

Life of Christ in Stereo

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Session 11: "On the Way to Jerusalem"

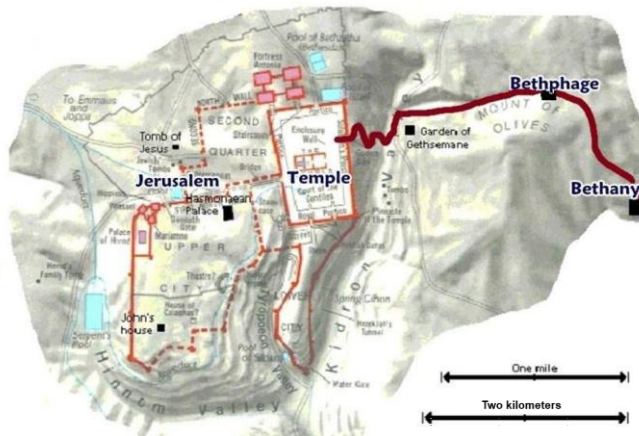
Autumn AD 32 through Winter AD 33

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)

Apparent order of events

- 1 Jesus claims equality with the Father.
- 2 Judean leaders seek to harm him.
- 3 He escapes beyond the Jordan (Jn 10).
- 4 He returns to Jericho (Mt, Mk, Lk).
- 5 He comes to Bethany (Jn 11).
- 6 He raises Lazarus back to life.
- 7 He escapes to Ephraim town.



- Bethany: 2 miles or 3 kms. from Jerusalem

Gospel of John 11:16-44 TGS

- Didymus: "Twin". (Modern 'ditto').
- If: Different sister, same question.
- Cave: Cool and safe from beasts.
- Stone: Against stench and thieves.
- Resurrection: When all will live again with glorified bodies.
- Resuscitation: To come back to life.
- Jesus had not yet become "the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess" (Hebrews 3:1).

Leaders' assessment measures

Situational analysis

- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- Opportunities
- Threats

Change measurement

- Important and urgent
- Important, not urgent
- Urgent, not important
- Neither urgent nor important

Basic human "half" motives

- Hope: Strive for a better future.
- Anger: Strike against enemies.
- Loss: Seek to restore losses.
- Fear: Seek to avoid losses.

Why Jesus let Lazarus die

- To reveal his divine power over death.
- To prefigure his own resurrection (after three days dead in a tomb).
- To provoke hostile authorities to take action against him in Jerusalem.
- To comfort us when we pray for sick folk who die anyway.
- To strengthen our hope in him.

Our future as Christian believers

- 1 Die and go be with the Lord.
- 2 'Spiritual' bodies in heaven.
- 3 New Jerusalem rejoicing with angels.
- 4 Return with Jesus in the sky.
- 5 Resurrected, glorified bodies.
- 6 Rewards for good done on earth.
- 7 Reign with Jesus for 1000 years.
- 8 New heaven and new earth forever.

Four biblical offices

- Prophet: Speak to people for God.
- Priest: Speak to God for people.
- King: Rule over people for God.
- Sage: Train people to live for God.



- Ephraim town: 15 miles or 25 kms. north of Jerusalem
- Ephron in 2 Chronicles 13:19; Ophrah of Joshua 18:23.