



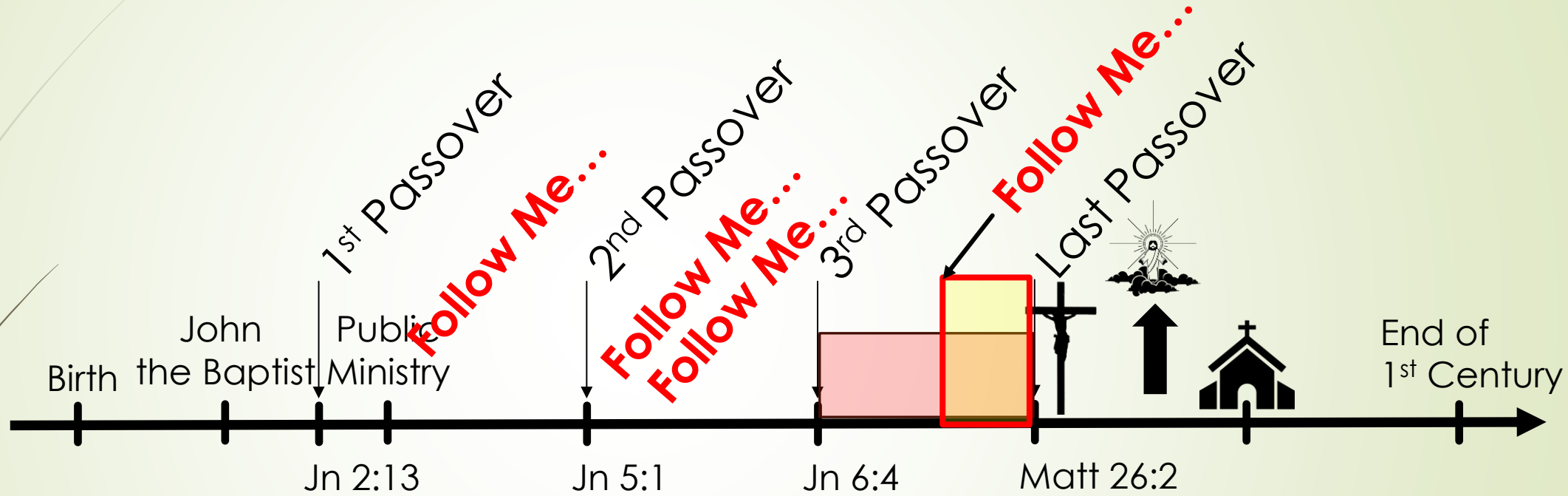
Follow Me –

The Rich and the Kingdom of God

Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-30; Luke 18:18-30

Timeline

