

THE
MIRACLES
of JESUS

Miracles – Review

What is a “miracle”?

- An act of God, superseding or suspending a natural law
- “An event in the physical world enabled by the immediate power of God and intended as a sign or manifestation.”

What was the purpose of miracles?

- Judgment or punishment (Herod, Acts 12:23)
- Confirm messengers (Mark 16:17-20; Heb 2:3-4)
- Confirm a message (Acts 14:3)

Miracles – Review

Where in the bible do we find miracles recorded?

- Both OT and NT – primary clustered in 3 periods
 - Moses and Aaron (Exodus)
 - Elijah and Elisha
 - Jesus and the Apostles

Are all the miracles recorded in the bible?

Probably not – John 20:30-31

Do we still have miracles occurring today?

- Now that the Word has been confirmed – the need for miracles has ceased (I Cor 13:8-13)

Miracles – Review

What are some type/categories of miracles?

- God communicating with man (Burning bush, Ex 3:2; Balaam's donkey, Numbers 22:21-35)
- Defeating enemies of people of God (Jericho, Joshua 6:20; Assyrians, 2 Kings 19:35)
- Punishments (70 men of Bethshemesh, 1 Sam 6:19; Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 6:5-11)
- Power over nature (walking on water, water to wine)
- Bodily Healings (power over disease and sickness)
- People raised from the dead (power over death itself)

Miracle – Raising the dead

What is the raising of the dead we talk about most often?

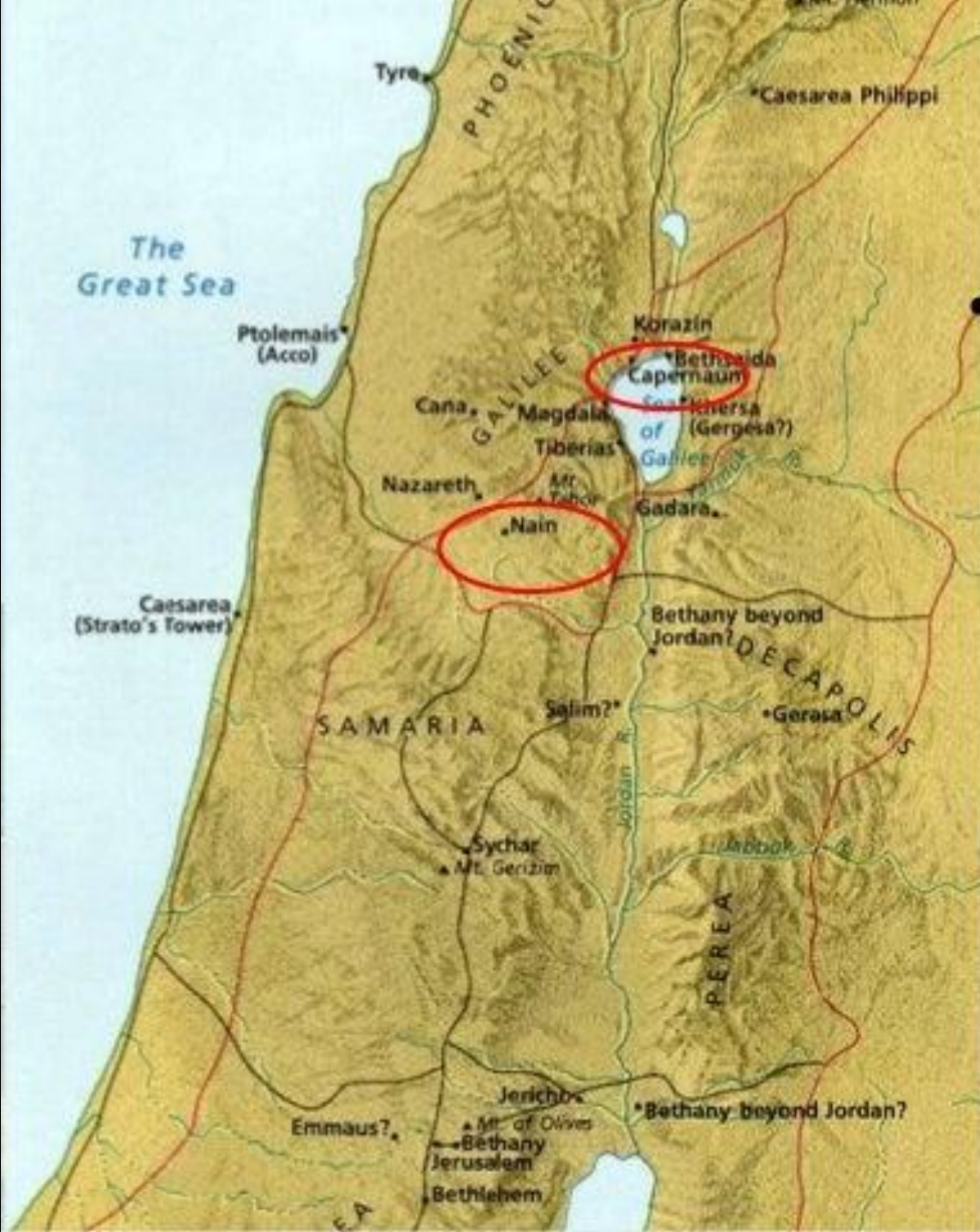
- Jesus Resurrection

Were there others raised from dead in NT?

