



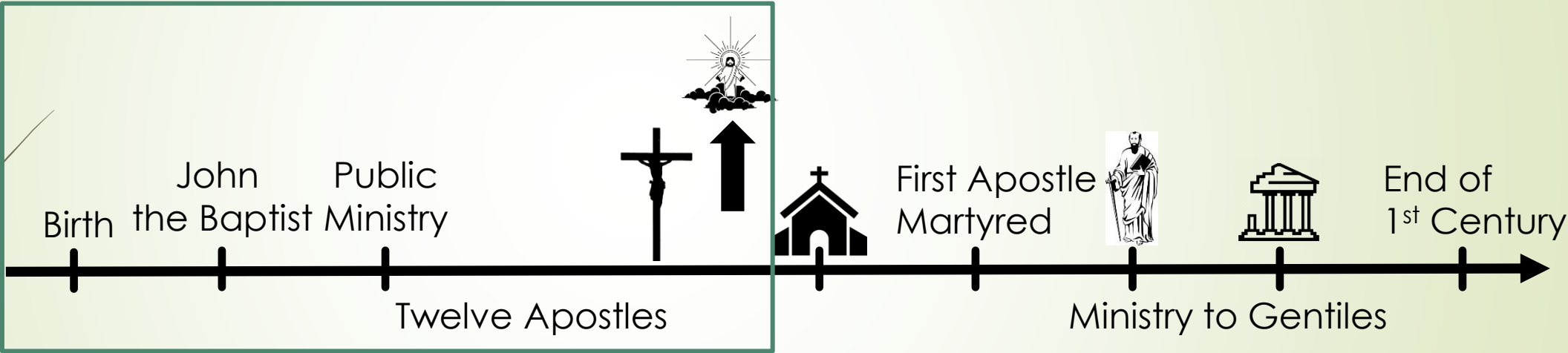
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Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ



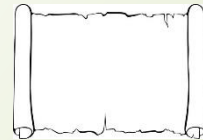
Matthew



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Mark / John

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Mark 1:16-20 (NASB)

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- 20** Immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and went away to follow Him.

Mark 1:14-15 (NASB)

14 Now after John was taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God,

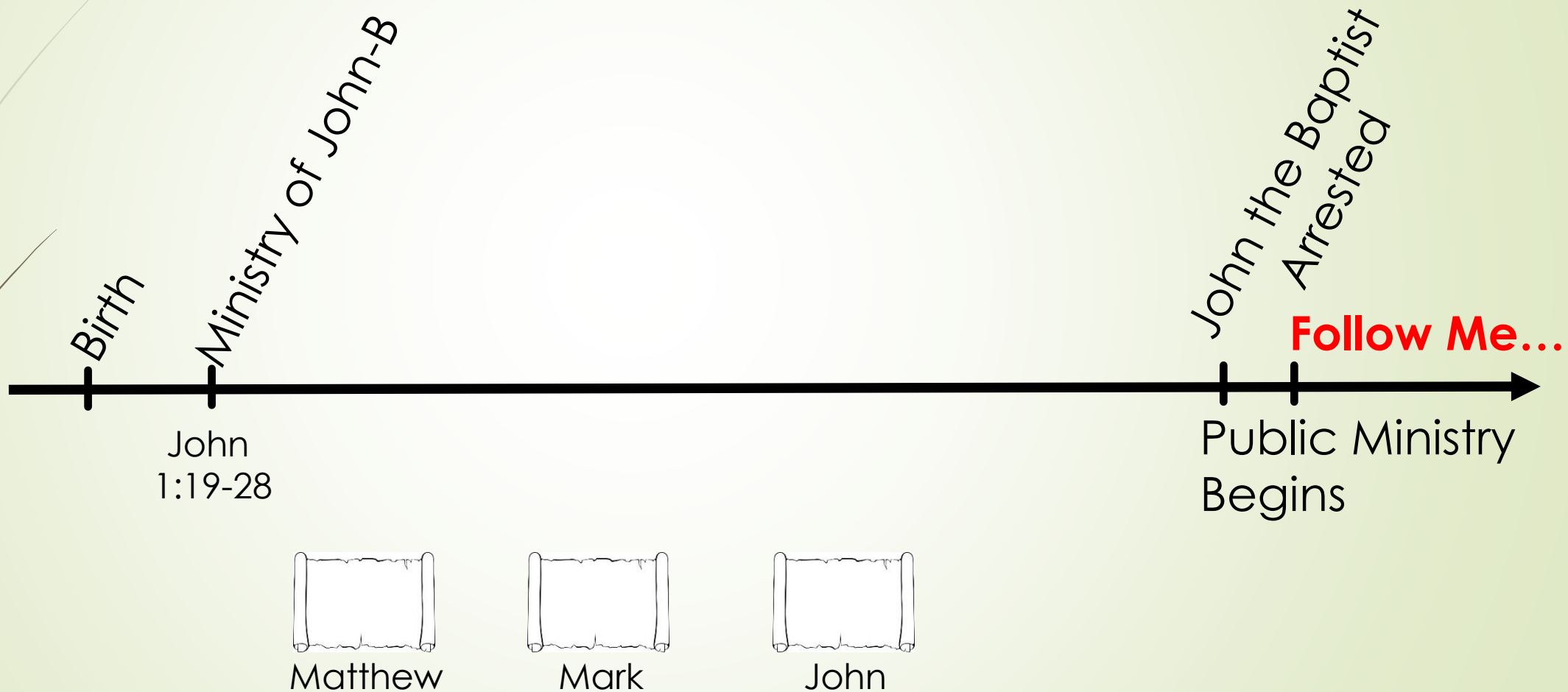
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John 1:28 (NASB)

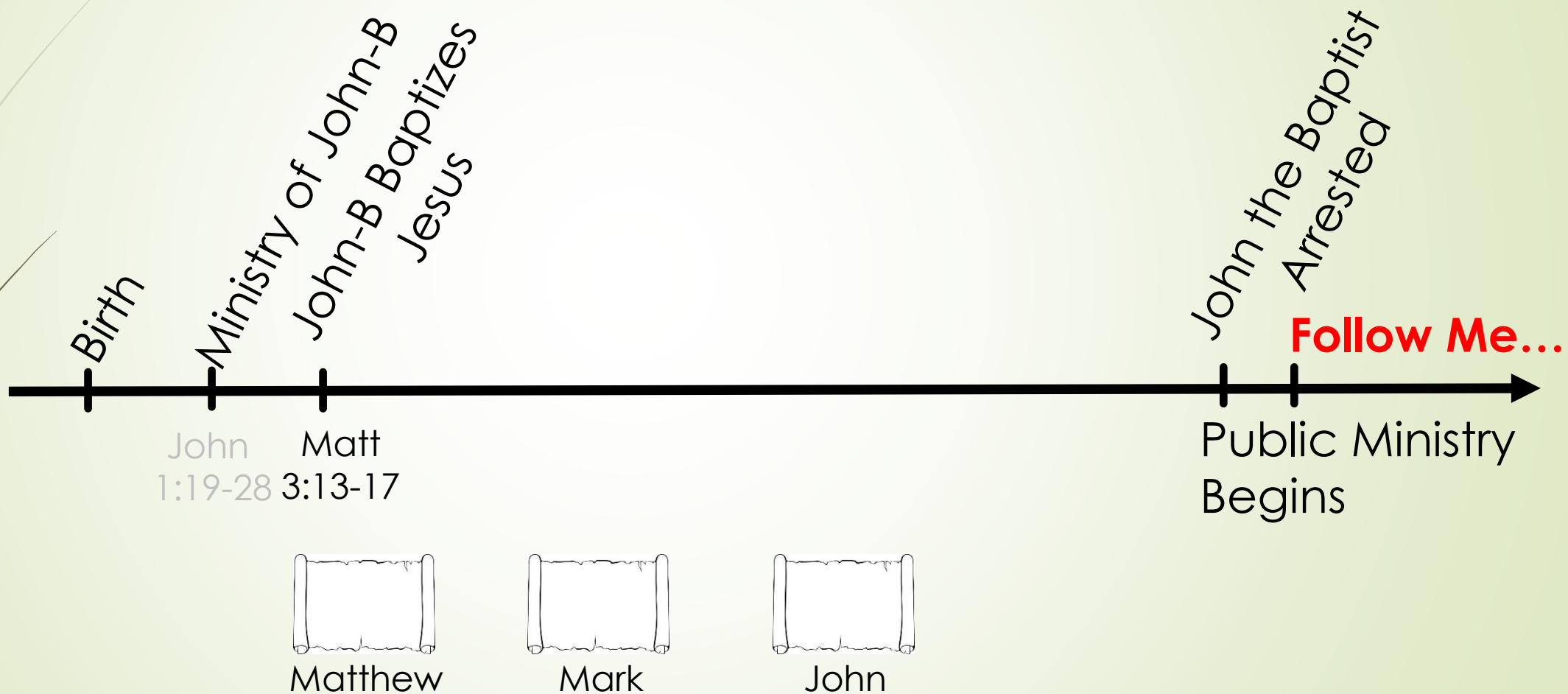
28 These things took place in **Bethany beyond the Jordan**, where John was baptizing people



