

The Life of Christ in Stereo

Session 9: LOCIS Chapters 13 & 14

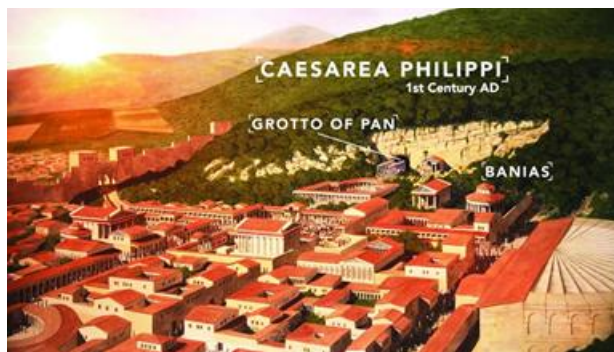
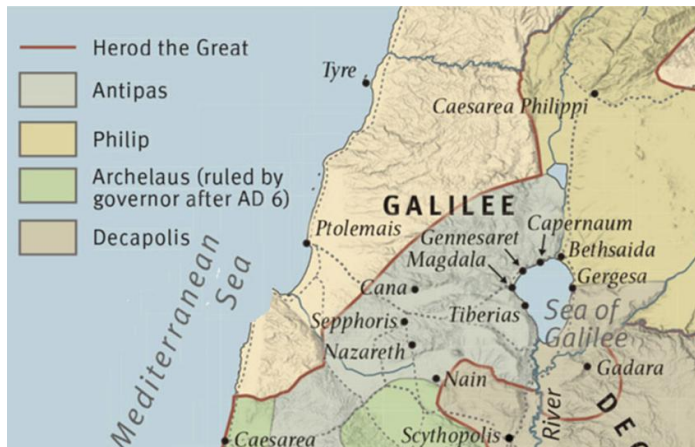
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Discussion

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

Seven phases of Jesus' Life

- 1 Announced by heaven & by John (1-3)
- 2 Early teaching and miracles (4-5)
- 3 Public fame and favor (6-9)
- 4 Early rejections (10-12)
- 5 **Moving towards the cross (13-17)**
- 6 Final days at Jerusalem (18-19)
- 7 Crucifixion and resurrection (20-21)



LOCIS #71, Mt 16, Mk 8, Lk 9

Jesus and his disciples ... went to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. ... The disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

- Caesarea: Named for a pagan Emperor.
- Philip: Herodian (Arab) king.
- Son of Man: The conquering Messiah.

“But you,” he said to them—“who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

- Messiah: Anointed son of King David.
- Son of God: A title for the Messiah whom God himself promised to send.

“Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah!” Jesus said. “Flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church. All the gates of hell will not overcome it.

- Peter/rock: Petros / petra (Mt. Hermon).
- Gates of Hell: Pagan gods and demons.
- Church: Gk LXX & NT, *ekklesia*, OT = Israel; NT = All Christians.

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and what-ever you release on earth will have been released in heaven.”

- Keys: Allow in the faithful.
- Kingdom: Messiah’s future government.
- Bind/loose: Bind demons, loose people.
- Earth/heaven: Divine authority.

Matthew 18:18ff.

“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven.

- You: Plural = you apostles, or you all.
- Ask: Ask and watch for answers.

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At that time he strictly warned his disciples to tell no one that he was the Messiah.

- Why?: This had been his central claim!
- Messiah: The awaited King.
- Son of Man: The conqueror.
- Servant: Who suffers for our sins.

From that time on Jesus began to tell his disciples that he **must** travel to Jerusalem. “The Son of Man **must** suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and teachers of the law. He **must** be killed, and on the third day be raised again.” He said all this publicly.

- Must: What for?

Six days later Jesus took Peter and James and his brother John up on a high mountain so they could pray by themselves. As he was praying, his appearance changed and he was transformed before their eyes.

- Mountain: Hermon, where the ‘sons of God came down, corrupted human beings and fathered Nephilim giants.

Suddenly two men—Moses and Elijah—appeared before them. They also were shining, and they talked with Jesus about his coming departure which would occur in Jerusalem.

- Moses: Law. Predicted final prophet.
- Elijah: Was to appear again before the final Messenger came. Mal. 4:5f (3:23f)

Even as he was speaking, a bright cloud appeared overhead and covered them. They grew more frightened as the cloud enveloped them. Suddenly a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I delight. Listen to him!”

- Cloud: Presence of God’s glory.
- Son: Their faith will soon be challenged.

As they made their way down the mountain, Jesus told them not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept quiet, telling no one at the time what they had seen and what Jesus had said. Among themselves they discussed what “rising from the dead” might mean.

They also asked Jesus, “Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?” “Elijah is certainly coming first,” he answered, “and he will put all things in order. ... Elijah already has come, yet they failed to recognize him and instead did to him anything they wanted—just as it was predicted.

They will subject the Son of Man to the same sort of suffering. Do you remember what is predicted about the Son of Man? It is written that he will suffer many things and be despised.” Finally the disciples understood that he had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

- John: How did he suffer?

14 Biblical titles for Messiah

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| 1 Anointed: Messiah/Christ. 1 Sam 2:10. | 8 The LORD: Yahweh. Zech. 14:3-4 |
| 2 Branch: Jer. 23:5 | 9 Prophet: Deut. 18:15 |
| 3 David: Hos. 3:5 | 10 Righteous One: Isa. 53:11 |
| 4 God: Isa. 9:6 | 11 Ruler: Mic. 5:2 |
| 5 Holy One: Psa. 16:10 | 12 Servant: Isa. 4:1 |
| 6 King: Zech. 9:9 | 13 Shepherd: Ezek. 37:24 |
| 7 My Lord: Psa. 110:1 | 14 Son of Man: Dan. 7:13 |

