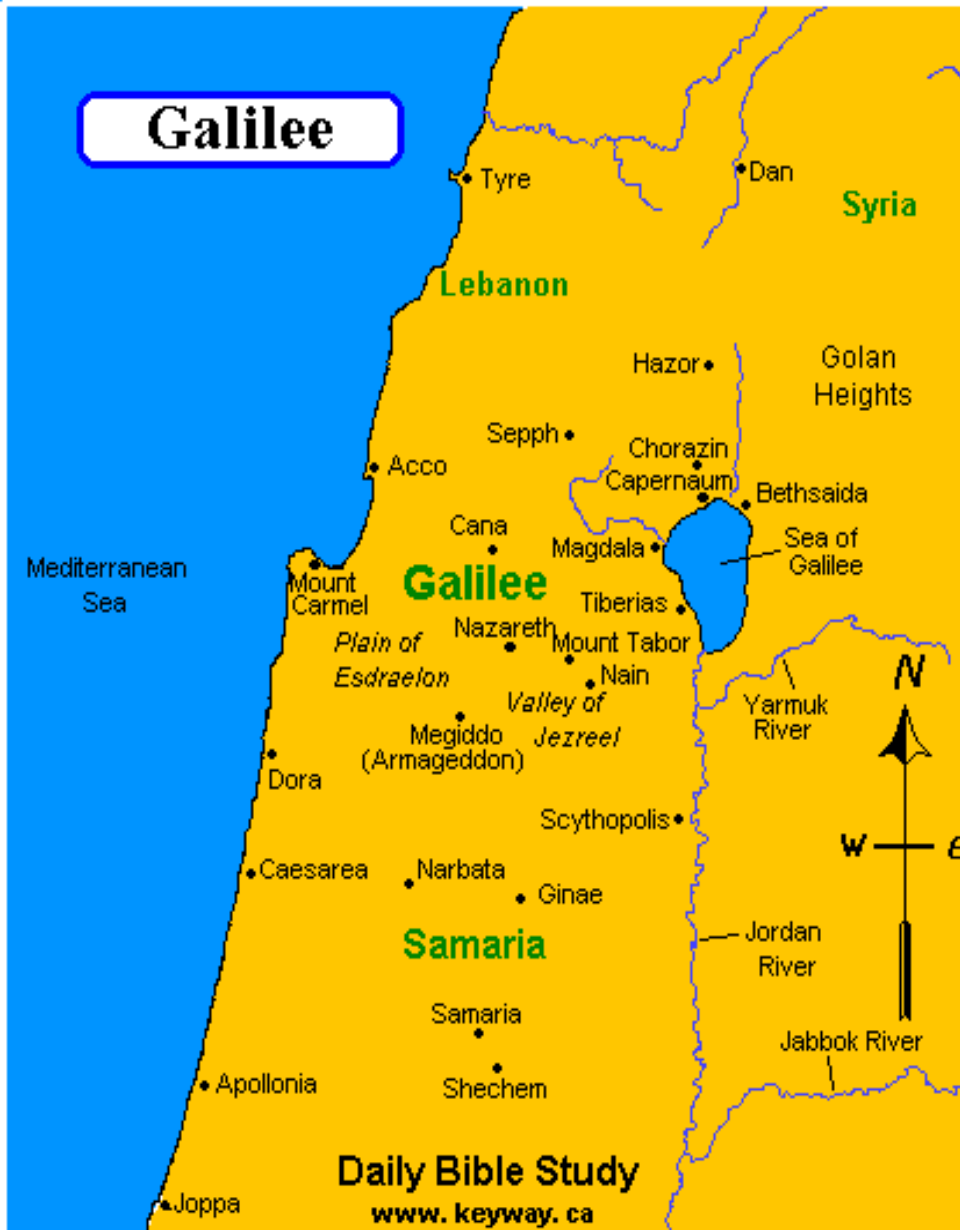
Religious history

- Luke 3:2 Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests,

Beginning of John's ministry

(The word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias)

Galilee



Ancient Galilee

- The ancient boundaries of Galilee are indistinct.

(Jewish-Roman historian Josephus defined as

- Acre and Mt.Carmel on west,
- Samaria in the south,
- Jordan River and The Sea of Galilee in the east,
- Lebanon border in the north.

(The area measures roughly 50 miles (80 kms) north to south, and 30 miles (48 kms) east to west.

Seeking me He came

*I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should
Seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know
Not how or when.*

*But this I know that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was
His only home.*

*And He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour
Of the world, is come.*

Nazareth



Annunciation

Angel of God appeared to Mary

- **Luke 1:26** The angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth,
- **Luke 1:27** To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.
- **Luke 1:28** And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- **Luke 1:30** And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- **Luke 1:31** And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

The well at Nazareth

(Considered to be Mary collected water here)



Christ was born in Bethlehem

It was prophesied earlier

- **Micah 5:2** But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel.
- **Ruth 4:21-22** Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David. (Bethlehem)
- **John 7:42** Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David was?
- **Matthew 2:4-5** He (Herod) had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

They said unto him; In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

Bethlehem

(Tomb of Rachel-Gen. 35: 20)



Bethlehem (In Judea)

Bethlehem (in the hill country of Judea)

- Approximately 10 kilometers (6 miles) south of Jerusalem
- Bethlehem means "House of Meat" or "House of Bread"
- One of the oldest Christian communities in the world lives.
- The favorite wife of Jacob/Israel is buried near Bethlehem.
- The events of the Book Of Ruth took place in Bethlehem
- Believed to be the birthplace of David. (John.7: 42)
- Bethlehem is the birthplace of Jesus of Nazareth.

Good tidings Angel brought

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:1-11 RSV)

Christ was born in Bethlehem



Church of nativity- (Interior)



Christ was born in Bethlehem

Birth of Jesus

- **Luke 2:6-7** While they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son,

Wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. (**Shepherds saw him**)
- **Matthew 2:11** When were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him. (**Wise men**)

Was taken to Egypt

- **Matthew 2:13** And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,
- **Matthew 2:19** But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
- **Matthew 2:20** Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

He grew up in Nazareth

Reason called Nazarene

- **Matthew 2:23** He came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

Age of 12 visit to the temple

- **Luke 2:39** When they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

Jesus began the ministry

- **Luke 3:23** And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

His countrymen knew him as carpenter

- **Mark 6:3** Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him.