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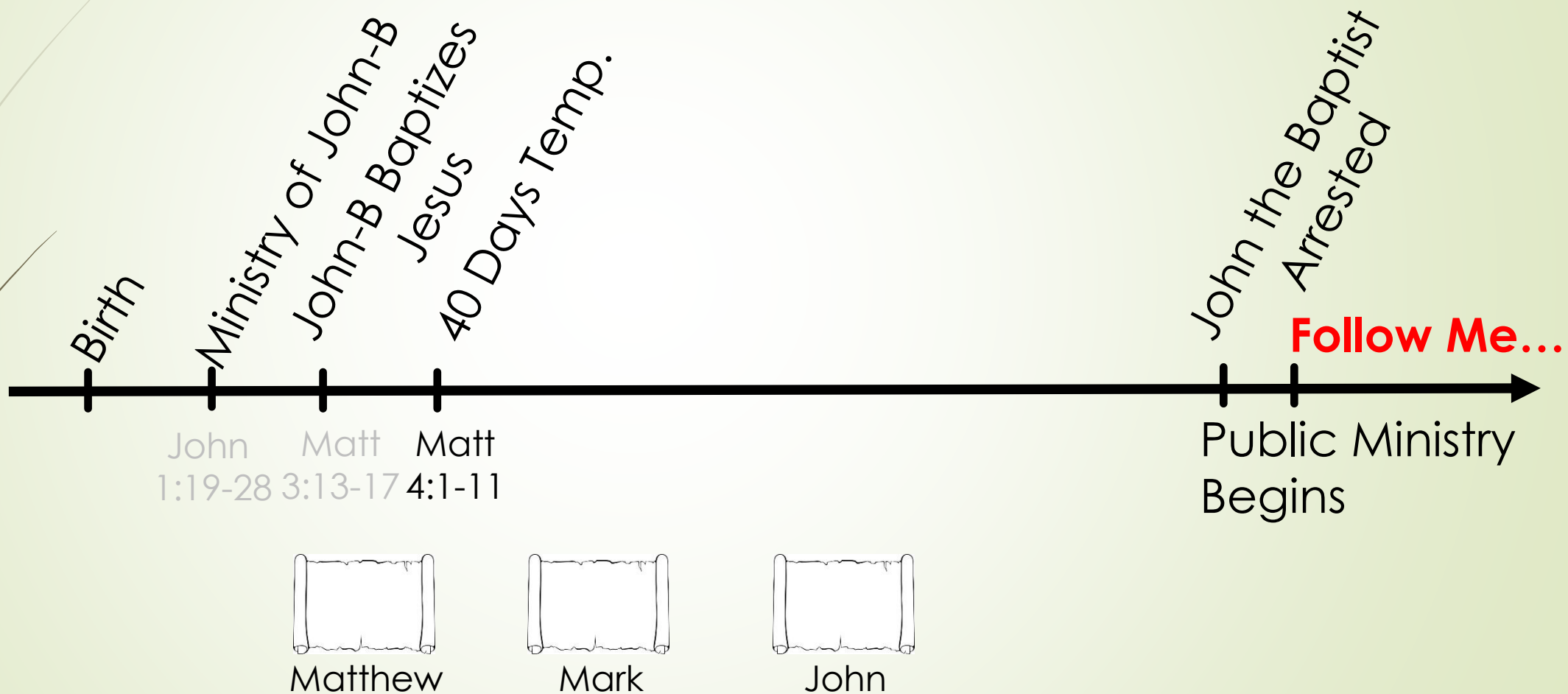
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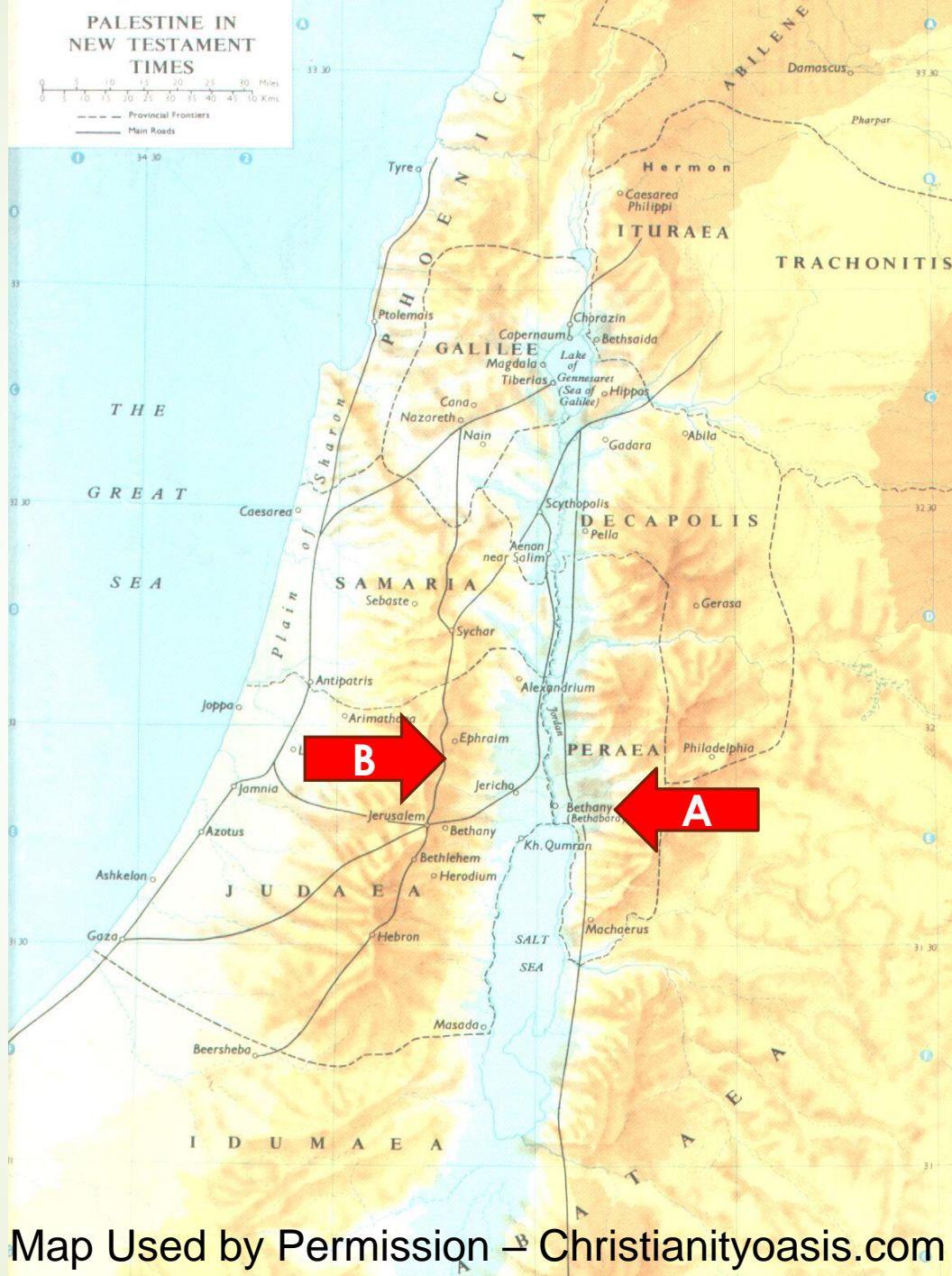
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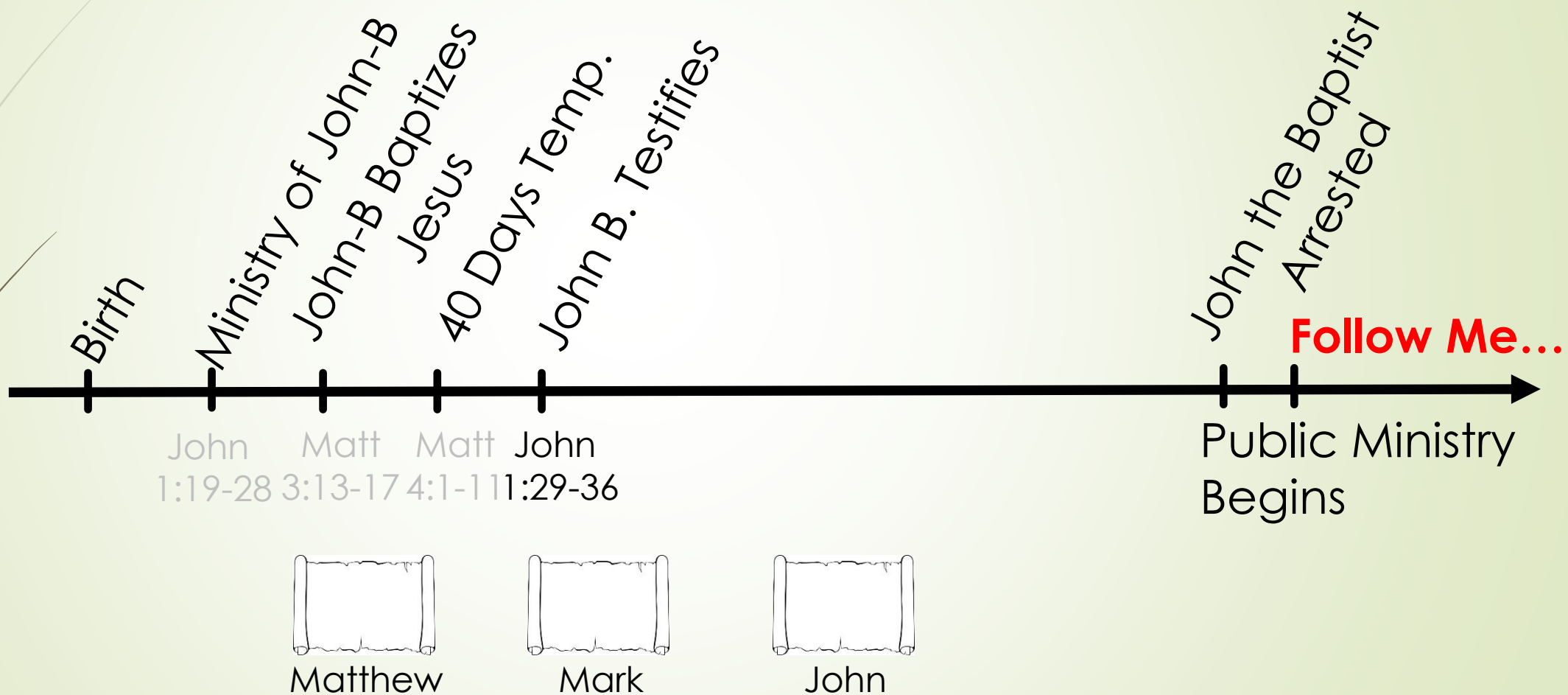