1. Jesus raised widow's son in Nain (Lk 7:11-17)
2. Jesus raised Jairus' Daughter (Lk 8:40-56)
3. Jesus raised Lazarus (Jn 11)
4. Saints in Jerusalem (Mt 27:52-53)
5. Peter prayed and God raises Tabitha/Dorcas (Acts 9:36-42)
6. Paul returned Eutychus from dead (Acts 20:7-12)

Could there have been others raised from the dead?

Sending out disciples - Mt 10:8 - Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons.



Nain

• NAU Luke 7:11 Soon afterwards He went to a city called Nain; and His disciples were going along with Him, accompanied by a large crowd.

Miracle – Raising the dead

Read Luke 7:11-17 – son of widow from Naim

- Explain - “the only son of his mother, and she was a widow”
- After death – how soon was a funeral performed?
- Was it unusual for Jesus to stop the procession?
- What did Jesus do to raise man? (14)
- Why was their fear in the crowd? (16)
- Was this important to Jesus response to John the Baptist
- V22 - And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers^[e] are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.

Miracle – Raising the dead

- Why did people say “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!”? (16)

There were 3 time people were raised from Dead in OT

1 - Elijah prayed to God to raise Son of a Widow in Zarephath

(1 Kg 17:17-24) – What miracle happened before this?

- Her boy gets sick, and she was a widow
- His illness gets worse, and he dies.
- The woman lashes out at Elijah, blaming him and God. Why?
- Three times he asked God to return child’s life
- “Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.” v17

Miracle – Raising the dead

There were 3 time people were raised from Dead in OT

2 – Elisha prays to God to raises Shunammite Woman's Son

(2 Kg 4:18-37)

- Elisha said she would have son – and she did
- Boy gets headache and dies
- Mother goes to find Elisha
- Elisha sends Gehazi ahead with staff to lay on child
- Gehazi reports no sign of life in child
- Elisha prays to God and lays on child
- Child is raised from dead

Miracle – Raising the dead

There were 3 time people were raised from Dead in OT

3 – Unnamed man raised by Elisha's bones

(2 Kg 13:20-21)

- This one is a bit unusual
- Elisha died and was buried
- Moabites used to invade the land in the spring
- Man died and was being buried when Moabites invaded
- Man was thrown in grave of Elisha
- When man's body touched bones, he revived and stood up

Miracle – Raising the dead

This is why the people thought Jesus was a “great prophet” (like Elijah and Elisha)

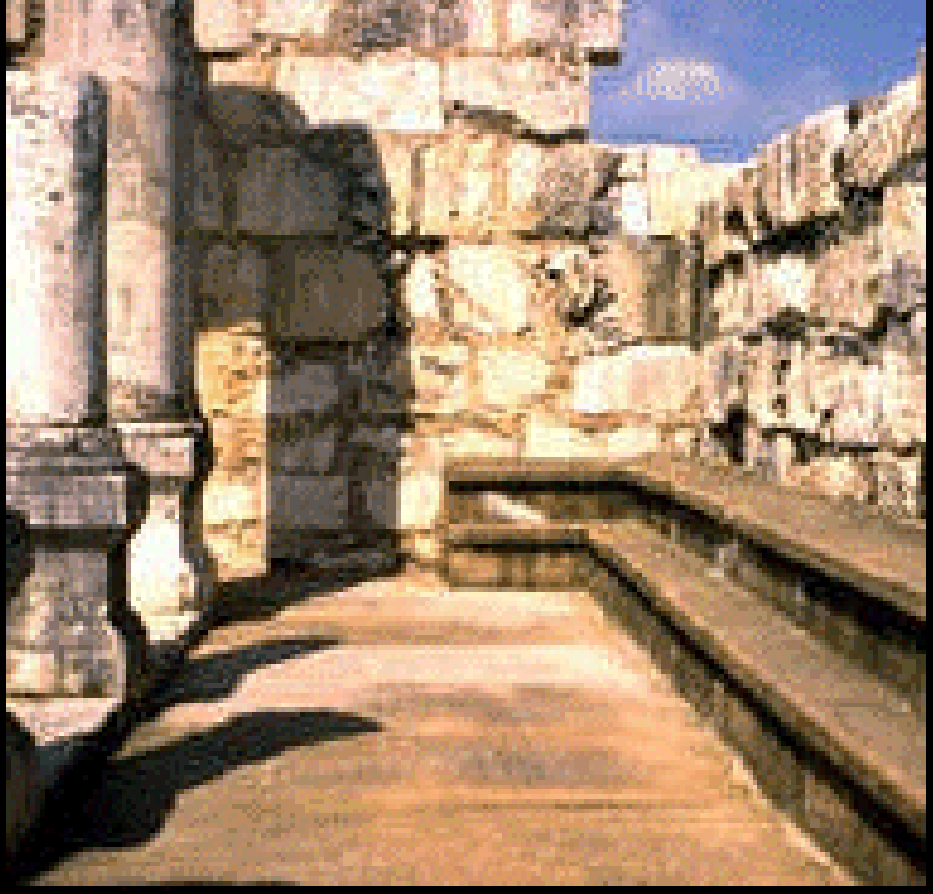
Also may explain what was said by people when Jesus died on the cross