Nazareth



Nazareth

Nazareth of Jesus Time.

- In Jesus' day, Nazareth was a small insignificant town (John 1:46).
- Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary there (Luke 1: 26)
- Mary and Joseph returned there to live (Matt 2:23; Luke 2:4, 39, 51).
- The village is mentioned 17 times in the New Testament.
- Jesus eventually left the village for a wider ministry.(Luke 4:31)
- He was known to some as a "prophet from Nazareth" (Matt 21:11).
- Nazareth is located at the very southern portion of lower Galilee (about 25 kms west of the southern tip of the Sea of Galilee)

(In Nazareth there are many Christian sites that commemorate events)

Capernaum

(The ruins of Synagogue)



Capernaum

Place of many ministries of Jesus

- Capernaum (Kfar Nahum) was a settlement on the shore of Galilee
- Capernaum is mentioned 16 times in the New Testament.
- The site is a ruin today, but was inhabited from 150 BC to about AD 750.
- Considered to be the home of apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John
- It served as Jesus central place of his public ministry. (Matthew 4:13)
- The town was reported to have been the home of Jesus himself
- According to Luke, Jesus taught in the synagogue in Capernaum
- Many miracles were performed here. (Mat.11:23)
- It was a fishing village with a tollbooth and a synagogue.

(A building which may have been a synagogue of that period has been found beneath the remains of a later synagogue)

Church on the Mt. Of Beatitude



Sea of Galilee



Known by three names

- 1. The Sea of Kinnereth
- 2. The Sea of Tiberias.
- 3. The Lake of Gennesareth.
- Sea of Galilee is quite large lake. It's about 12½ miles (20 kms) from north to south, and 7½ miles (12 kms) east to west at its widest.
- At its deepest point the lake is only 150 feet deep.
- The Jordan River effectively flows through the Sea of Galilee, entering in the north and exiting in the south.
- Much of the ministry of Jesus and numerous of His miracles took place in the area of the Sea of Galilee.

Tour in the sea of Galilee



Gadarenes (Decapolis)



Demoniac healed (Mk.5: 1-20)

Gadarenes



Cana of Galilee



Cana of Galilee

Beginning of the miracles

- Cana was a town in the highlands of Galilee a few miles north of Nazareth (Although no longer in existence -the precise location of Cana is today not known with certainty)
- Mentioned only four times in The Bible all in the book of John.
- It is forever famous as place of the first public miracle of Jesus occurred. (The first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him." [\(John 2:1-11\)](#))
- The healing of the nobleman's dying son was also done from Cana.
(This was now the second sign that Jesus did when He had come from Judea to Galilee." [\(John 4: 44-54\)](#))
- Nathanael was from Cana in Galilee [\(John 21: 2\)](#)

Old Jerusalem city



The wailing wall



The wailing wall

Western wall of the temple mount

The "wailing wall" is believed to be the remaining section of a western retaining wall of the Temple Mount.

Located on the western side of the temple mount, in the heart of old Jerusalem

It attracts thousands of Jewish worshippers daily, who come to pray and lay out their problems and seek for heavenly guidance

The Western Wall is open to the public 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

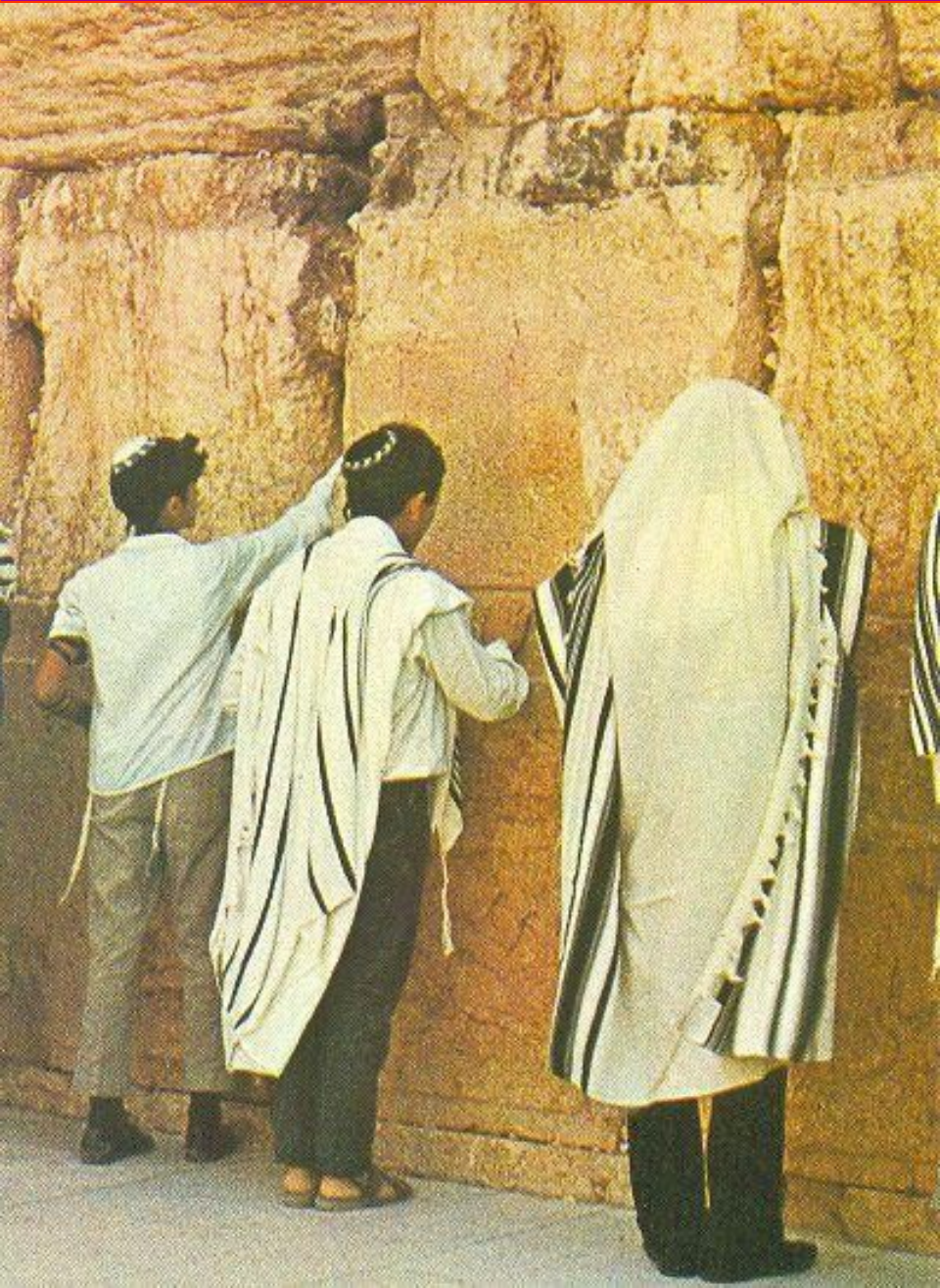
It was rebuilt by Herod during his reconstruction of the Temple.