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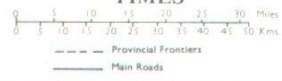
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John 1:29-32 (NASB)

- 29** The next day he *saw Jesus coming to him, and *said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
- 30** This is He in behalf of whom I said, ‘After me is coming a Man who has proved to be my superior, because He existed before me.’
- 31** And I did not recognize Him, but so that He would be revealed to Israel, I came baptizing in water.”
- 32** And John testified, saying, “**I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him.**”

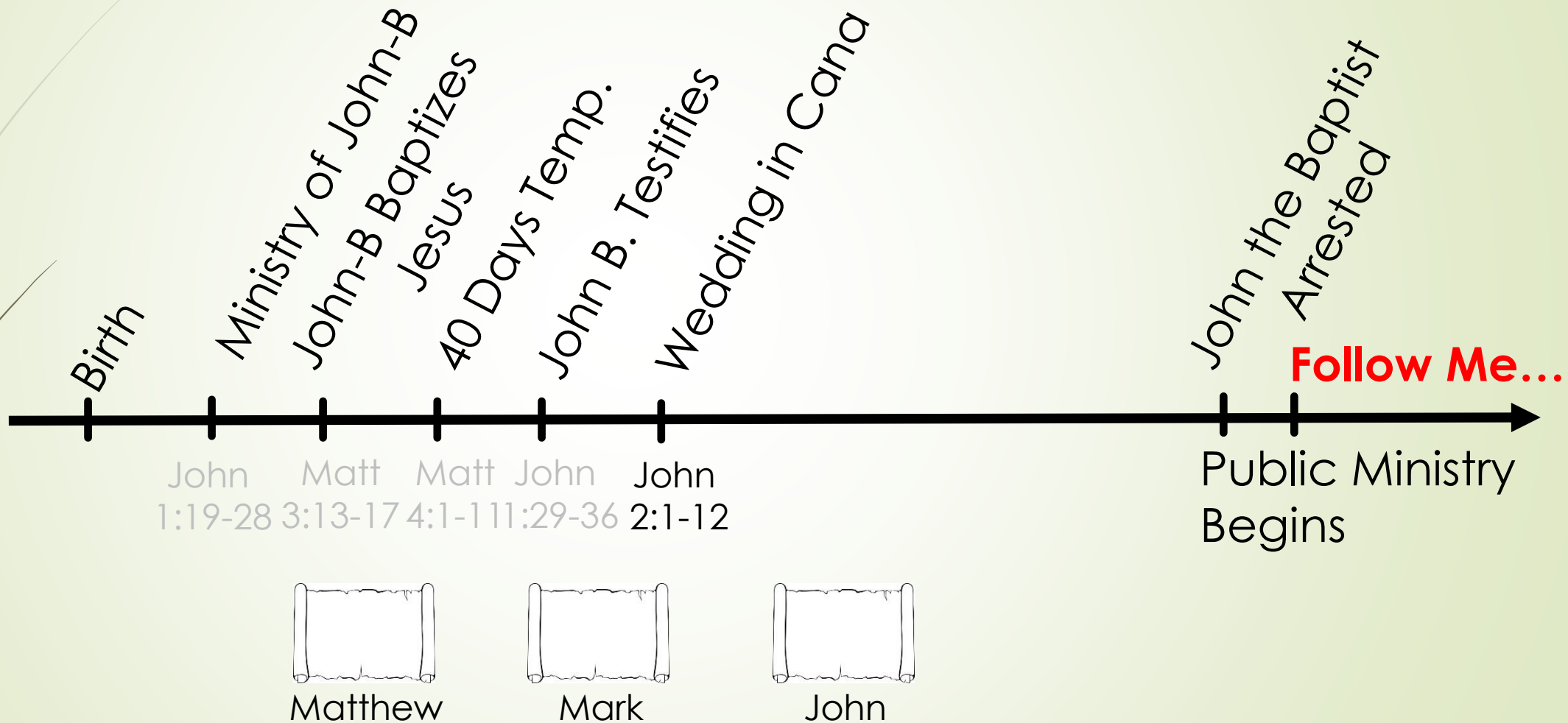
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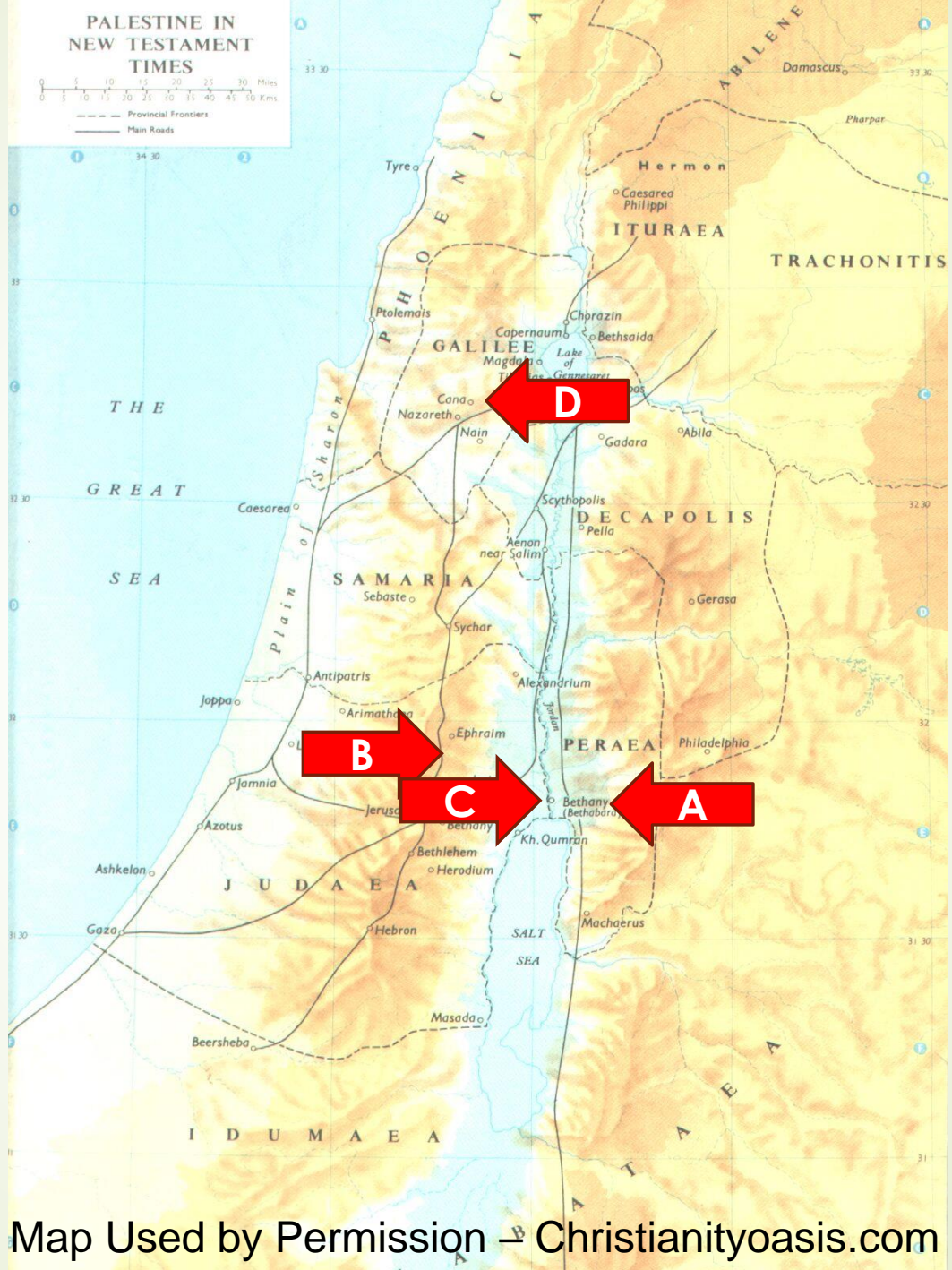


