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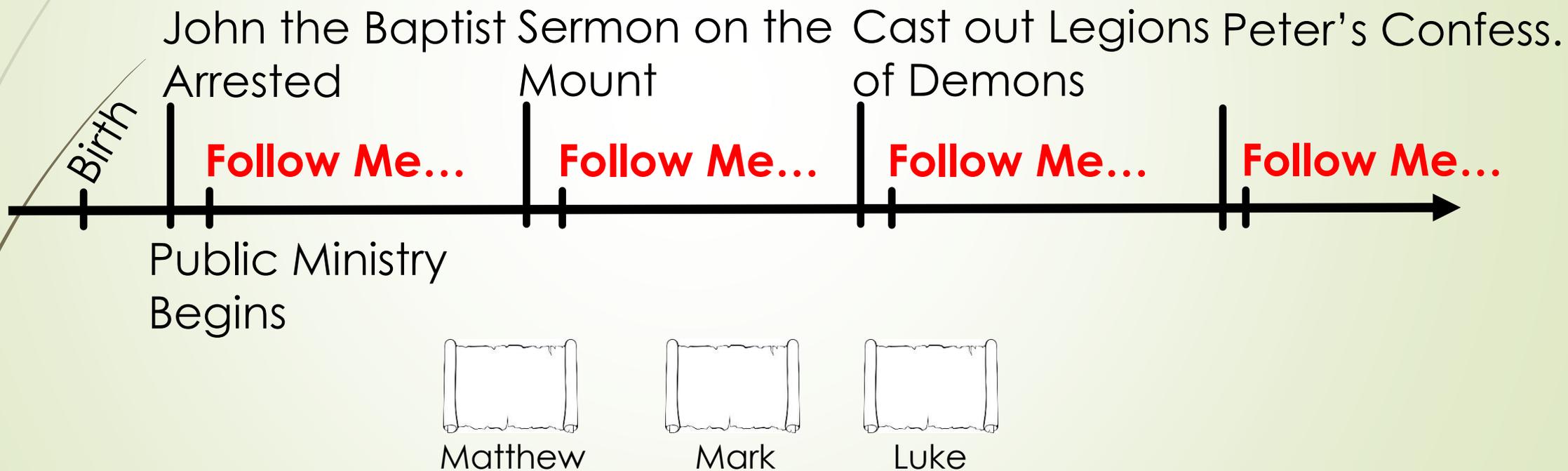
Take Up the Cross (Version 2 Part 3)

Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23 (John 12:26)

