

## Luke's Story of Jesus

*"...so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught."*  
(Luke 1:4)<sup>1</sup>

According to church tradition, the author of the Gospel of Luke is the physician mentioned by the apostle Paul in Colossians 4:14, which makes him the only Gentile writer of the New Testament.

Luke admits that he conducted research before he wrote his account of Jesus' life and teachings (Luke 1:3). He seeks to make clear that his story of Jesus is no myth along the lines of Greek gods and heroes. Jesus is a historical figure. The events and places that Luke mentions are historical. We hear about Augustus Caesar (2:1), the Roman province of Judea (1:39), Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene (3:1). In his sequel (the book of Acts), Luke tells us that none of this happened in a corner (Acts 26:26).

He writes his story to someone (Theophilus) who has already been taught about Jesus. The purpose of the account is to help Theophilus to be certain of the things he has been taught (1:3). Theophilus means "Lover of God." We don't know any more about him than this.

As you read through Luke's Gospel, you are going to be answering two questions. The first is, "What is this text saying?" I've provided several things to consider as you try and answer this question. The second question is, "What is this text saying to you?"

It is important to answer these questions in that order. If we skip to the second question without answering the first, we easily read things into the text that are not a part of Luke's story. But if we try and understand what is going on in the story and why Luke is telling it, then we are in a better position to ask what this text is saying to us. There are maps in the back of the booklet that will help you with these questions.

This study runs from Christmas to Easter. I hope it blesses you through the seasons.

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## December 18-24

Luke 1:1-2:52

What is this text telling us? When you read it, what do your five senses detect? Where are these things happening? What point might Luke be trying to make by telling us these things?

Now that you have heard what the text is saying, what do you hear it saying to you? How might God be speaking to you in this text?

## December 25-31

Luke 3:1-4:13

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Luke 4:14-5:11

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**January 8-14**  
Luke 5:12-6:16

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## **January 15-21**

Luke 6:17-49

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Luke 7:1-8:21

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## January 29-February 4

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**February 5-11**  
Luke 9:51-11:13

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## **February 12-18**

Luke 11:14-13:35

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**February 19-25**

Luke 14:1-15:32

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## February 26-March 3

Luke 16:1-17:37

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**March 4-10**  
Luke 18:1-19:27

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**March 11-17**  
Luke 19:28-20:47