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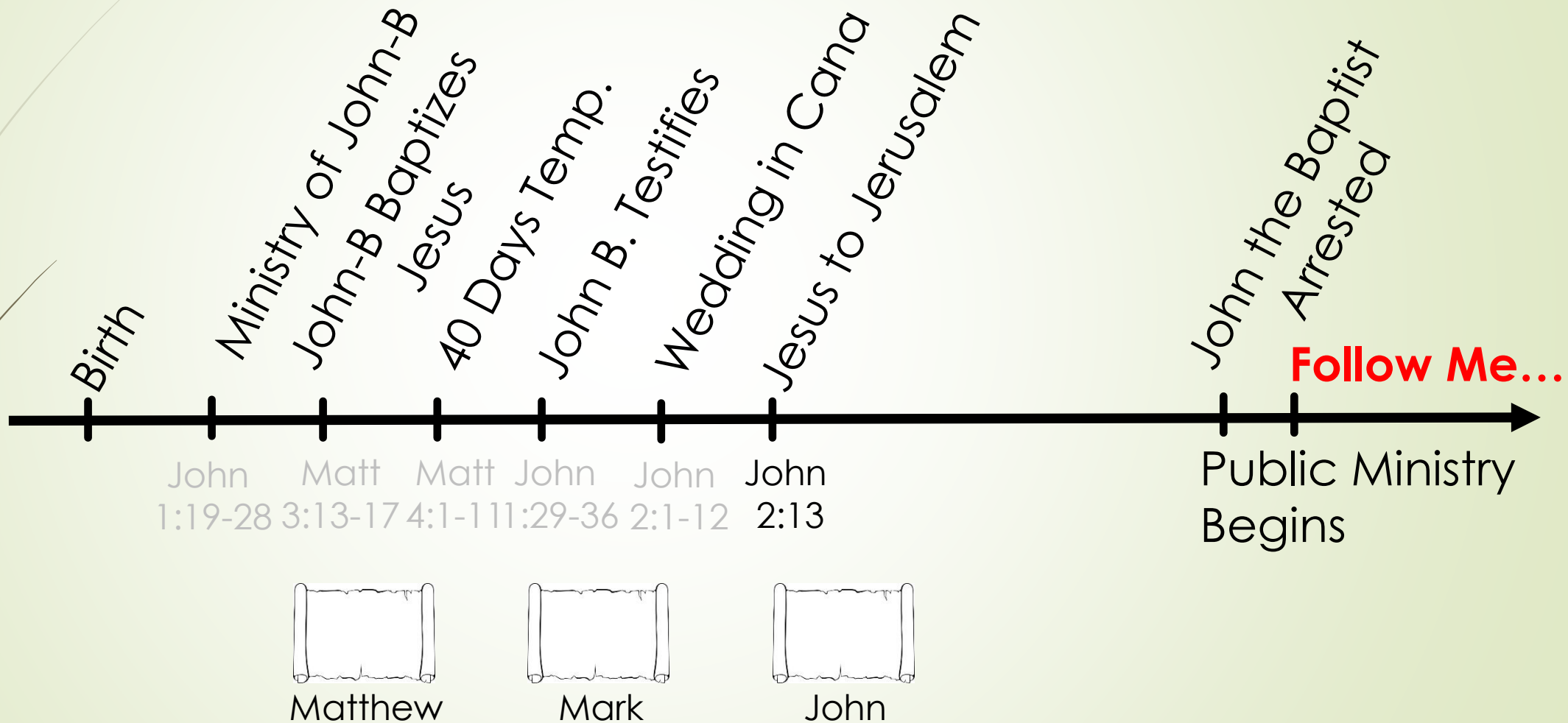




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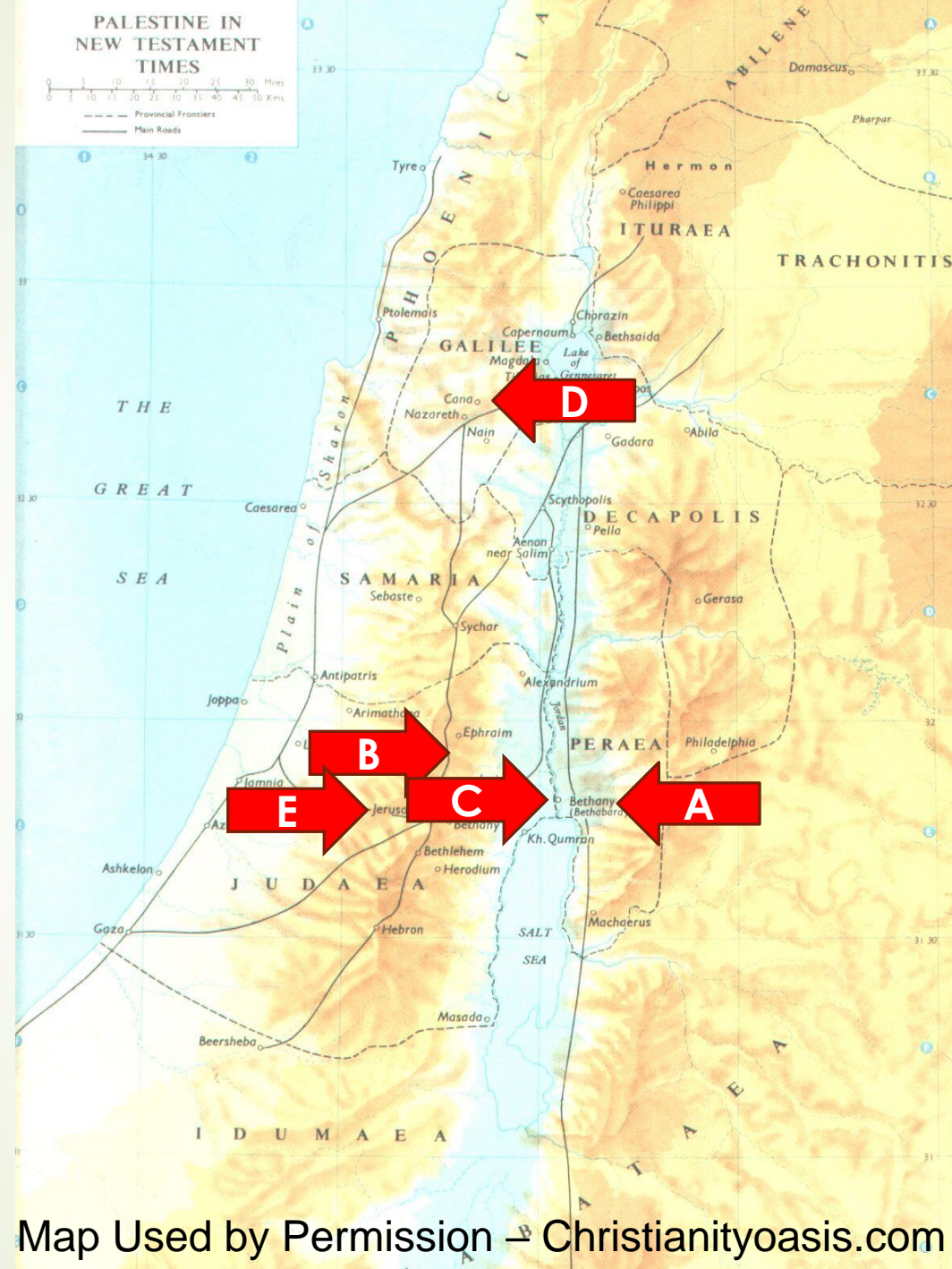
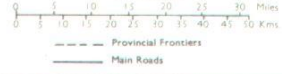
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John 2:13 (NASB)