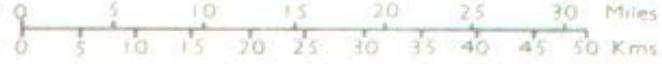
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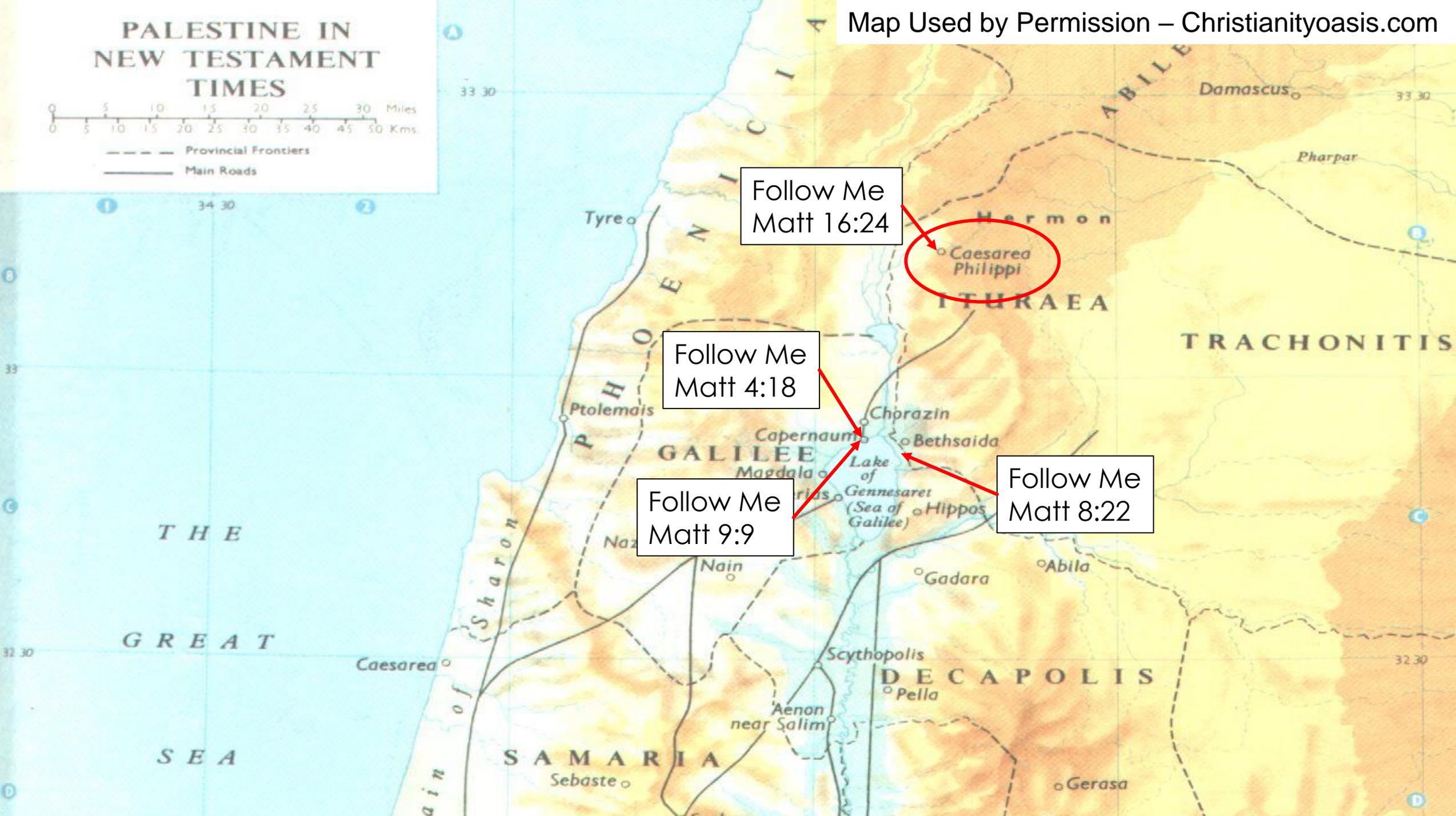
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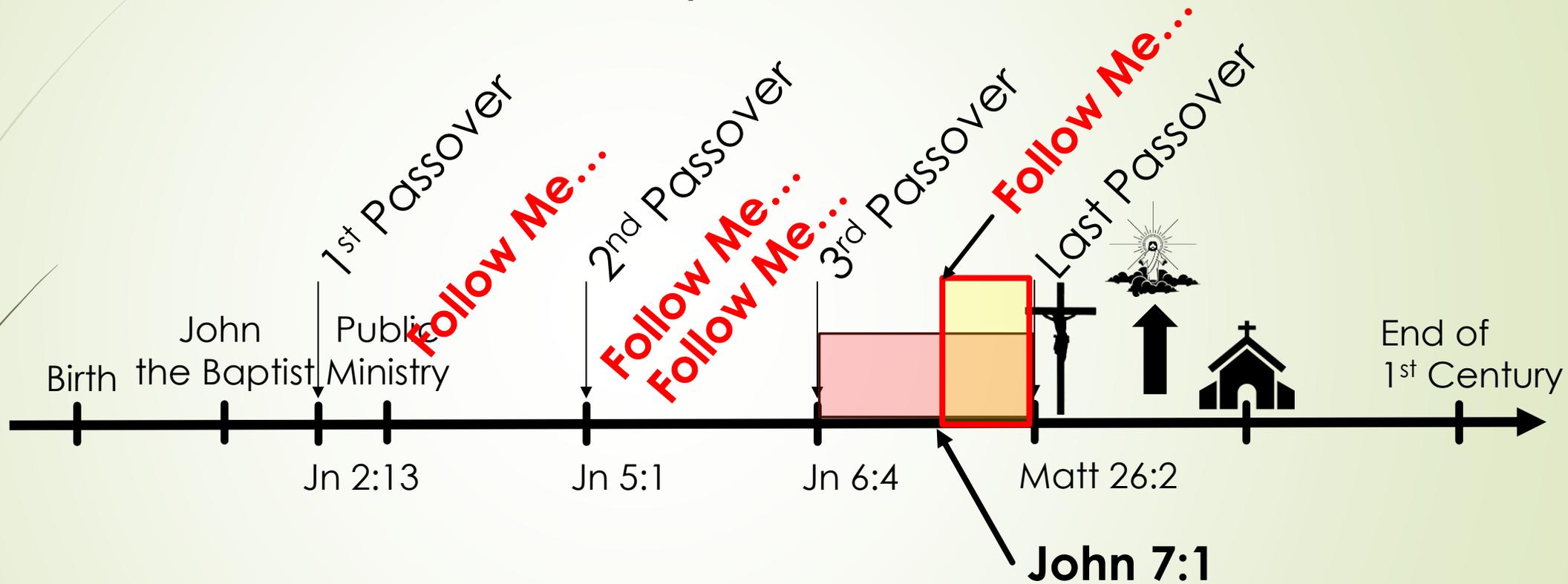