Matt 27:46-50 - And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, “This man is calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

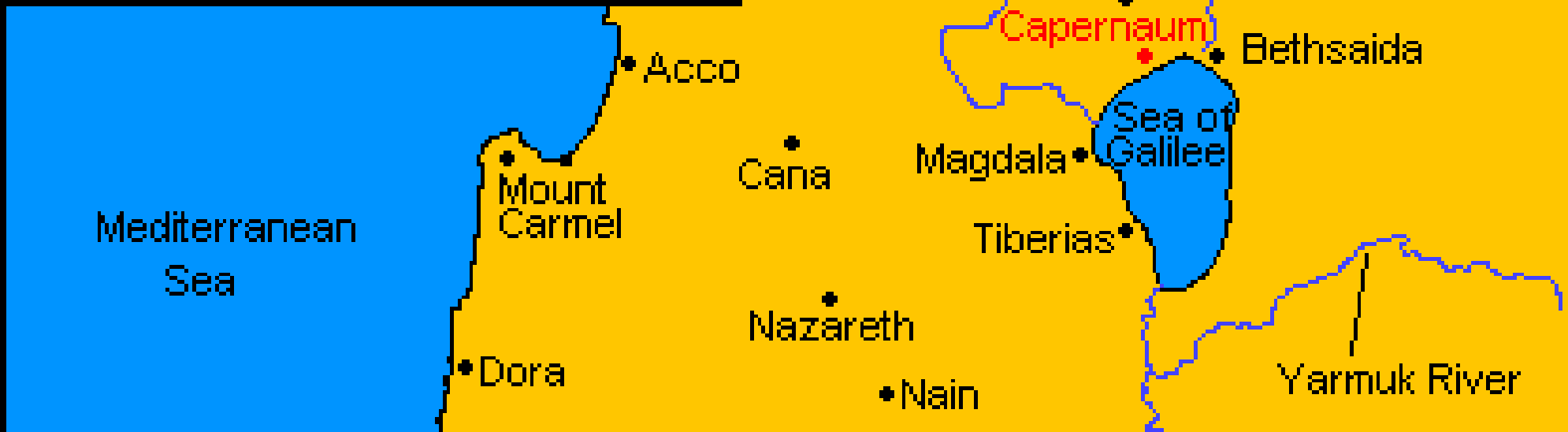
Miracle – Raising the dead

Historical Significance

- Elijah and Elisha had each raised to life an only son (1 Kings 17:7-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37)
- Now Jesus also had for the first time raised an only son
- Elijah and Elisha did it by praying to God and laying on the boys – Jesus did it with only a word