13 The Passover of the Jews was near, and **Jesus went up to Jerusalem.**

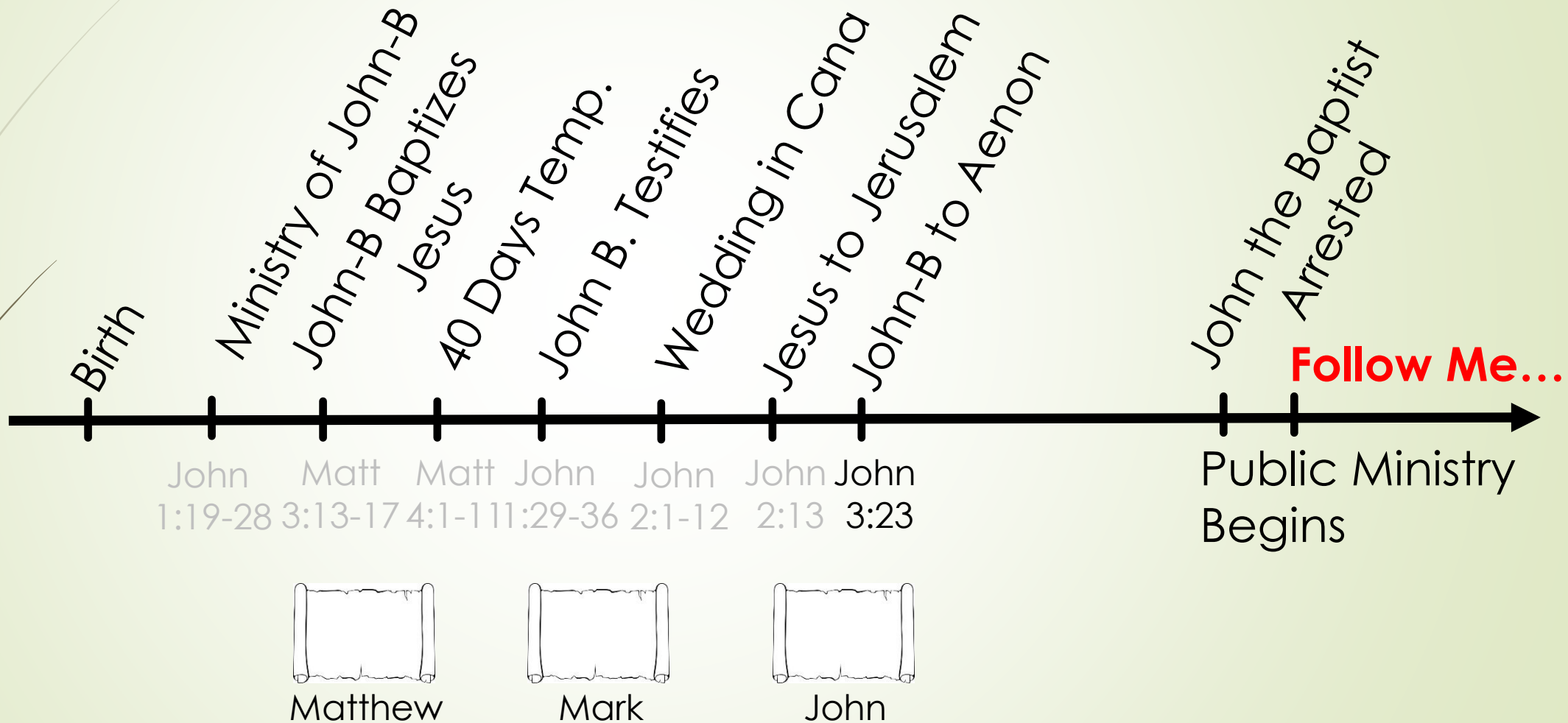
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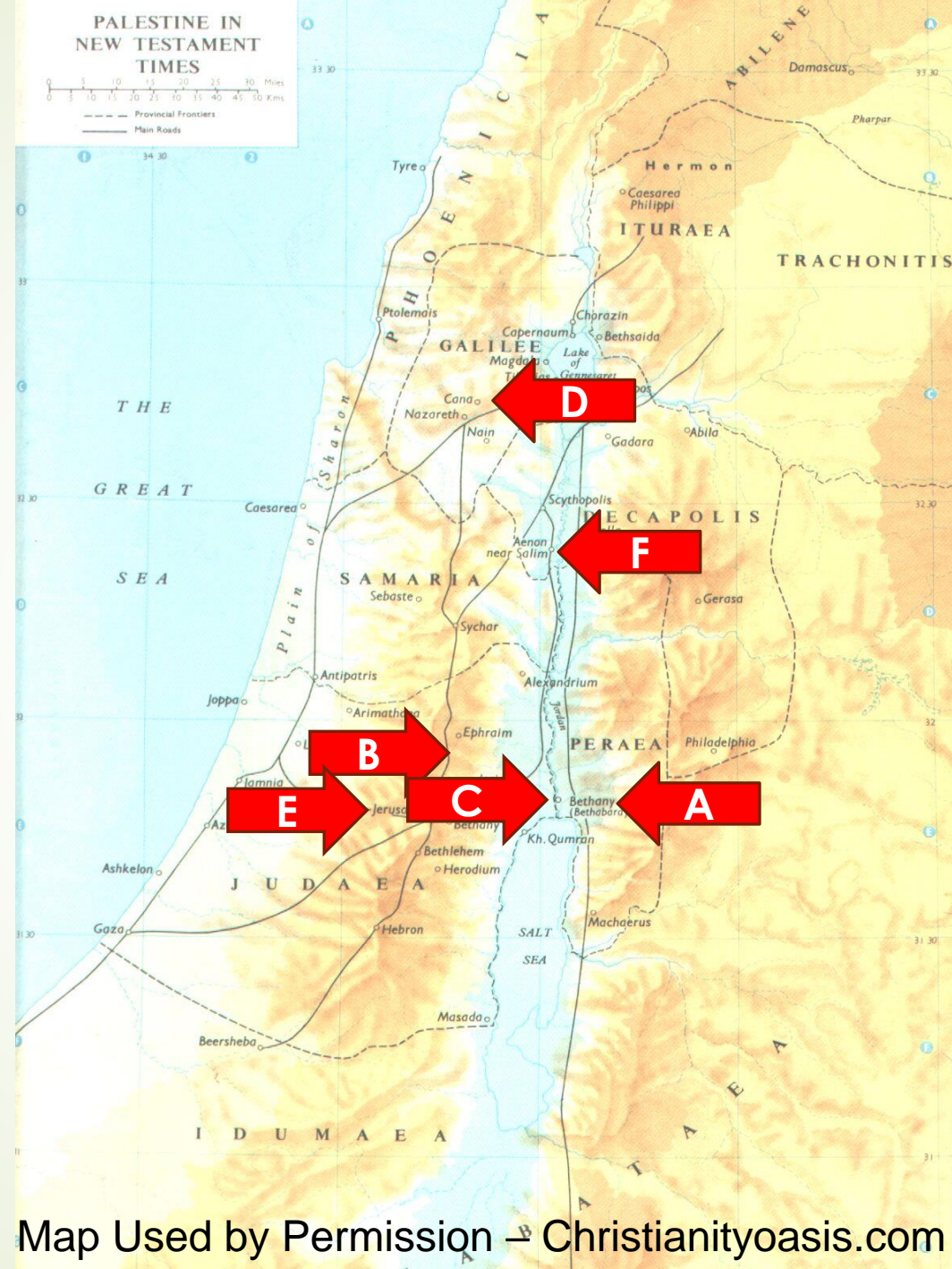
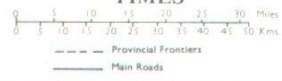


John 3:23 (NASB)

23 Now John also was baptizing in **Aenon, near Salim**, because there was an abundance of water there; and people were coming and being baptized.