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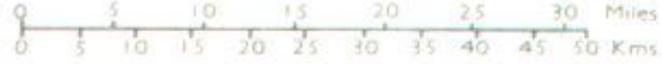
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The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ

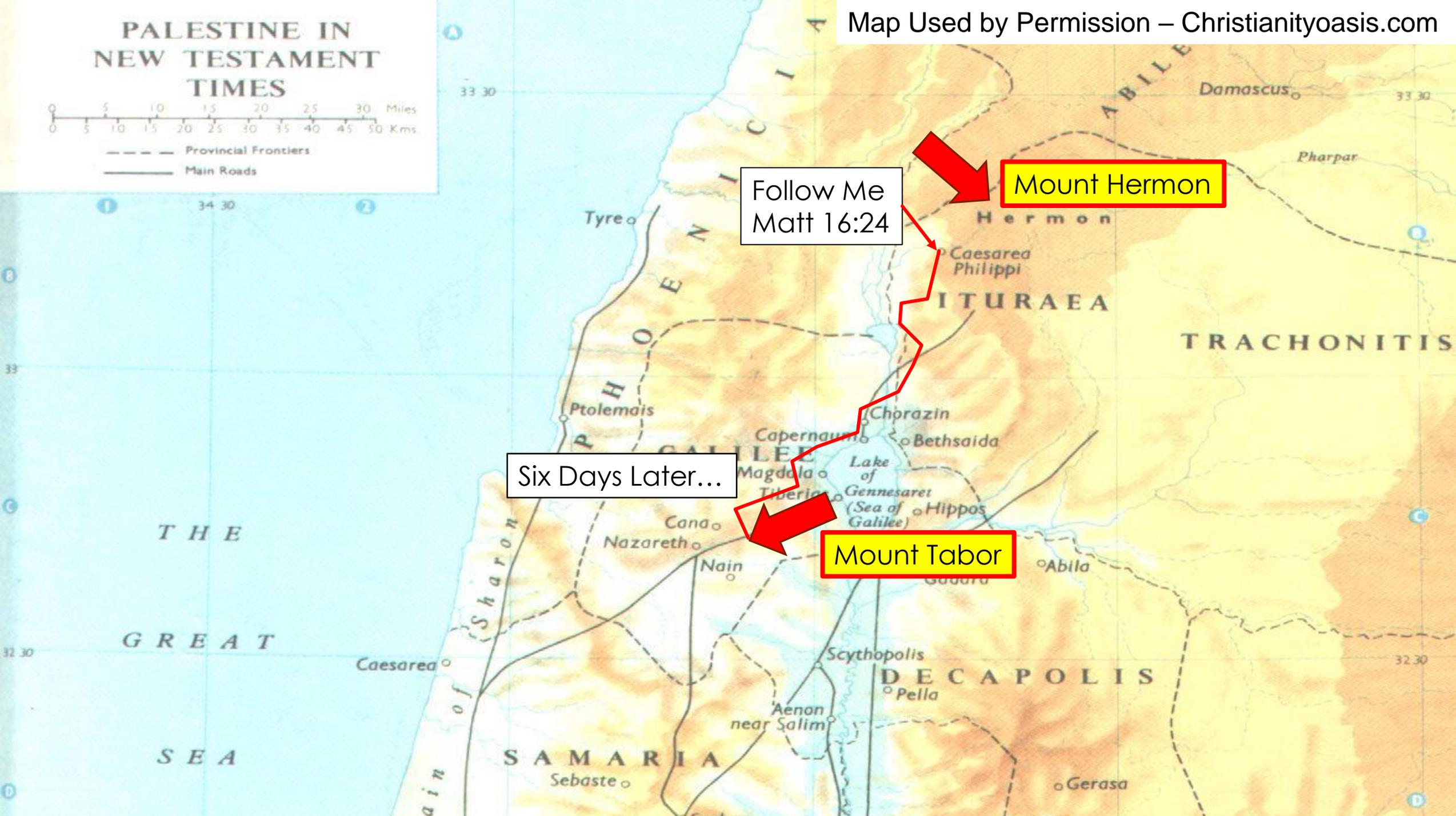


Final Six Months of Christ's Public Ministry

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Matt 16:24

Mount Hermon

Six Days Later...