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Luke 21:1-22:71

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**March 25-31**

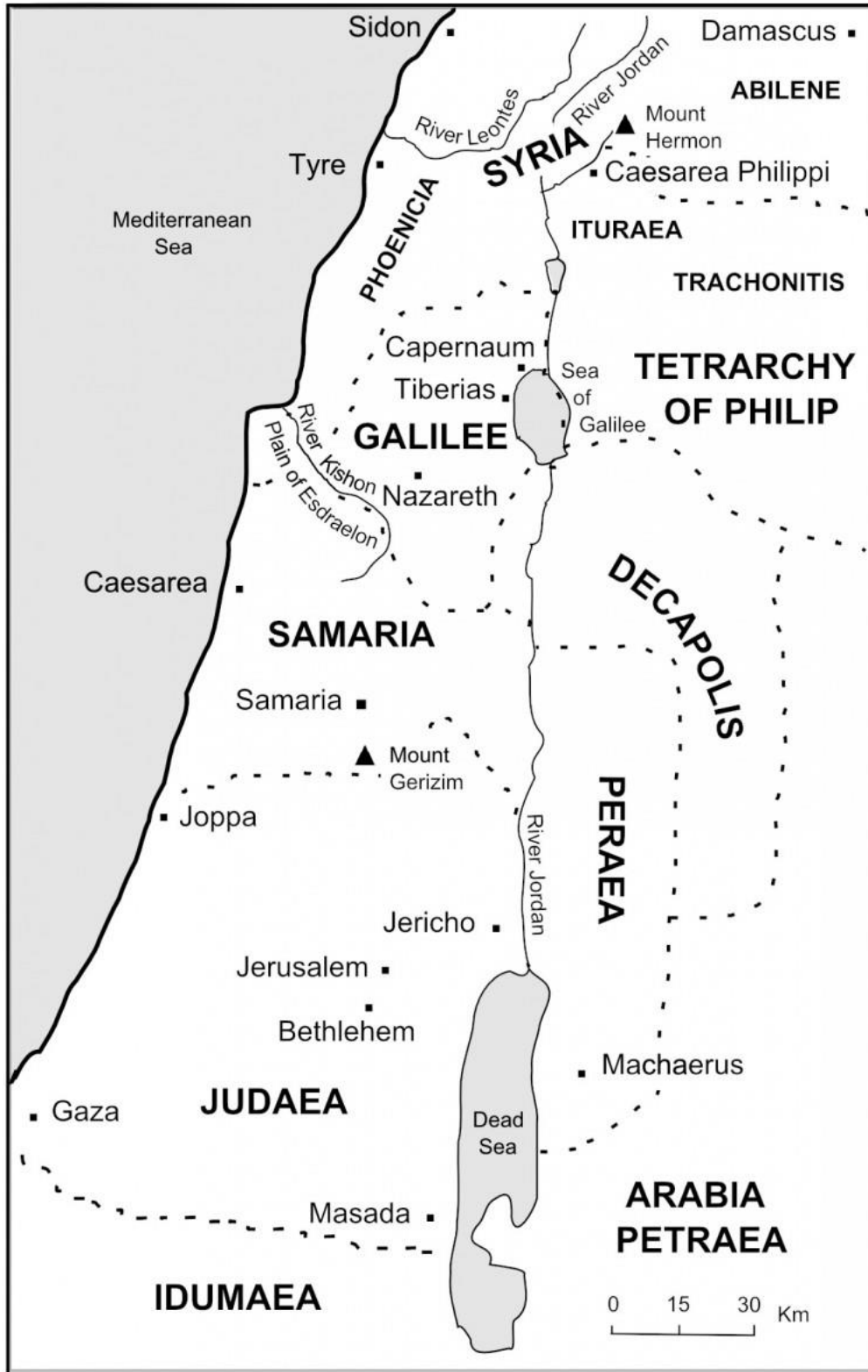
Luke 23:1-24:53

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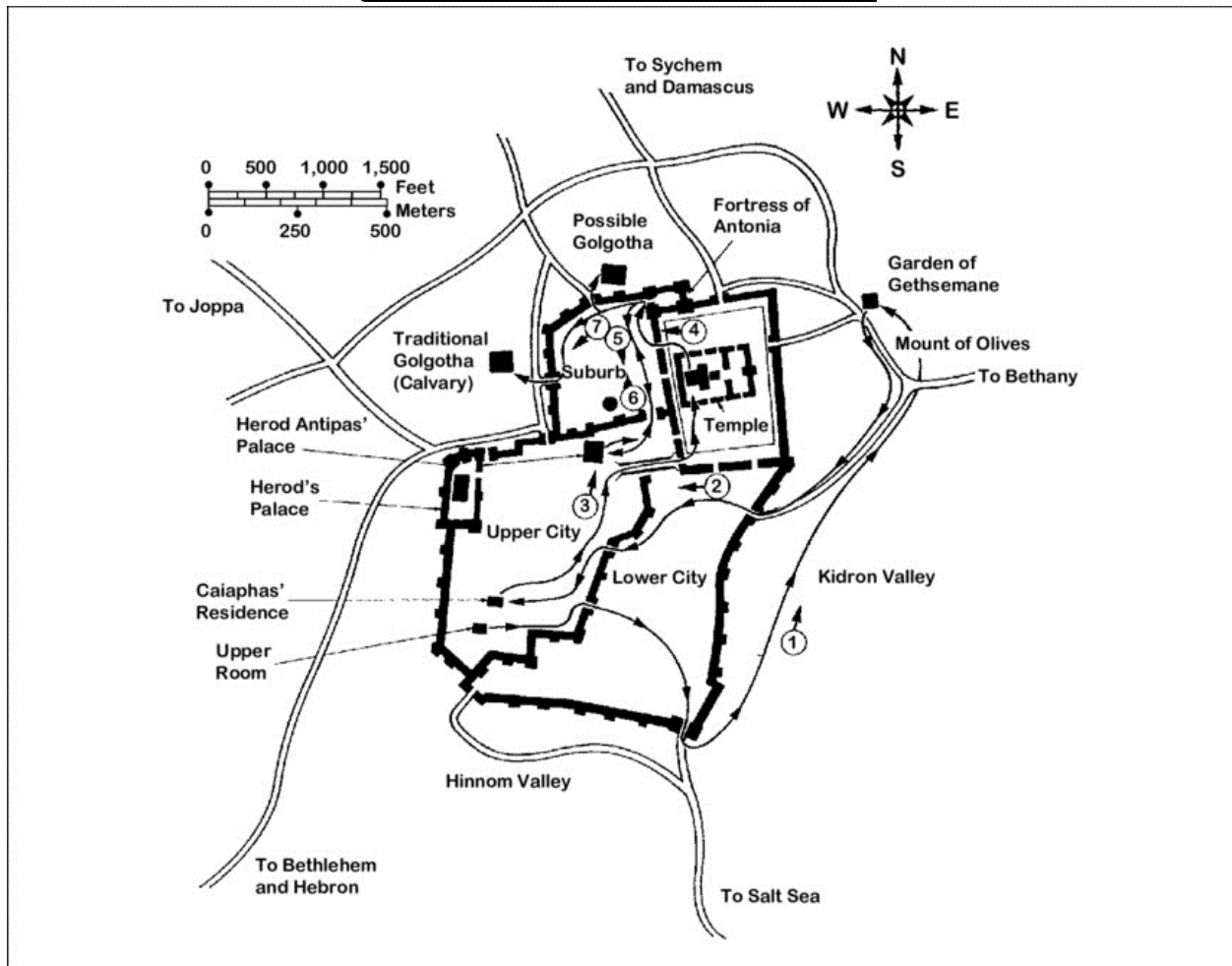
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## Israel in the Time of Jesus



# Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus



## The Temple in the Time of Jesus