Some believe that the wall was erected upon Solomon's foundations.

(The walls are 20M high above the ground, with 25 layers of stones. The larger stones are in the lower layers. Another 7M (15 layers) are buried under the ground)

(The two lowest courses of stone may date back to the time of Nehemiah)

Prayer at wailing wall



Jews putting written prayers between the rocks.

- Some Jews go to the wall every Friday afternoon to mourn the destruction of Jerusalem's Temple and bewail their desolate condition
- (Hence its name "Wailing Wall.")
- During the Six Day War of 1967, Israeli soldiers cut a path through the Old City to the Wall following 20 years of banishment from the site.

Temple mount



Temple mount

History of the temple mount

- Abraham nearly offered his son Isaac here (Gen.22:4; 9)
- It is the threshingfloor or Arunah the Jebusites (2.Sam.24: 24)

Solomon's temple

- The place David arranged and Solomon built (2.Chr.3: 2)

Ezra's temple or (Herod renovated)

- Many believe that the Holy of Holies of both Solomon's and later Ezra's (Herod's) Temple was located on top of the raised bedrock.
(which is now covered by the Dome of the rock)
- AD.70 Titus destroyed and stone was not left (Mat.24: 2)

The temple will be rebuild

Temple will be there during tribulation period (Dan.9: 26)

The Millennial temple

The temple will be beautiful on the mount (Isa.2: 2)

Dome of the rock



Jerusalem - Mosquée d'Omar.

Pulpito of Omar.

Omar Mosche.

Temple mount

Dome of the Rock (Kubbatt-sahra)

- The Dome of the Rock was completed about A.D. 691 by the Umayyad Dynasty, who had headquarter in Damascus.
- It was intended to portray the glories of Islam and to divert pilgrim traffic to Jerusalem - from Mecca and Medina.
- The Holy of Holies of both Solomon's and later Herod's Temple was located on top of the raised bedrock. (Many consider but not proved)
- Also known as Kubbat as-Sakhra or as "Mosque of Omar"
(Actually the Dome of the Rock is neither)
- Omar built an earlier structure, but not the Dome of the Rock.
(Muslims believe this place as if as Abraham nearly sacrificed his son Ishmael.) So is considered a shrine than a mosque.

(Men pray instead at the Al Aqsa mosque 200 meters south.)

Tomb of David

(1.King 2: 10; Acts.2: 29)



Absalom's tomb



- This grand monument is built into the rock on the foothills of Mount of Olives.
- The Bible tells of this tomb of Avshalom (Absalom), son of David, who was killed by David's men after a failed mutiny.
- **2 Samuel 18:18:** "...and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's place"

The Judean desert



River Jordan



- Jordan derived from the Hebrew word pronounced yar-dane, means “descender” (about 2,380 feet.)
- “Descender” is an appropriate name for the river as it runs its course from the heights of its sources near Mount Hermon to the depths of the Dead Sea.
- From its multiple river sources (the Bareith, the Hasbany from Mt. Hermon, the Leddan, the Banias) to Lake Huleh.
- Lake Huleh to the Sea Of Galilee in about 10 miles / 16 kilometers.
- From the Sea of Galilee to the Dead Sea in a straight line about 65 miles / 105 kms (Actual near 325 kms)

(Galilee in the North, Judea in south and Samaria in the middle, east of R. Jordan)

River Jordan

- Main tributaries are R.Yarmuk, R. Jabbok, and R. Arnon (East side)
- River Jordan is mentioned frequently in The Bible.
(About 175 times in the O T; and about 15 times in the N T)
- R Jordan played a significant role in numerous events of Bible history.
(The first mention is when Abraham and Lot parted -Gen. 13: 10-11)
- Jacob was renamed Israel at the ford of the Jabbok (Gen 32: 22-28)
- Israelites entered the Promised Land by crossing the R. Jordan.
(Joshua 3:15-17)
- Israelites possessed territories on both sides of the Jordan
- Prophets Elijah and Elisha were active on both sides of the Jordan
- John the Baptist conducted much of his ministry beside R. Jordan
- Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.

Baptism of Jesus

(R. Jordan in Judean area)



Baptism of Jesus

Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Matthew 3:15 Jesus said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open
The Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven:

'You are my Beloved Son; with you I am well pleased'" (**Mark 1:9-11**)

The exact site of Jesus' baptism is unknown.

