

The Life of Christ in Stereo

Session 3: Chapter 5, ##26–35

Discuss

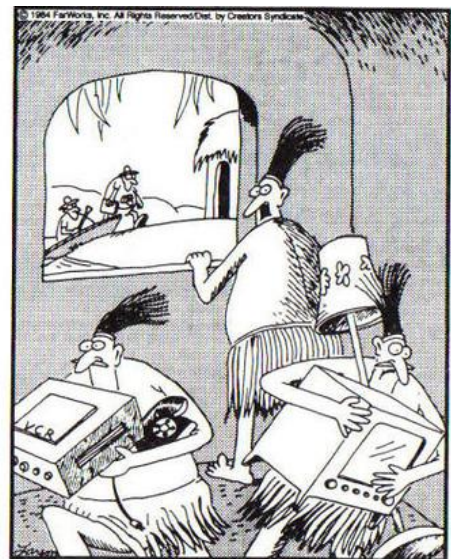
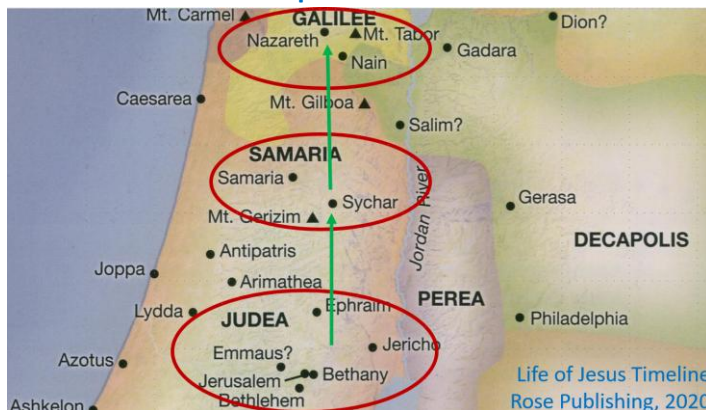
- What did you learn that was helpful?
- What did you read that was important?
- What questions do you have about what you read?

Requirements of scientific history

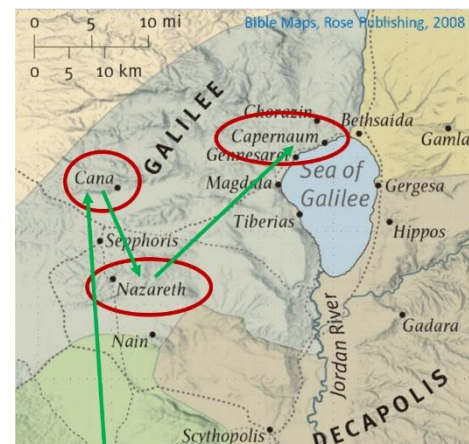
Ethnographers and biographers must record and report:

- **Span** (times, dates, periods, eras).
- **Space** (places, regions, countries).
- **Society** (individuals, groups, ethnicities).
- **Sources** (persons, documents, evidence, deductions).

Jesus' travels in this chapter



"Anthropologists! Anthropologists!"



#26, "Unless you see signs"

Now there was a certain court officer in Capernaum whose son was sick. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he journeyed to him and besought him to come down and restore his son, for he was about to die. Jesus said therefore to him, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you will not at all believe." The court officer said to him, "Sir, do come down before my child dies!" Jesus said to him, "Go — your son is living."

- **Court official:** Under Herod Antipas, who was Tetrarch from 1 BC till AD 39.
- **Hendiadys:** 'Signs and wonders' = wondrous signs = miracles.

#27, "this scripture is fulfilled"

Then came he to Nazareth, where he had been brought up... He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath. And he stood up to read, ... the prophet Isaiah; and when he had unrolled the scroll, he found the place where it was written: ...

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
because of this he has anointed me

To publish glad news to the lowly has he sent me,
to restore those broken in heart:
to proclaim deliverance to the captives,
and recovery of sight to the blind ...

And he began to speak to them: **“Today has this scripture been fulfilled — in the things of which you have heard... Verily I say to you, that no prophet is acceptable in his home town.”** They rose up and thrust him out of the city... But he ... went his way.

- **Synagogue:** Read, discuss, and teach the Older Testament Scriptures.
- **Anointed:** Greek verb form of ‘Christ’, translated from Hebrew ‘Messiah’.
- **Heard:** Miracles done in other towns.

28, “Repent and believe!”

And leaving Nazareth, he went down and dwelt at Capernaum... From that time Jesus began to preach, ... **“The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has drawn near. Repent, and believe the Glad News! For the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”**

- **At hand:** Offered to Israel.

John & Jesus on how to repent

OUR PART

- We **admit** to God our past sins.
- We **speak** our faith in Jesus.
- Christians **baptize** us with water.

GOD’S PART

- He **forgives** us everything.
- He **gives** to us with his Holy Spirit.
- He **enables** us to lead a new life.



The five damning sins (Rev. 9:20-21)

- 1 Disbelief:** False religion, deny Christ.
- 2 Sorcery:** Magic, illicit drug traffic.
- 3 Murder:** Forbidden, willful killing.
- 4 Immorality:** Having forbidden sex.
- 5 Theft:** Robbery, fraud, cruel slavery.

Not:

- Bad habits.
- Accidents.
- Ignorance.
- Innocent victims.

#29, “Fishers of men”

Now as he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were commercial fishermen. And Jesus said to them, **“Come, follow me, and I will make you fishermen — of men!”** And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

#30, “Come out of him!”

There was in their synagogue a man possessed with a spirit of an unclean demon, and it cried out with a loud voice ... But Jesus rebuked it, saying, **“Be quiet, and come out of him.”** ... He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.

- **Obey:** Rebuke evil by Jesus’ authority.

#31, “Preach the Glad News”

And the crowds were looking for him, and came upon him and attempted to stay him from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must preach the Glad News, the Kingdom of God, to the other cities also, it is for this that I have been sent forth.”

- **Kingdom:** The King was there!

#32, “Fear not”

He said to Simon, “Launch out to where it is deep, and let down your nets for a catch.” ... They enclosed a huge number of fish... When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!” ... “Fear not; you will henceforth catch men.”

#33, “I am willing”

A man who was full of leprosy, ... came to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down, he fell on his face and worshiped, saying, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” And Jesus, moved with compassion, reached out his hand and touched him, saying to him, “I am willing; be cleansed.”

#34, “Your sins are forgiven”

Seeing their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take courage, young man. Your sins are forgiven you.” ... “That you^{plural} may know that the Son of man has authority on the earth to forgive sins ... I say to you^{singular}, arise, and take up your pallet and go home.”

- **Faith:** How does on ‘see’ faith?

What must we do?

From these words of Jesus,

- What will you **abandon**?
- What will you **believe**?
- What will you **receive**?
- What will you **obey**?

Assignment

- Visit LOCIS.site
- Read or listen to chapter 6, sections 38 through 41.
- Be ready to share your insights, queries and objections.