Mount Tabor

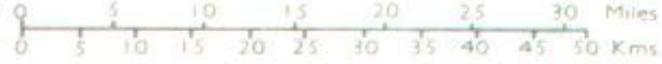
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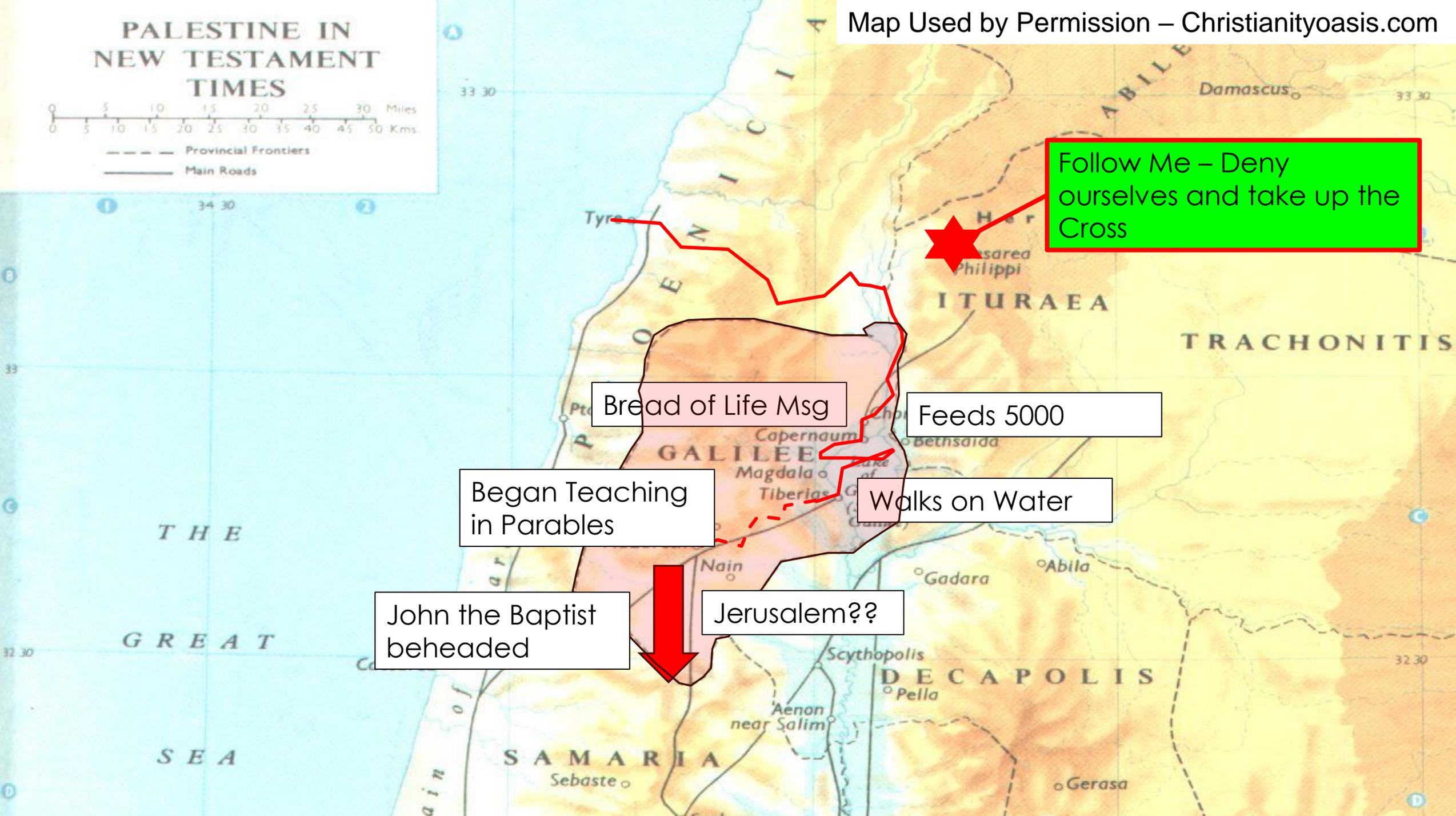
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Bread of Life Msg