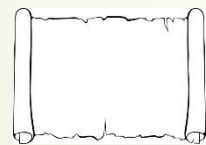
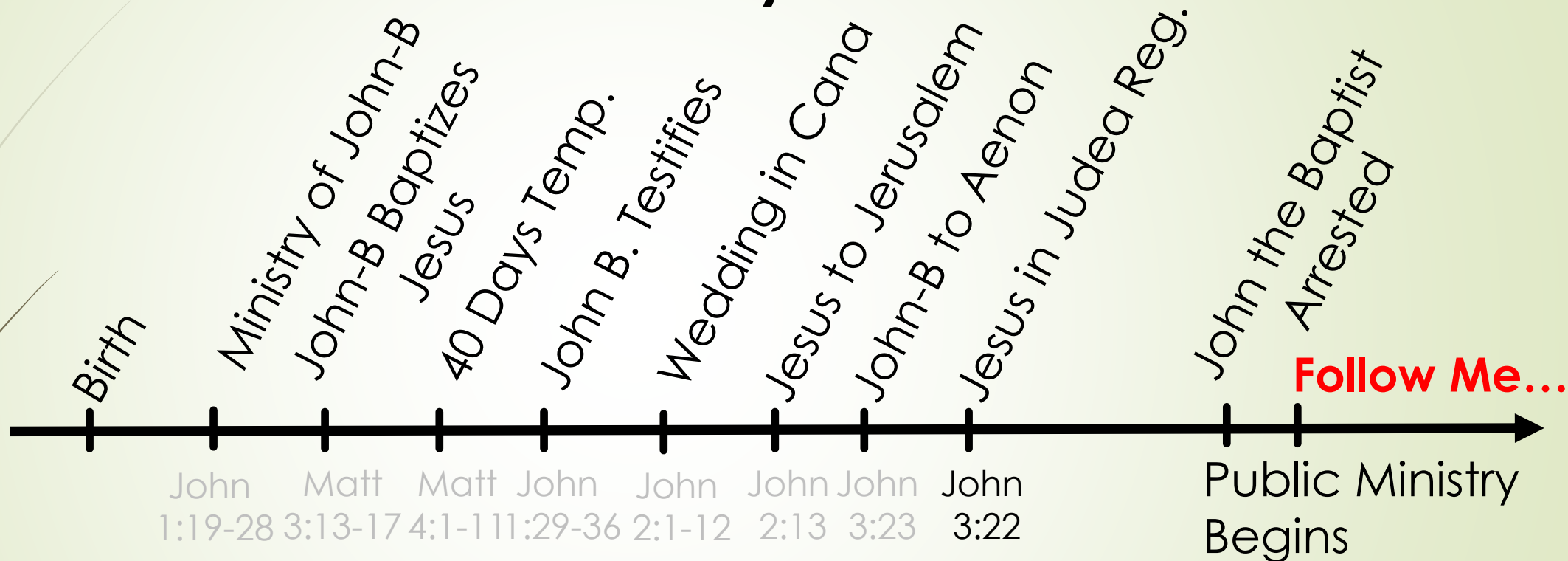
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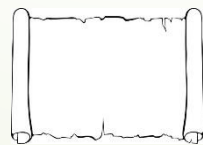
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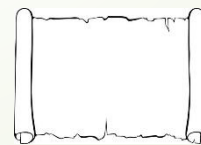
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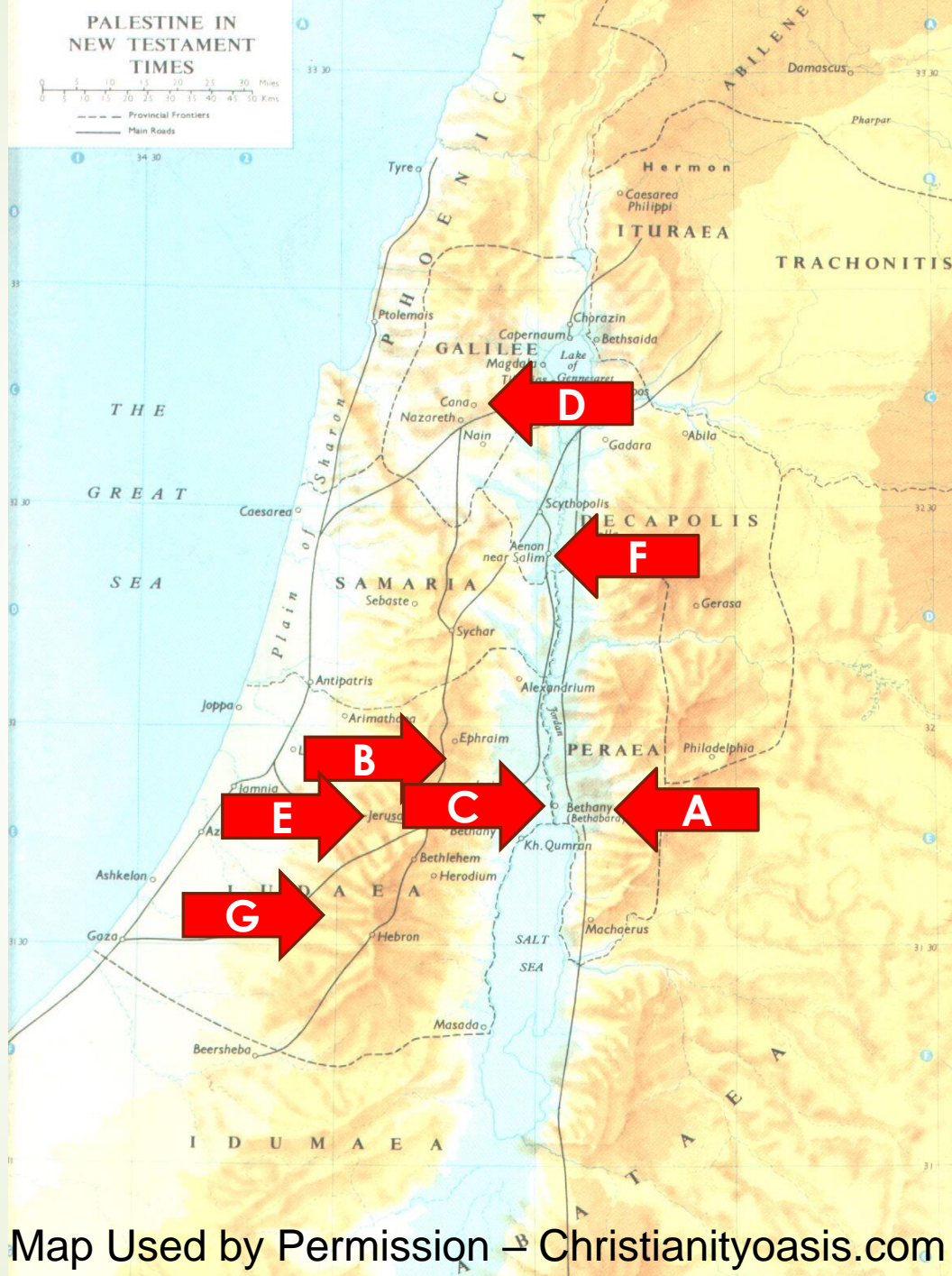
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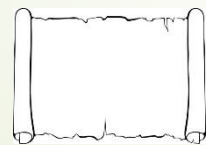
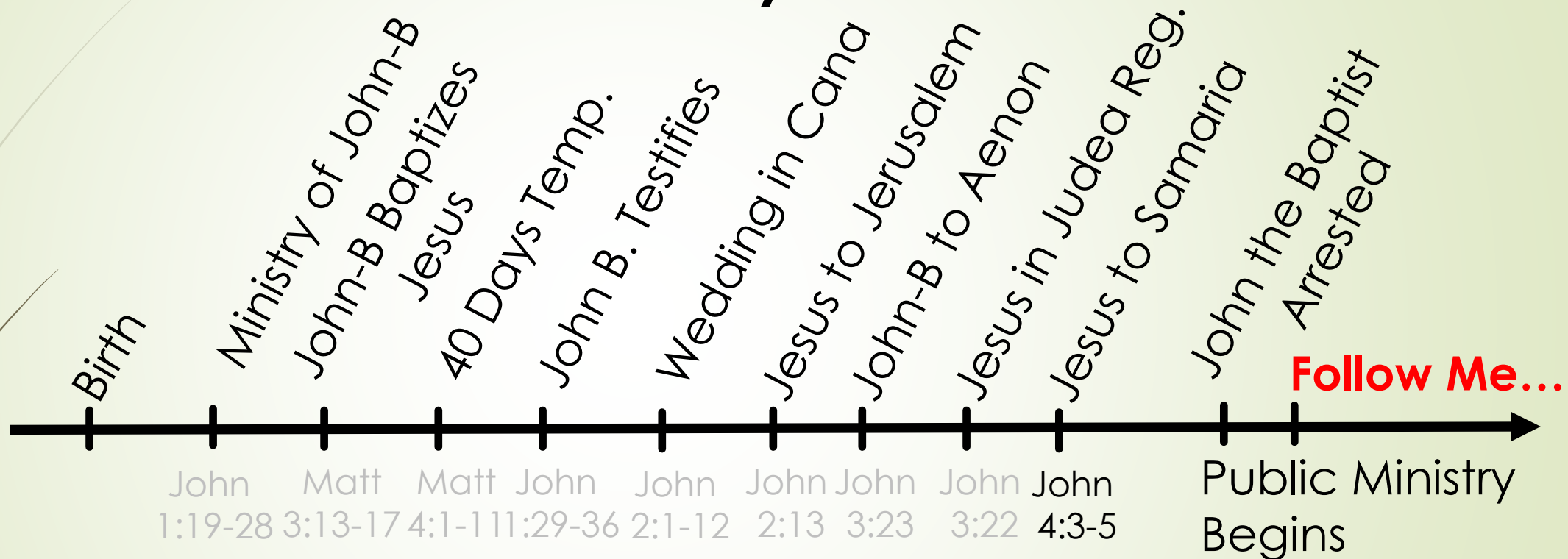
22 After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the **land of Judea**; and there He was spending time with them and baptizing



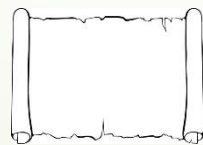
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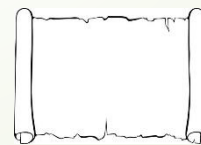
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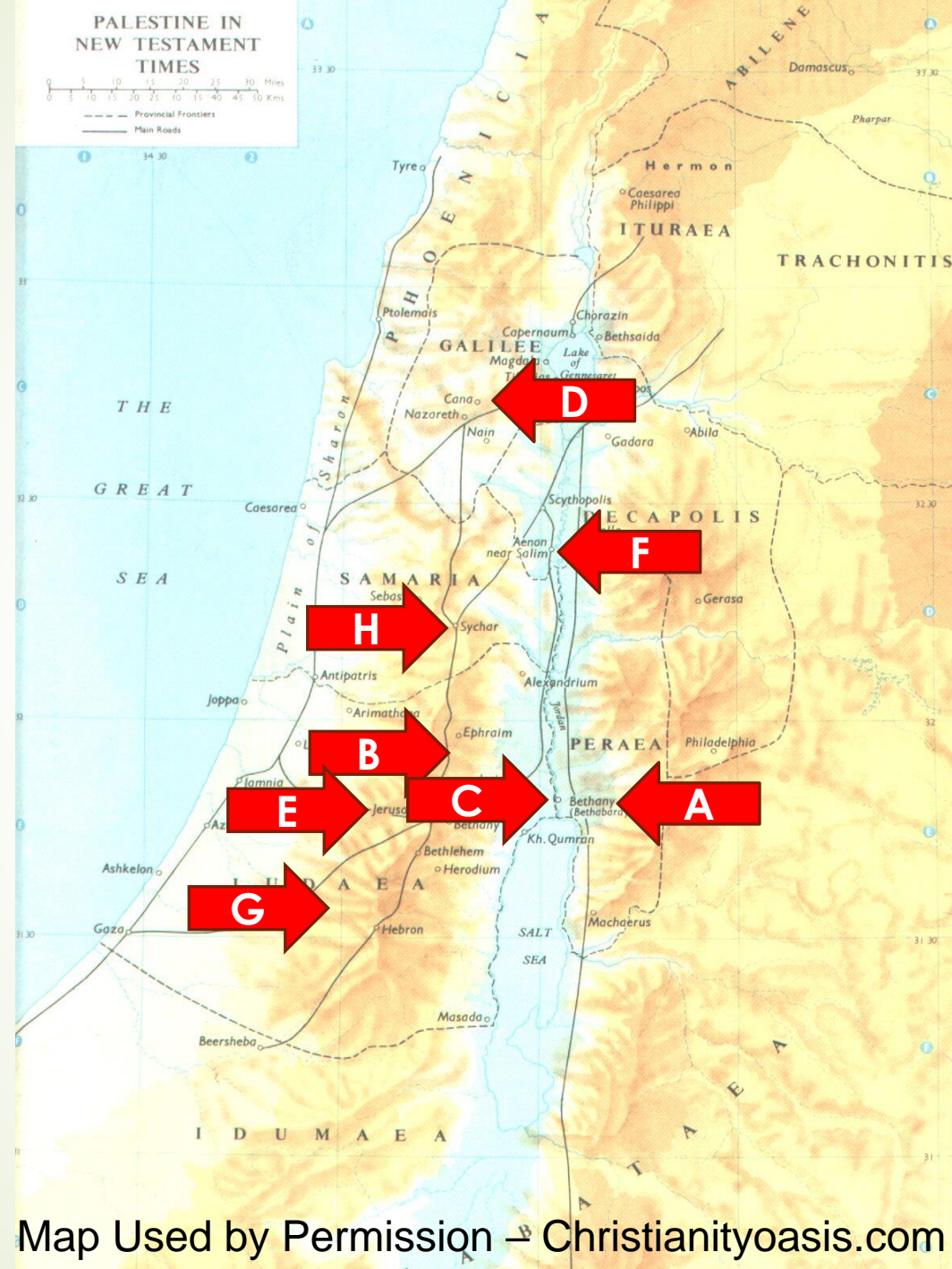
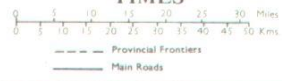