Matthew states only that John baptized "in the Jordan River" (**Matthew 3:6**)

Mark locate as "in the desert region...in the Jordan River." (**Mark 1:4,5**)

Luke gives John's activity as "all the country around the Jordan." (**Luke 3:3**)

Only John's Gospel gives a specific location, John baptized Jesus (**John.1. 29**)

The Machpelah (Hebron)



Hebron is a holy site for Muslims, Christians, and Jews since it is the burial place of the "fathers" patriarchs" of monotheism (belief in one God): Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Old Jericho



Jericho

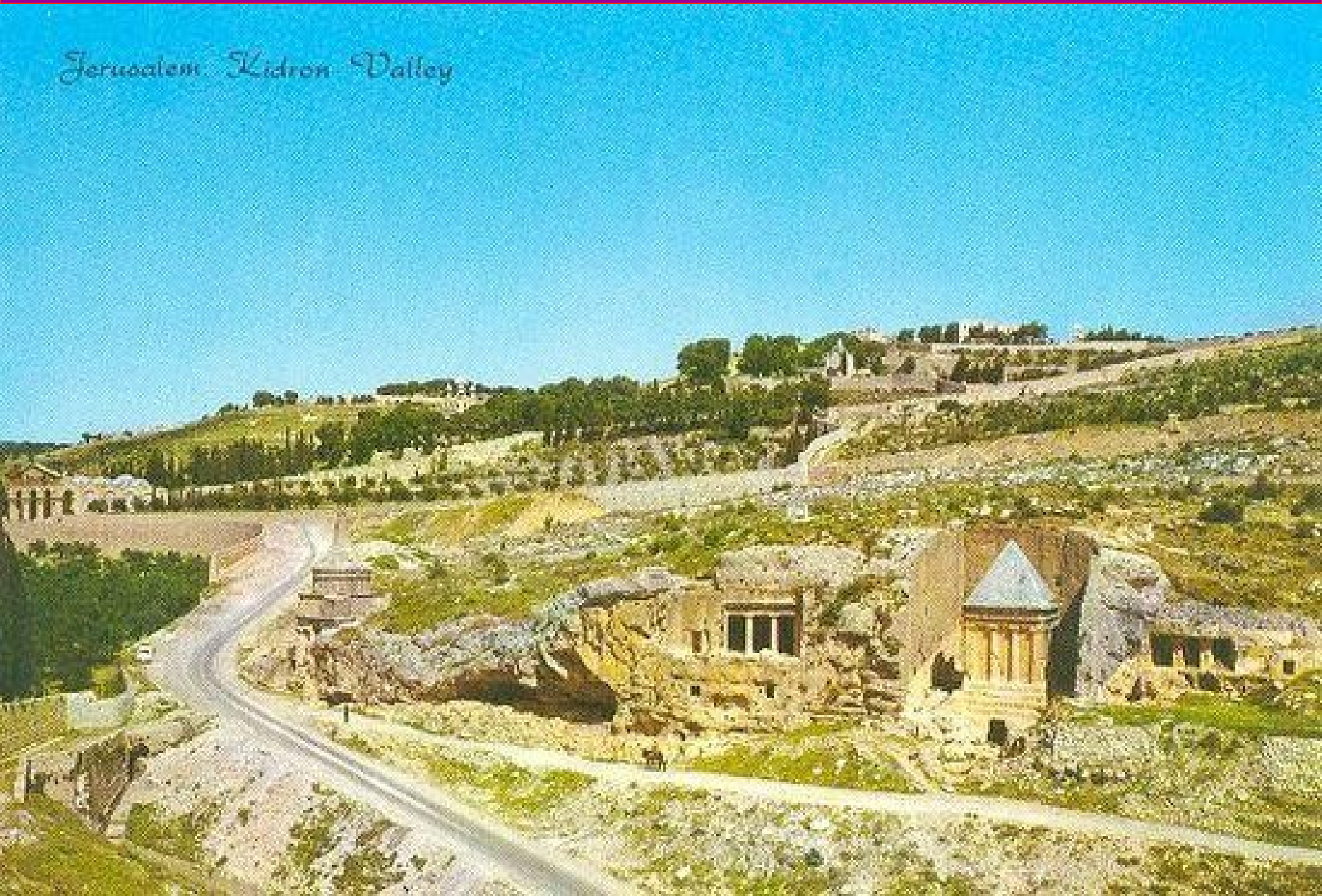


City of Jericho

- The original Jericho was located about 5 miles / 8 kms west of The Jordan River,
- and 7 miles / 11 kms north of the Dead Sea
- Approximately 800 feet / 240 meters below sea level,
- It had many date-palm trees, which contributed to its also being known as the City of palms (Deut.34:3).
- It was located about 1 mile / 1½ kms northwest of the modern-day city of Jericho.

Valley of Kidron

Jerusalem: Kidron Valley



View of Mt.Olivet from city of David



Mt. Olivet



Mount Olives

Mount Olivet

- Hill which is before Jerusalem on the east (Zech.14: 4)
- Separated with Jerusalem, by Valley of Kidron . (2.Sam.15: 23)
- It is a Sabbath day journey (5 to 6 Steds)
- David flee from Absalom his to the Mount olive side (2.Sam.15: 32)
- Jesus often went to the Mount Olives (Luke 21: 37)
- Jesus wept over Jerusalem about coming destruction (Luke 19: 37)
- The garden of Gethsemane on the base or ascent on west side)
- The agony of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mat.26:36-46)
- Bethany and Bethphage were on the east side (Mat. 21: 1)
- The mount olives now called by Arabs as "Jebel- et-Tor"
- In Luke we read Jesus Ascended from Bethany (Luke 24: 50)
- Future prophesied about Mount olive (Zech.14: 4)

Gethsemane

(Probably tree 1500- 2000 years old)