Feeds 5000

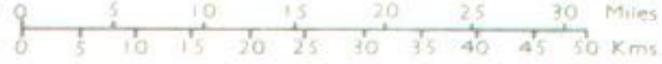
Began Teaching in Parables

Walks on Water

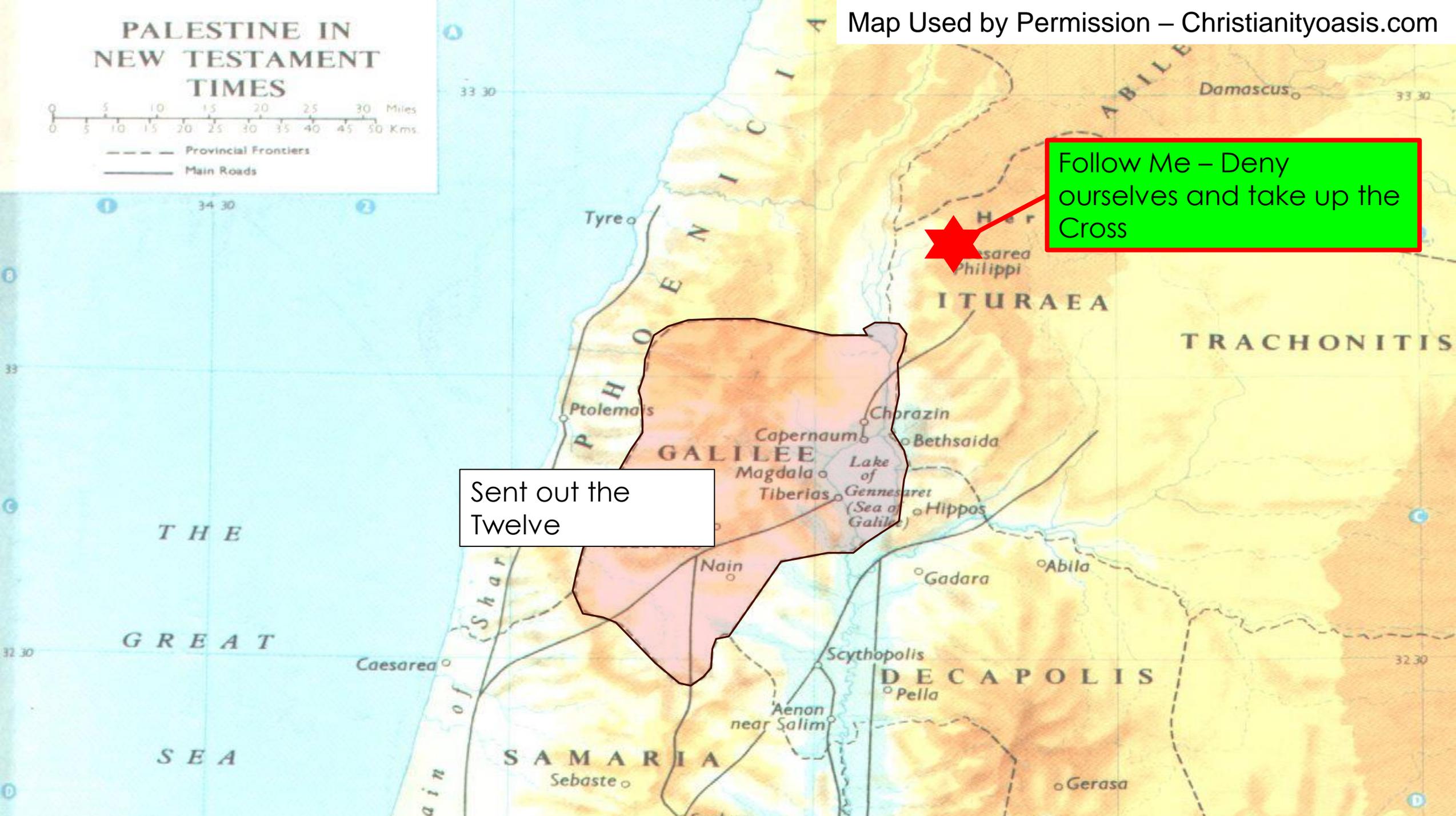
John the Baptist beheaded

Jerusalem??

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Follow Me – Deny yourselves and take up the Cross

Sent out the Twelve



Instructions to the Twelve

On Being Disciples...

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Commitment Question

**What do leaders fear
most about new
believers?**

John 6:66-71 (NASB)

66 As a result of this many of His disciples left, and would no longer walk with Him.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to leave also, do you?"

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 And we have already believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."

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Why Would This Happen?

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Modern Day Correlation: Religion is for idiots! (or wicked, evil, etc..)

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Christianity NOT under My Conditions!

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Reasons Jesus Gives for New Believers Not Going to Church



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