

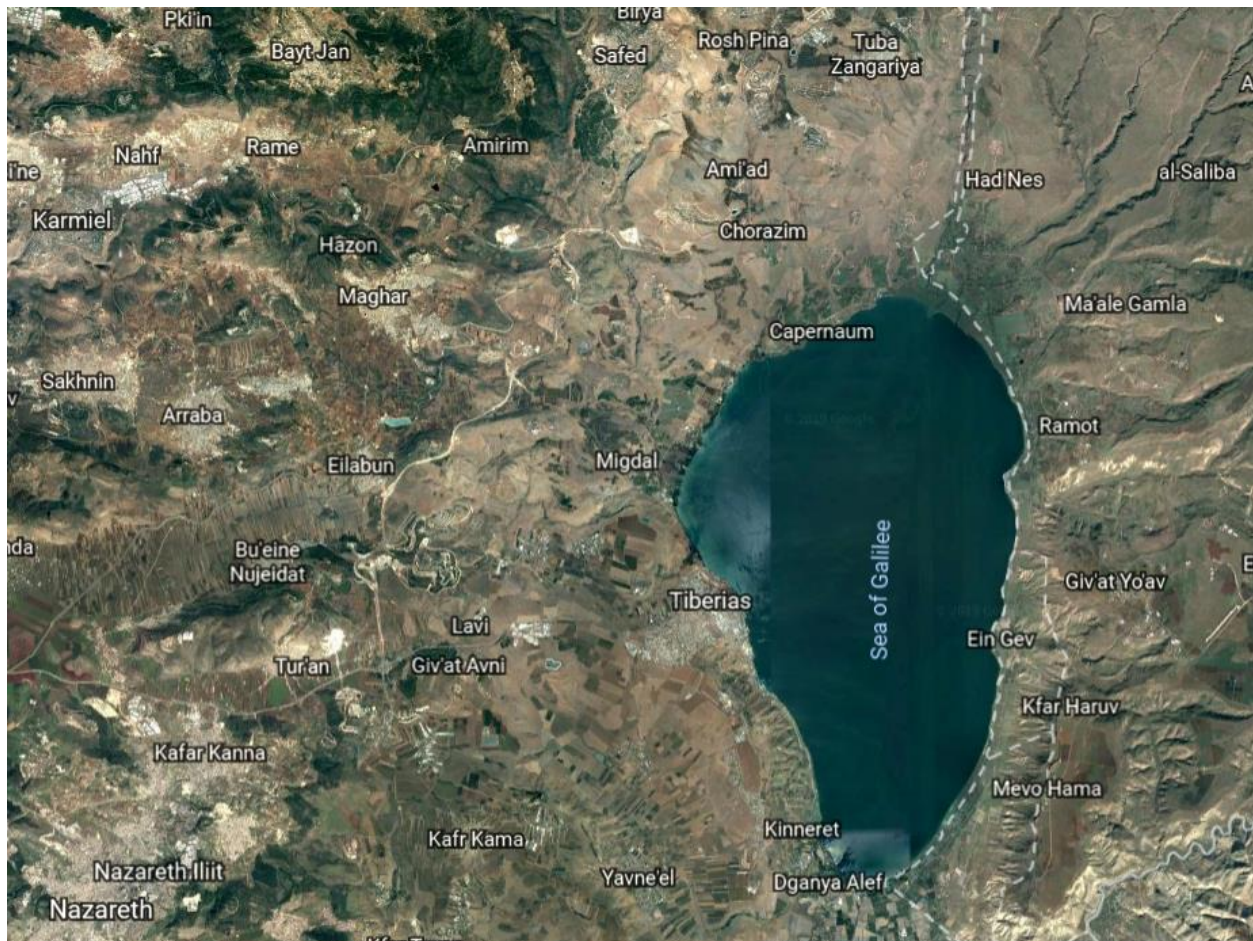
## Historical Geography of the Holy Land Spring 2020

*"And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk  
and honey."*

(Deuteronomy 26:9)