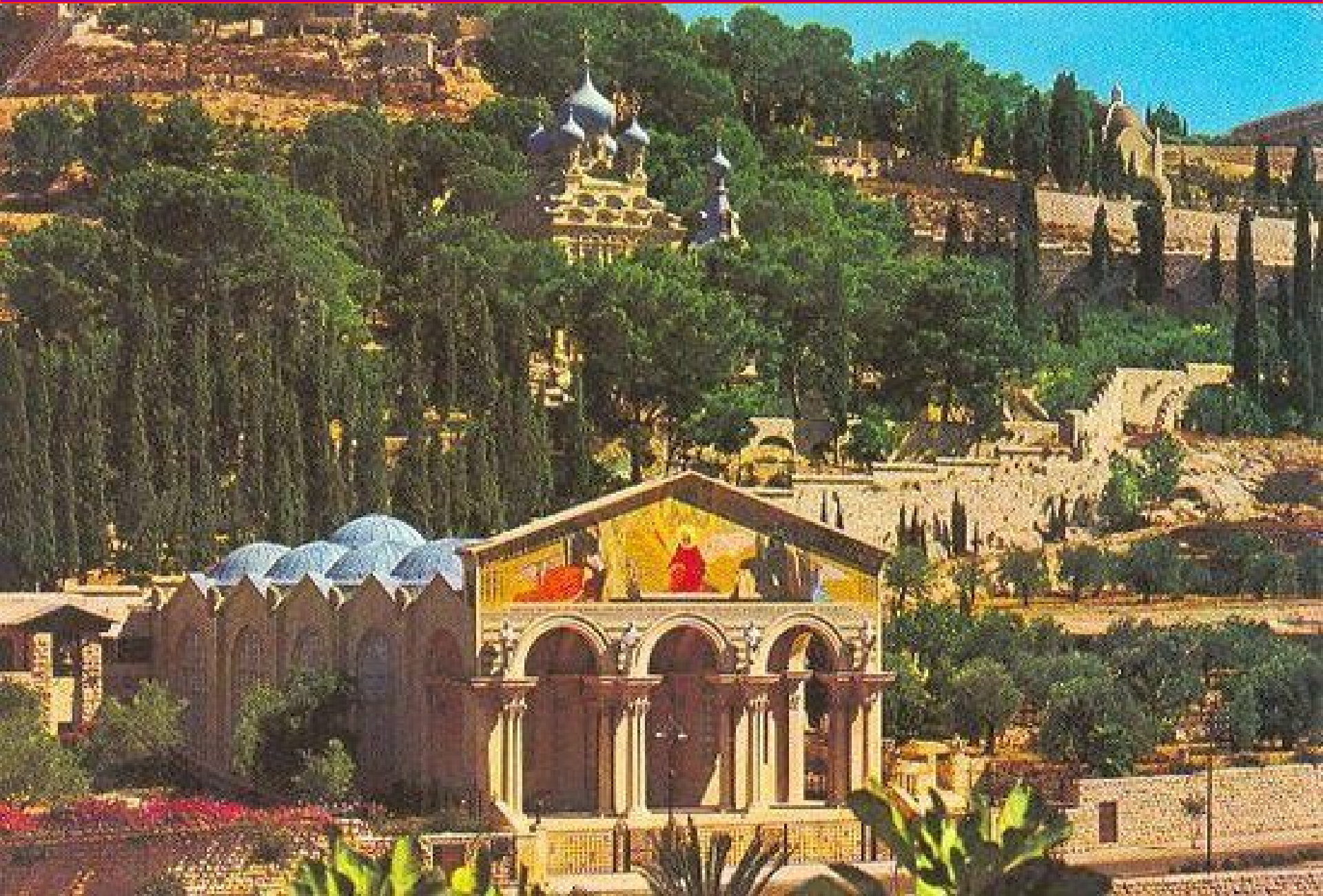
Gethsemane

(Probably trees witnessed the Agony of Jesus)



Church of Gethsemane

(Church of all nations and behind the Russian orthodox)



Masada- Desert fortress

(Last stronghold -over looks dead sea)



Masada- Desert fortress

(Last refuge —After the destruction of temple)



Masada

Masada: Desert Fortress overlooking the Dead Sea

- An isolated rock cliff at the western end of the Judean Desert, (The natural approaches to the cliff top are very difficult)
- Herod the Great built the fortress of Masada between 37 and 31 BC (Included a casemate wall around the plateau, storehouses, large cisterns ingeniously filled with rainwater, barracks, palaces and an armory.)
- A group of Jewish rebels overcame this Roman garrison (AD.66)
- After the destruction of the Temple (70 AD) they were joined by zealots and their families who had fled from Jerusalem
- They raided and harassed the Romans for two years from there.
- Eleazar ben Ya'ir, finally decided to burn the fortress and end their own lives, rather than be taken alive captive. (AD.73)

(Symbolizes the determination of the Jews for patriotism)

Samaria



Samaria

(Mount Ebal and Gerizim- Duet.27: 12-13)



Samaria

Samaria –Capital of Northern Kingdom

- The hill of Samaria was in the tribal territory of Manasseh,
- Was not significantly inhabited until the time of King Omri (1 Ki 16:24-28).
- For the next 160 years, the city was the capital of the northern kingdom,
- His son Ahab was married to the Phoenician princess Jezebel.
- That made Baal worship widespread in Israel.
- Ahab built a temple of Baal here which was later destroyed by Jehu
- Reaching a size of 150 acres (as large as Jerusalem in Hezekiah's time).
- Samaria is well situated with steep slopes on all sides.

Samaria

- The place between Galilee north, and Judea in the south
- The People were Samaritans (2.Kings 17)
- Jews had no conversations with them
- Jesus passed thru Samaria (The Samaritan woman at the well- Jn.4)

Samaria (Jacob's well)

(Church made over it – 1940- At Nablus)