John

John 4:3-5 (NASB)

- 3 He left Judea and went away again to Galilee.
- 4 And He had to pass through Samaria.
- 5 So He *came to a **city of Samaria called Sychar**, near the parcel of land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph;

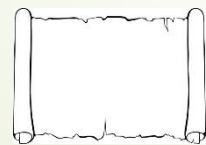
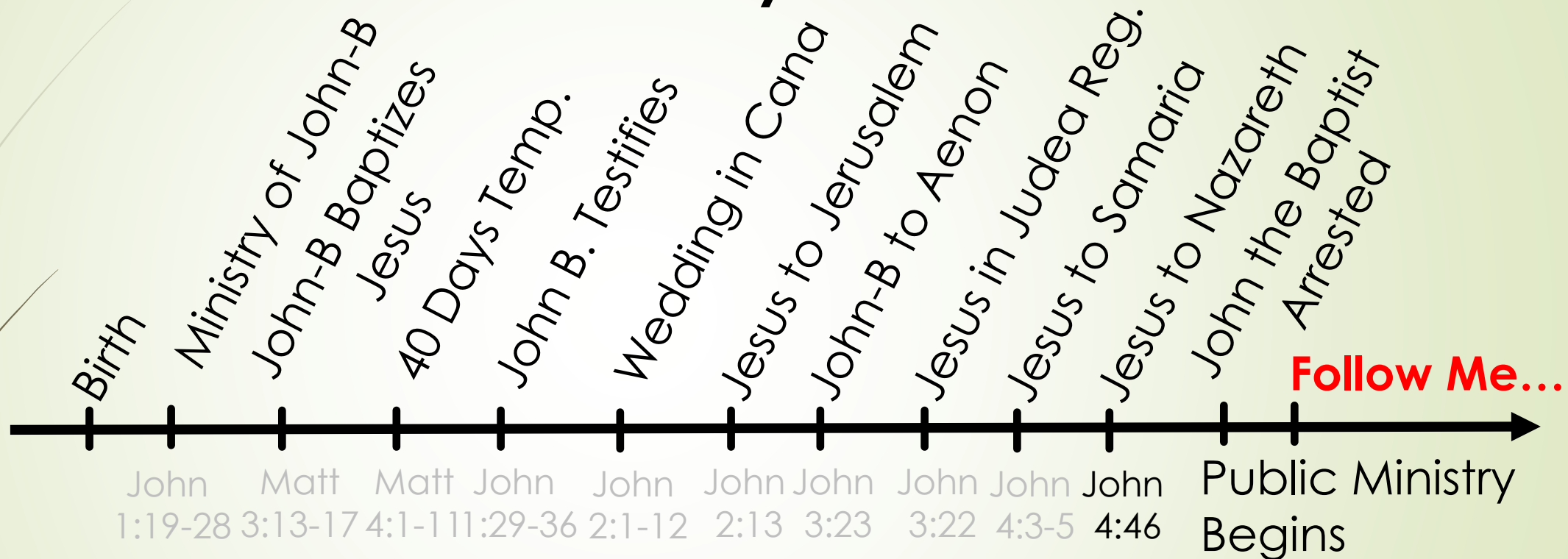
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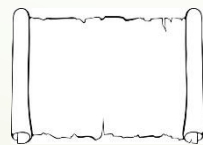
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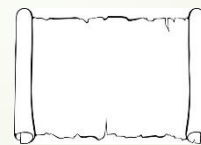
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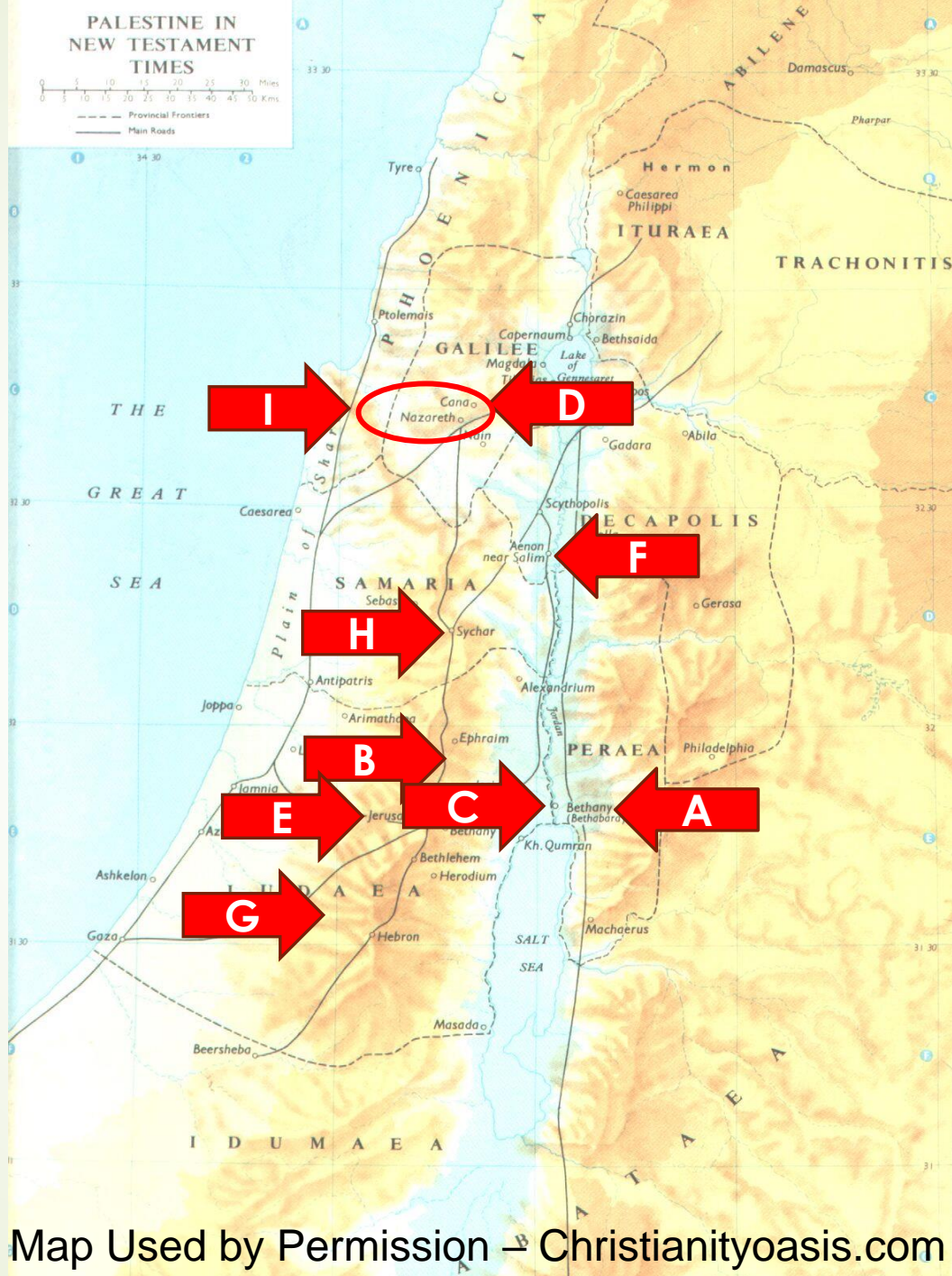
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John 4:45-46 (NASB)