### Week 7: The Region around the Sea of Galilee (Part 2)

Review



## Chronological Survey of the Three and a Half Year Ministry of Jesus Christ

Jesus' life before He went to be baptized by John	about 30 yrs	BIRTH and SILENT YEARS Jesus' nativity, infancy, boyhood, young adult & early adult life
Background Events The stage is set	3 – 4 months (?) Fall 29 – spring 30	<p><b>THE BACKGROUND TO THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF JESUS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Background: The ministry of the forerunner, John the Baptist</li> <li>2. Impetus: The baptism of Jesus by John (1<sup>st</sup> recorded event since in the temple at age 12)</li> <li>3. The 40-day fast – the temptation of Jesus the Christ – the angelically assisted recuperation</li> </ol>
<b>PUBLIC PRESENTATION</b>  Time: 2 years +  ✓ seeking crowds  ✓ working countless miracles  ✓ traveling throughout the lands of the Jews, saturating the area with His claims, and with the proof of those claims by means of miracles	4-6 months (?) Spring – summer/fall 30	<p><b>THE "EARLY JUDEAN" MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST (Jesus' Public Ministry Begins)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The first five days of Jesus' <i>public</i> ministry (Jn 1:29-2:12): ① John announces the Nazarene as the Christ for the 1<sup>st</sup> time; ② Jesus gathers to Himself two of John's disciples; ③ Jesus finds Nathanael, sets out for Galilee; ④ the miracle of water to wine performed at Cana</li> <li>2. Jesus cleanses the temple at Jerusalem during <i>Passover</i> season</li> <li>3. Nicodemus, a seeking Sanhedrinist, comes by night to Jesus</li> <li>4. Jesus continues to gather to Himself those who had already believed John's message</li> <li>5. John the Baptist is arrested; Jesus departs for <i>Galilee</i>, passes through Samaria on the way, deals with the woman at the well</li> </ol>
	Ca. 18 months Autumn 30 - March 32	<p><b>THE GREAT GALILEAN MINISTRY OF JESUS CHRIST</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Many, many miracles during this time</li> <li>2. Jesus is <b>seeking crowds</b>, traveling throughout Galilee (with infrequent visits to Judea – e.g., Jn 5), <b>saturating the land</b> with His two-fold claim (to be <i>Messiah</i>, and to be <i>God</i> come in the flesh [Jn 20:30,31]), proving the legitimacy of those claims by means of <b>miracles</b></li> <li>3. In spite of the undeniable proof Jesus offers in defense of the truth of His claims, this generation of Israel finally rejects Him and His offer; Jesus discerns that spirit of disbelief, His disciples/apostles <b>do not</b>. There are two great <i>moments of rejection</i> which bring this phase of Jesus' ministry to a close:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The first moment of rejection--the unpardonable sin (Mt 12:14-37)</li> <li>b) The final moment of rejection--the feeding of the 5000 (Jn 6:41-47)</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>PRIVATE PREPARATION</b>  Time: 6 months [1 <sup>st</sup> ½ of final year] ✓ seeking <b>privacy</b>  ✓ <b>resisting</b> requests for miracles  ✓ <b>avoiding</b> areas populated by Jews	6 months March – October 32	<p><b>TRAINING OF THE TWELVE</b></p> <p>Notice that Jesus' emphasis and tactics change dramatically at this point:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He had been seeking crowds; now He seeks <b>privacy</b></li> <li>2. He had been working miracles freely; now He <b>seeks to avoid miracle-working</b> in the attempt to avoid the consequent multitudes of people</li> <li>3. He had been speaking openly and plainly; now He speaks in <b>parables</b></li> <li>4. He had been traveling throughout the land of the Jews; now He begins to move in <b>non-Jewish territories</b> (Syro-Phoenicia, Decapolis, the region of Caesarea-Philippi)</li> <li>5. He had openly (if carefully) claimed Messiahship; now <b>He asks not to be identified as Messiah</b></li> </ol> <p><b>CULMINATION OF THIS PERIOD:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Jesus finally finds solitude with His apostles, openly <i>foretells His death</i> for the first time; the apostles are horrified and unbelieving</li> <li>2. To reinforce the staggering faith of the apostles, Jesus is <b>TRANSFIGURED</b> before three of them</li> </ol>
A time of <b>mixed focus:</b> [last ½ of final year]  Jesus presents Himself to the people of Judea & Perea; but all the while continues to prepare His witless disciples for His death	6 Months October 32 – March 33	<p><b>IN AND AROUND JERUSALEM: THE FINAL SIX MONTHS BEFORE HIS PASSION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To Jerusalem, for the Feast of Tabernacles (Nov) [Luke 9:51; John 7:1-10:21] --then, ministers in Judea for final time, avoiding Jerusalem, sends out the 70</li> <li>2. To Jerusalem for the Feast of Dedication (Dec) [Luke 13:22; John 10:22-42; Lk 13:23-17:10] --then, to Perea (Jn 10:42; Lk 13:23-17:10), resists Pharisees attempts to lure Him back to Judea (Lk 13:31-34,) ministers until the sisters of Lazarus send for Him (Jn 11)</li> <li>3. To Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead (ca Feb) [John 11] --then to village of Ephraim [border of Samaria], remains secreted until He sets out to Jerusalem for final Passover [following a strategic route]</li> </ol>
<b>FINAL EVENTS</b> Time: several weeks ✓ final trip to Jerusalem ✓ Passion Week ✓ resurrection Ministry ✓ ascension to the Father	Final Week; and then 40 days	<p><b>JESUS' PASSION IN JERUSALEM, THE RESURRECTION AND ASCENSION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The final journey to Jerusalem; Jesus and His disciples travel to the city with a band of Passover pilgrims coming down from Galilee</li> <li>2. The <b>PASSION WEEK</b>: Jesus dramatically enters Jerusalem (Sun), cleanses &amp; possesses the temple (Mon/Tue), keeps Passover (Thur pm), then is arrested, tried, crucified and buried (Fri)</li> <li>3. The <b>RESURRECTION</b> (early on first day of week), followed by a 40-day ministry on the earth</li> <li>4. The <b>ASCENSION</b> to the Father from the Mount of Olives</li> </ol>

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