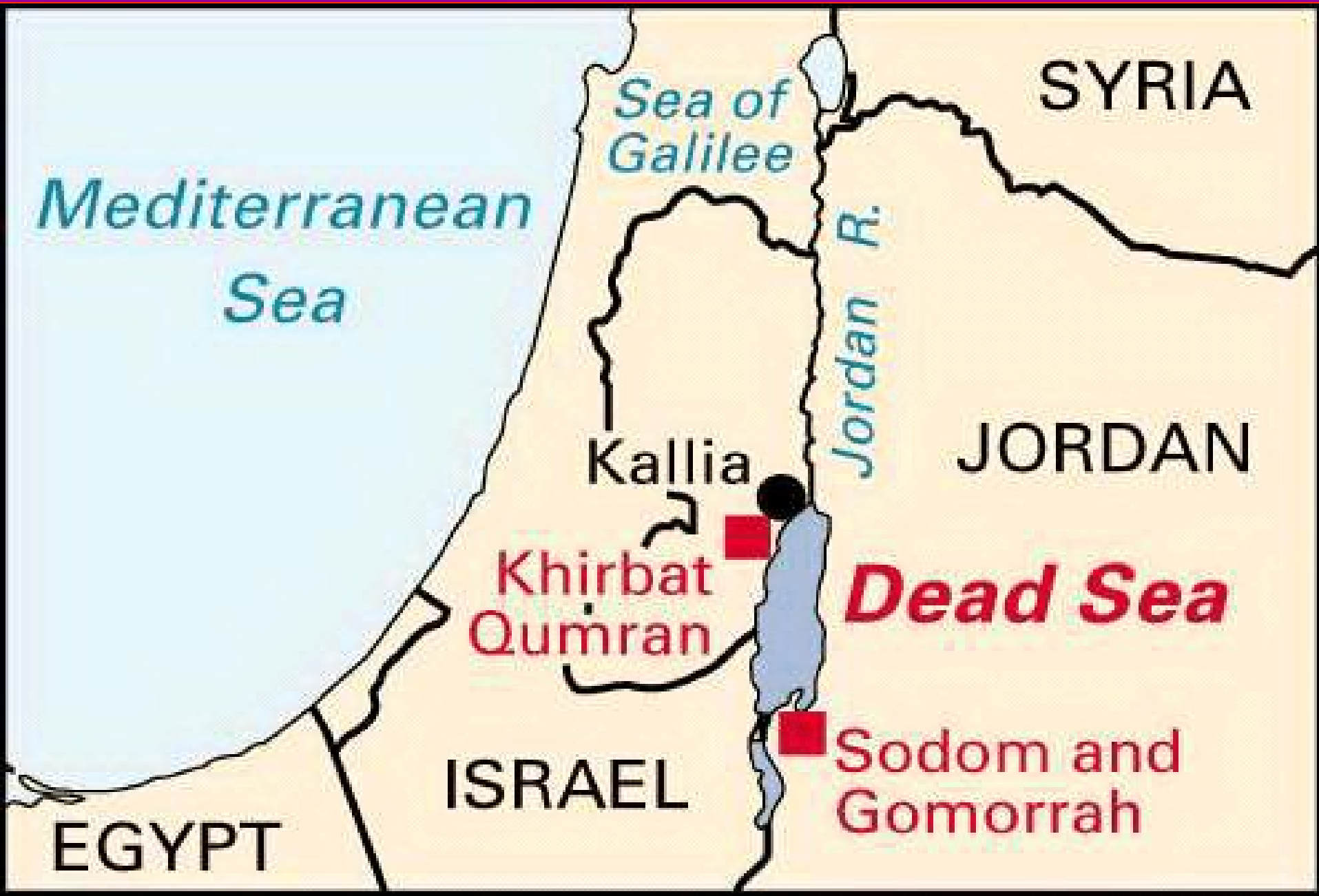


Dead sea

(Can float in the dead sea)



Dead sea (map)



The Dead Sea

The dead sea (also known as Bahr Lut)

- Known in the Bible as the "Salt Sea" or the "Sea of the Arabah,"
- Between Israel and Jordan lies the Dead Sea (Gen.19: 24)
- It is Approximately 50 miles long, and 11 miles wide.
- The lowest point of dry land on earth is the shoreline of the Dead Sea
- It lies at 1300 feet below sea level.
- Because its high mineral content allows nothing to live in its waters.
- River Jordan falls to it, but water does not drain from this lake.
- Daily 7 million tons of water evaporate, so salt content increases
- Figures for the Dead Sea's salinity today range from 26-35%.
- The Dead Sea is rich with minerals. (Specially Potash)
- Ezekiel has prophesied that one day the Dead Sea will be fresh.

Dead sea Scrolls

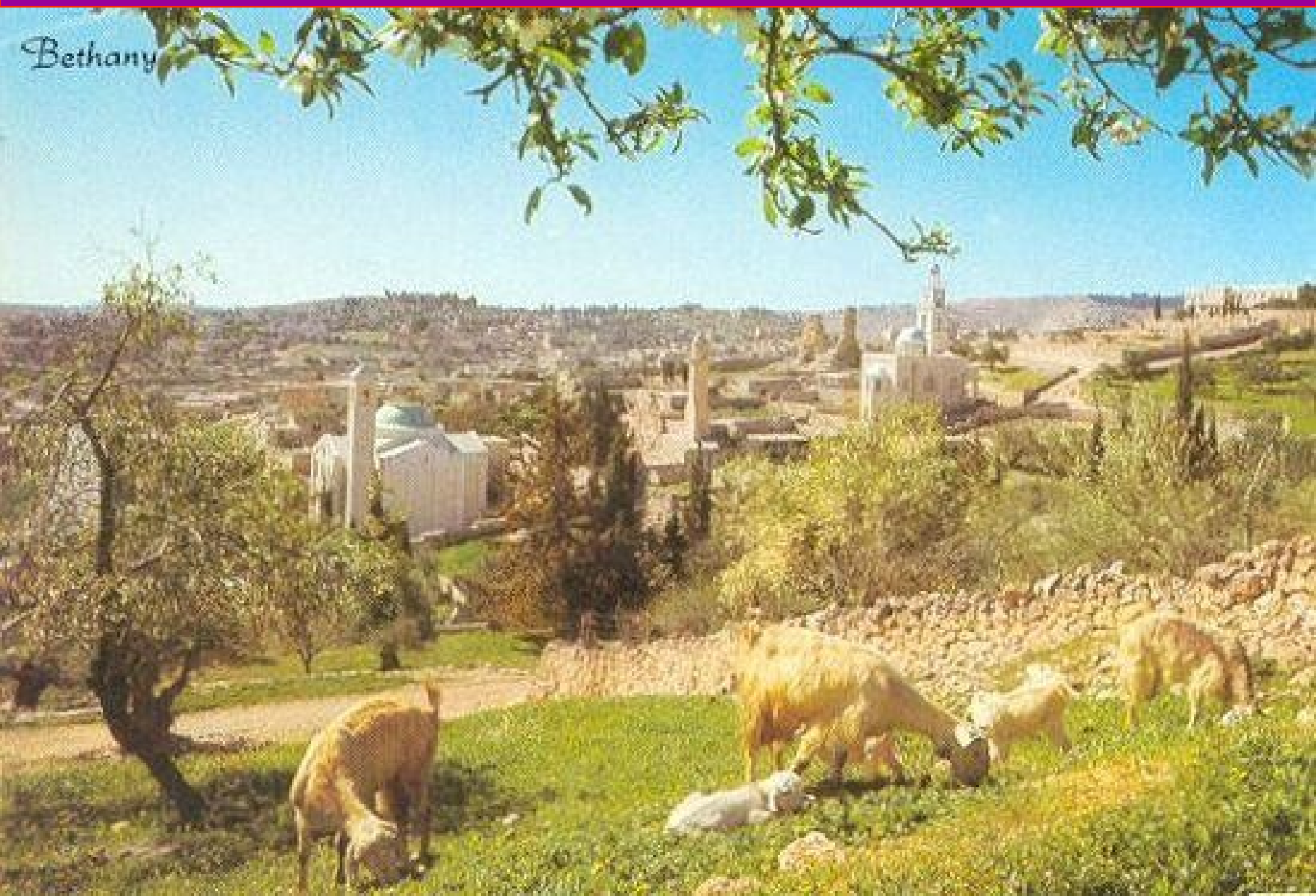
(Found from the Qumran caves – AD. 1948)