Capernaum



Miracle – Raising the dead

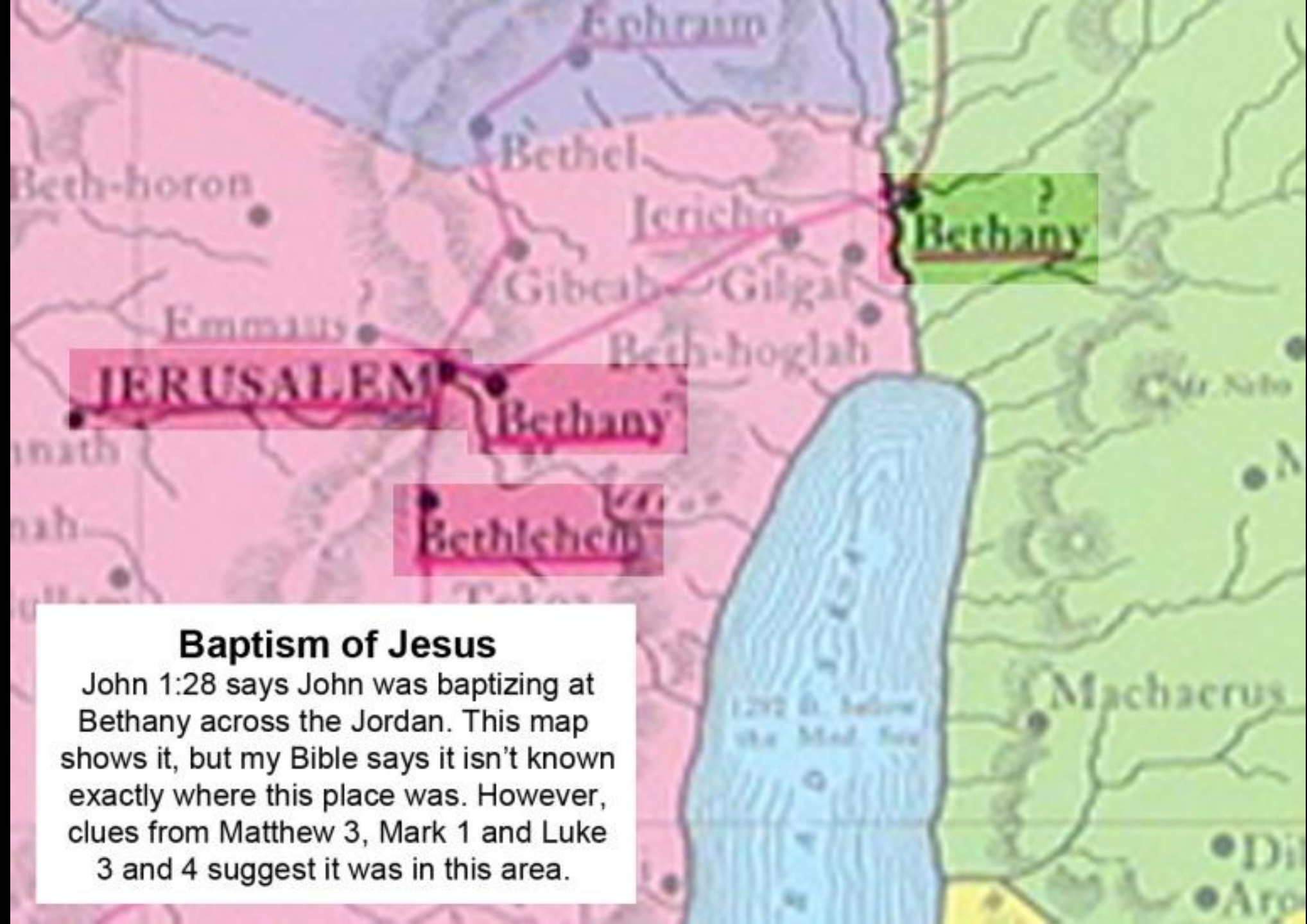
Jairus' Daughter – (Mt 9:18-26; Mk 5:21-43; Lk 8:40-56)

- Jairus ruler of the local synagogue
- Jairus begged Jesus to come to his home because daughter was dying – Jesus agreed
- Delayed as Jesus healed woman with the issue of blood
- When they arrived the daughter was dead and the mourner were already there
- Jesus said “Don't be afraid; just believe”
- Jesus was mocked when he said girl was only asleep

Miracle – Raising the dead

Jairus' Daughter – (Mt 9:18-26; Mk 5:21-43; Lk 8:40-56)

- Who was Jairus? What did he do?
- Jesus took parents, Peter, James, John into the room
- Mk 5:41-42 - Taking her by the hand he said to her, “Talitha cumi,” which means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise.”⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.
- Jesus said to give her something to eat
- Again – Jesus spoke and child arose



Baptism of Jesus

John 1:28 says John was baptizing at Bethany across the Jordan. This map shows it, but my Bible says it isn't known exactly where this place was. However, clues from Matthew 3, Mark 1 and Luke 3 and 4 suggest it was in this area.

Miracle – Raising the dead

Raising of Lazarus – (Jn 11:1-44)

- Jesus had a special relationship with Mary (how anointed Jesus with oil), Martha and their brother Lazarus (v5)
- Lazarus was ill and sisters sent for Jesus
- Jesus was a days journey away
- Jesus said – “This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (v4)
- Jesus delayed two days before making the journey
- Jesus tells his disciples that Lazarus is dead

Miracle – Raising the dead

Raising of Lazarus – (Jn 11:1-44)

- When Jesus arrives – Lazarus had been dead 4 days
- Martha says – “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.” v21-22
- Mary says - “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” v32
- Jesus deeply moved and “Jesus wept” (v35)

Miracle – Raising the dead

Raising of Lazarus – (Jn 11:1-44)

- Jesus goes to tomb and says to remove stone
- Martha points out that body would be odor (decompose)
- Jesus “cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” v43
- Lazarus came out – still wrapped in burial clothes
- Again – just spoke and Lazarus arose