- 45** So when He came to Galilee, the Galileans received Him, only because they had seen all the things that He did in Jerusalem at the feast; for they themselves also went to the feast.
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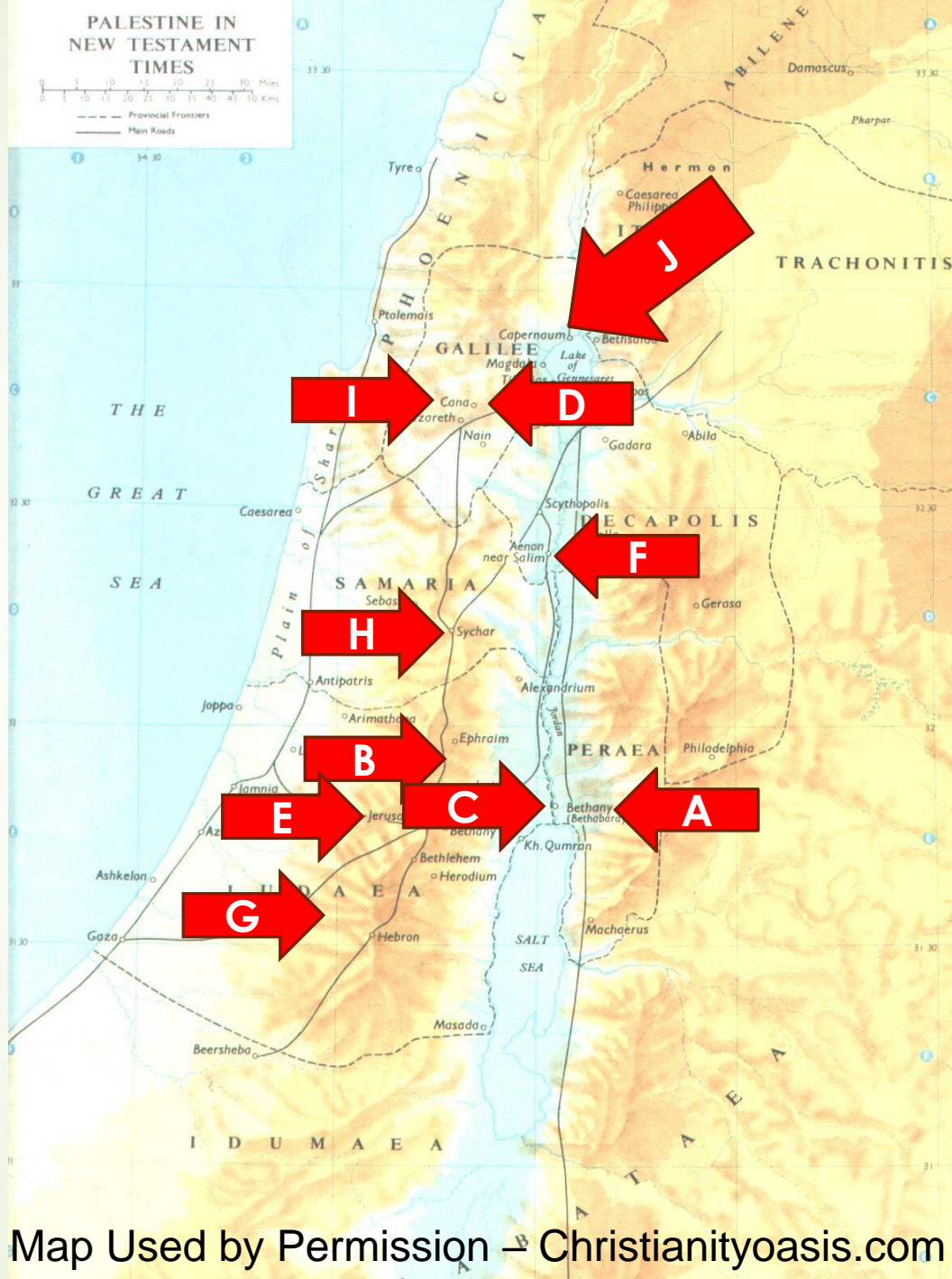
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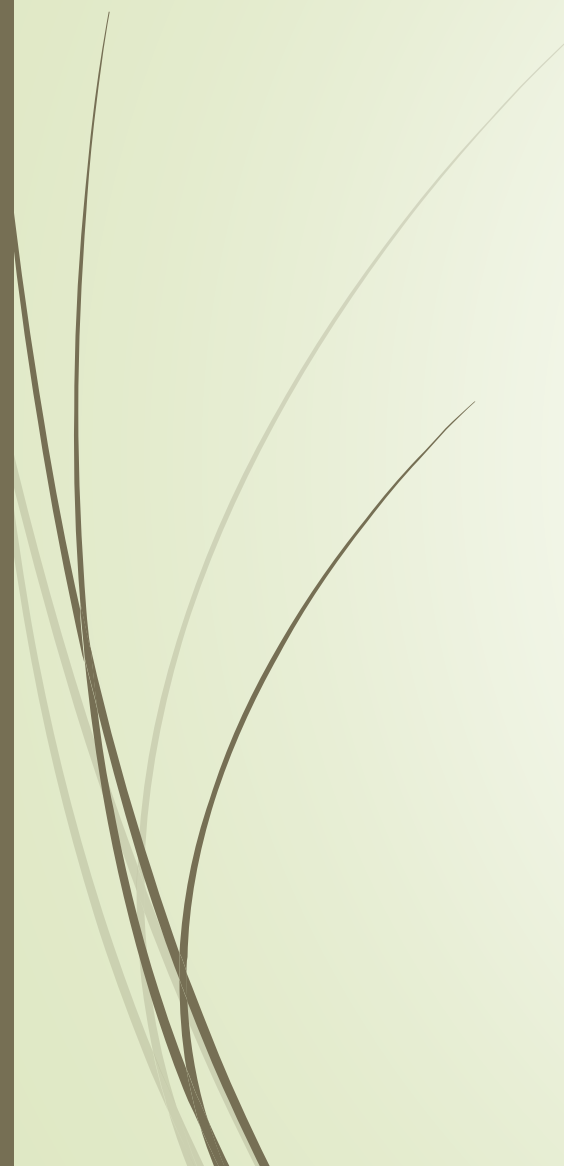
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Timeline of Events

- John the Baptist Ministry at Bethany near the Jordan (Matt 3:1-12 / John 1:19-28)
- John the Baptist Baptizes Jesus at Bethany near the Jordan (Matt 3:13-17)
- Spirit leads Jesus to the wilderness to be tempted for 40 days (Matt 4:1-11)
- Jesus returns from wilderness, John acknowledges Jesus (John 1:29)
 - John recounts what he saw when he baptized Jesus (John 1:30-34)
- John the Baptist points his disciples to Jesus the next day (John 1:35-37)
- John's disciples begins to "hang out" with Jesus (John 1:43-48)
- Jesus spends time with His disciples in a social setting at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1-12)

Timeline of Events

- Jesus attends His first Passover in Jerusalem (John 2:13-25)
 - **Nicodemus talks to Jesus in Jerusalem (3:1-23)**
- Jesus commits / continues to spend time with His disciples, taking them to the Judean Countryside (John 3:22)
- Jesus supports the ministry of John the Baptist (John 3:22-24)
 - **John has not yet been arrested** (John 3:24)
- John points his disciples to follow Jesus (John 3:24-36)
- Jesus withdrew to Galilee to avoid being an obstacle to the ministry of John the Baptist (John 4:1-3)
- Jesus and his disciples passes through Samaria (John 4:4-5)
- Jesus settles back in Galilee, at his hometown of Nazareth while also visiting Cana (John 4:43-46 / Matt 4:12)

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Public Ministry of Christ Begins

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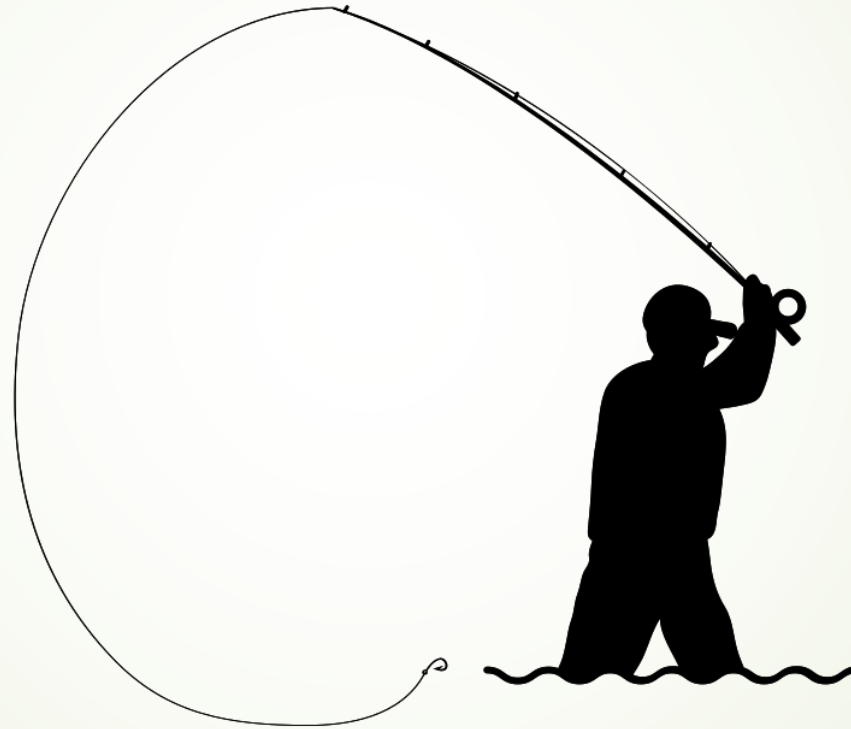


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- 23** Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

Common Fishing Techniques in ANE

Bait and Wait Ministry



Matt 17:27

Common Fishing Techniques in ANE

Search and Grab Ministry



Job 41

Common Fishing Techniques in ANE

Toss and See Ministry



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“Follow Me” Principles –



Following Jesus into ministry is always about finding and ministering to people. Ministry is always about people.



Application Principles



Ministry Always Functions As A Team

Jesus' first order of business when His public ministry formally begins is to recruit a ministry team. He did not actually need the team, and this team at times seemed more a hindrance than a help to His ministry (as we will see in later studies). The purpose here, likely, is to model both team ministry and the blueprint for ministry expansion.



Relationship is Key to a Functional Team

Jesus Himself demonstrated how God values relationships between people. It is, after all, the 2nd Commandment (to love our neighbors as ourselves). Team dysfunction can often be traced to trust issues, which is an extension of either a broken relationship, or lack of relationship. Functional teams focuses on building relationships.



Personal Skills are overrated in Ministry

A common mistake teams make when recruiting for teams is to put too much emphasis on people's skills without recognizing that the highly skilled can often create more problems than it helps. The disciples Jesus invited are all skillful individuals that very well could insist that Jesus listen to them. The Gospel accounts showed us that they **exercised humility**, dropped what they were doing, and followed Jesus.



Questions