Qumran caves



Bethany



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Bethany

Ancient Bethany

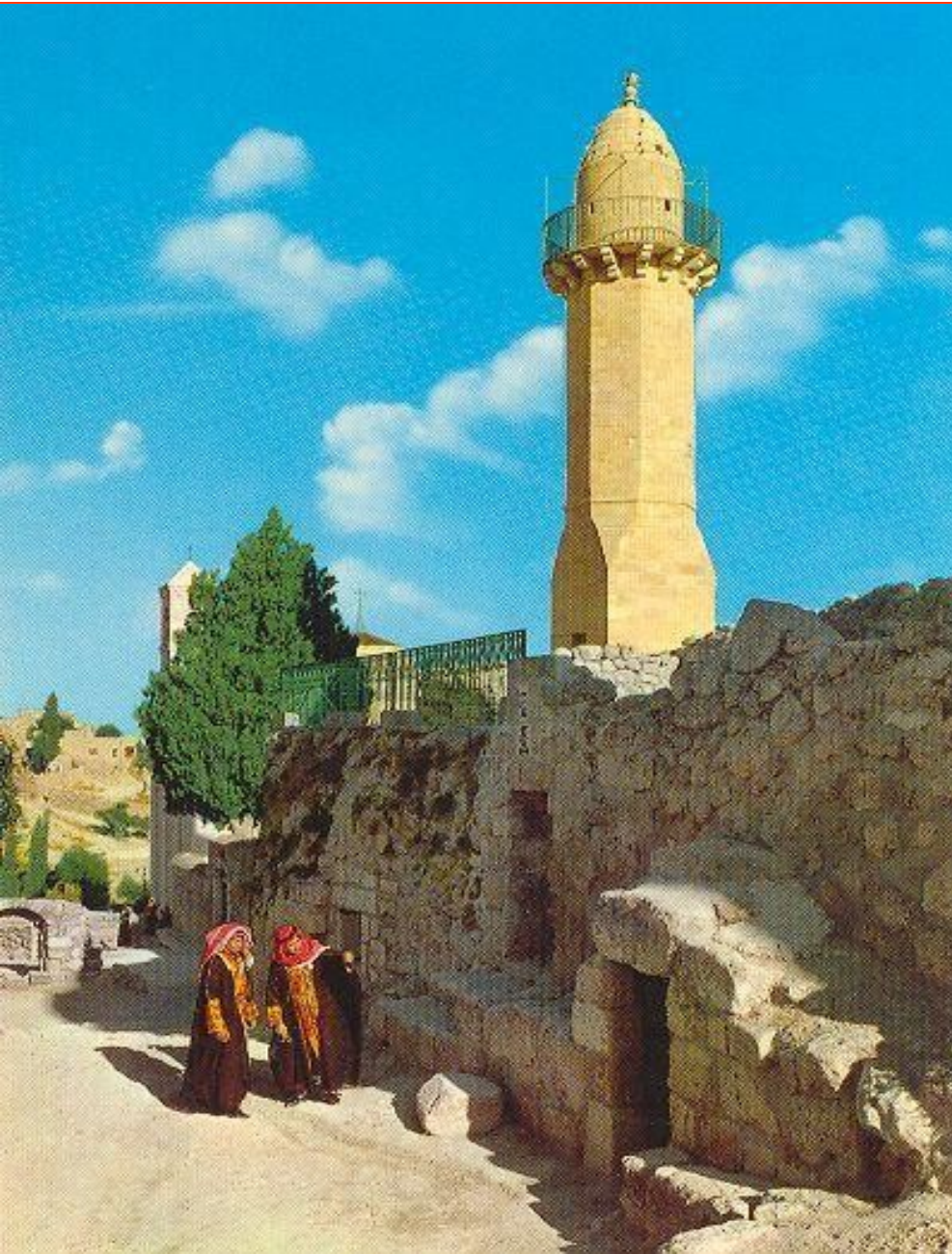
- Bethany is about 4 km from Jerusalem on the Jericho road.
- Now known as Bethany or beth Azariyeh (H. O. Lazarus)
- It lies on the east side of the Mount of Olives,
- Bethany - village Martha, Mary and Lazarus lived – **John 11:1**
- Jesus was a welcome visitor to the Bethany - **Luke 10:38-42**
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead at Bethany – **John 11:1-44**
- Jesus stayed at Bethany after the triumphal entry – **Mark 11:1-11**
- Jesus was anointed by Mary at Bethany – **Matthew 26:6-13**
- Jesus ascended to Heaven from Bethany – **Luke 24:50-51**

Bethany

BETHANY (NEAR JERUSALEM): PARTIAL VIEW, ST. LAZARUS CHURCH



Lazarus tomb



Lazarus raised from dead

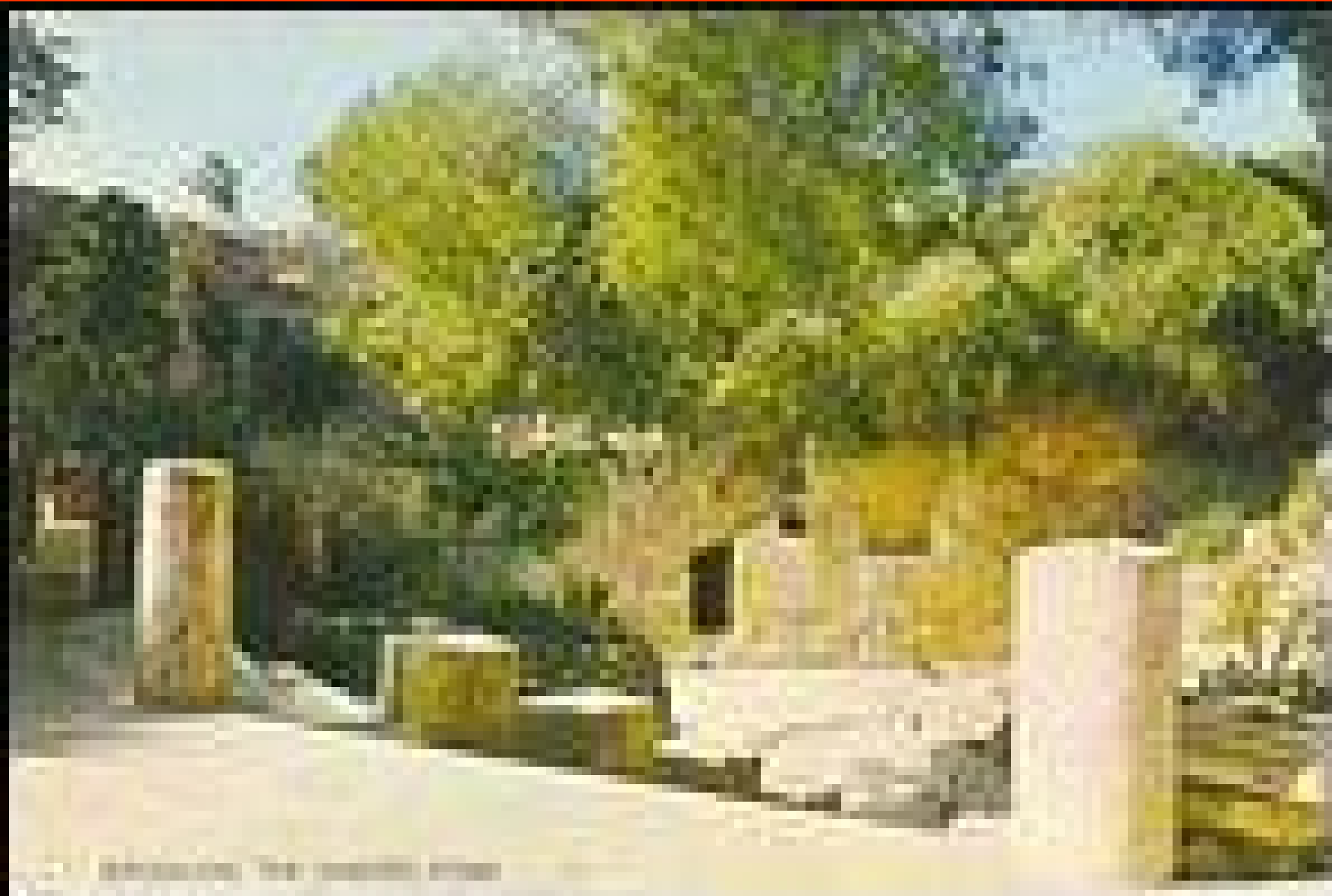
- **John 11:1** Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.
- **John 11:14** Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.
- **John 11:23** Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.
- **John 11:25** Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Golgotha (Place Jesus was crucified)



- **Mark 15:22** And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.
- **Luke 23:33** And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.
- **John 19:20** This title then read many of the Jews: for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city:

Garden tomb



His body was placed in a tomb

Burial of Jesus

- **John 19:41** Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid.
- **John 19:38-40** And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, besought Pilate and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus.
- And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.
- Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.
- **John 19:42** There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

The garden tomb



Inside of the garden tomb



He is resurrected

The infallible proof of resurrection

- **Luke 24:5-6** Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,
- **Acts 1:2-3** Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:
- To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:
- **Revelation 1:18** I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

Place of Ascension



Dome of the Ascension

- The Church of the Holy Ascension was taken by Saladin in 1187 and converted into a mosque and remains such today. It contains what is traditionally the last footprint of Jesus on earth before he ascended into heaven.
- Two other places are claimed to be the location of the ascension. Constantine's mother Helena built a church under the modern Paternoster Church to commemorate this event. A much later tradition connects the Russian Orthodox Church of the Ascension to Christ's return into heaven.
- Scripture indicates that the Jesus ascended into heaven in the vicinity of Bethany. This village is down the east slope of the Mt. of Olives about 1.5 miles (2 km). In this case, none of the traditional locations for the ascension are correct.

Street to the upper room



Was received up in to Heaven

Ascension of Jesus

- **Luke 24:50-51** He led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.
(while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven)

Witness of the Angels

- **Acts 1:11** Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?
This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Sat down at the right hand of the Father.

- **Mark 16:19** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

My Saviour lives

*The Saviour lives no more to die;
He lives our head, enthroned on high;
He lives triumphant o'er the grave;
He lives eternally to save.*

*The chief of sinners He receives;
His saints He loves, and never leaves;
He'll guard us safe from every ill,
And all His promises fulfill.*

My Saviour lives no more to die



Dear Brethren

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

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