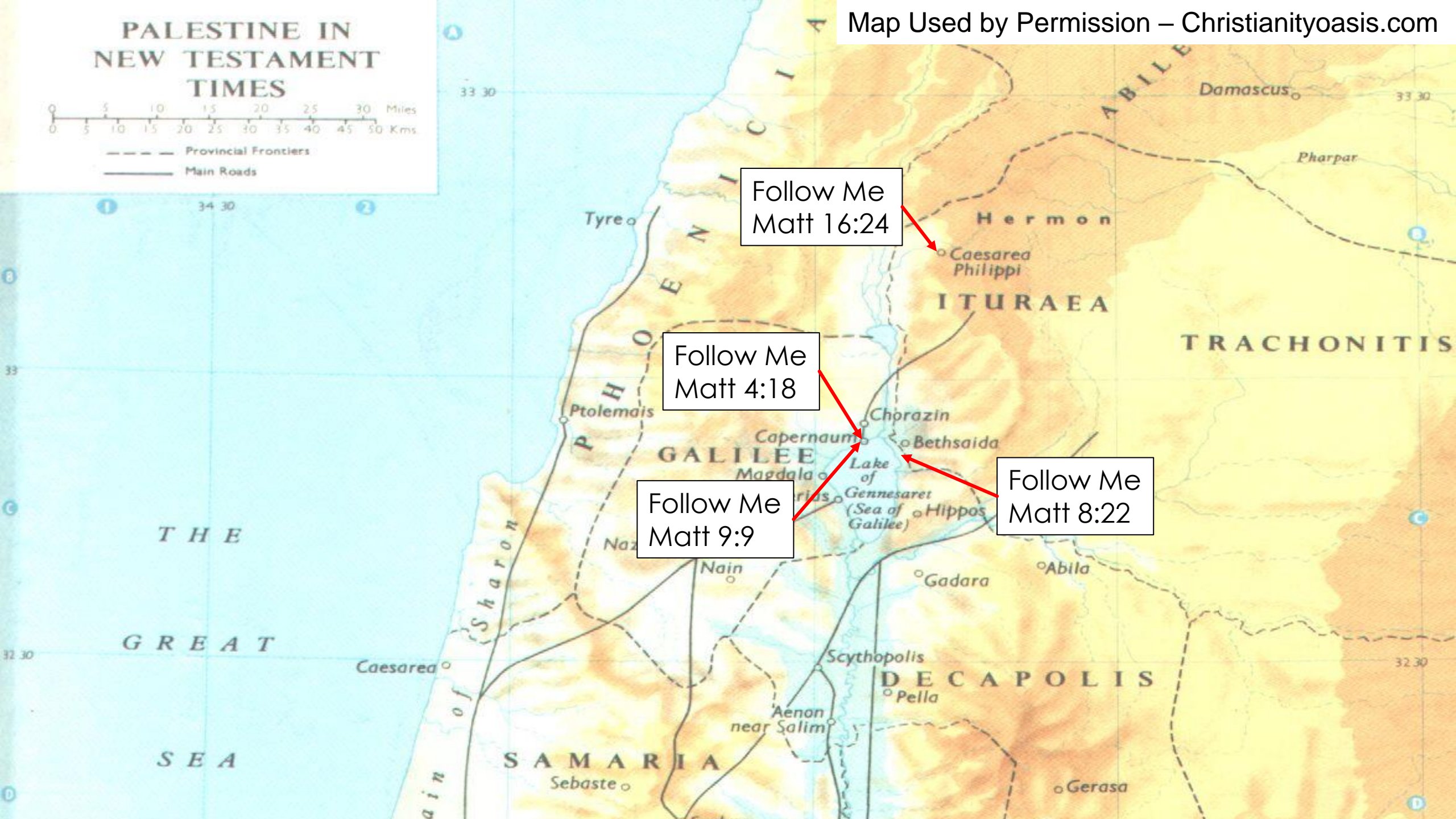
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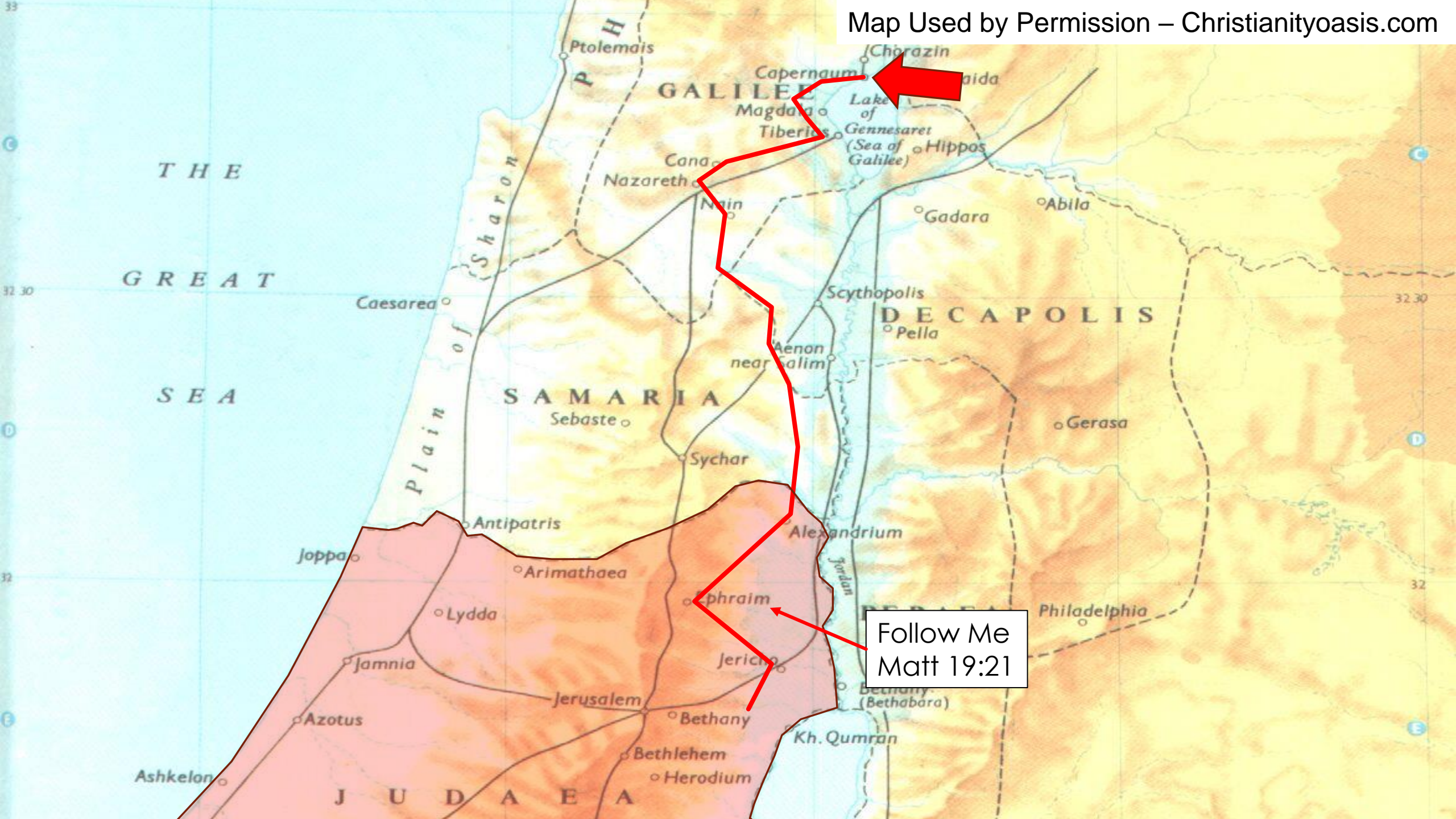


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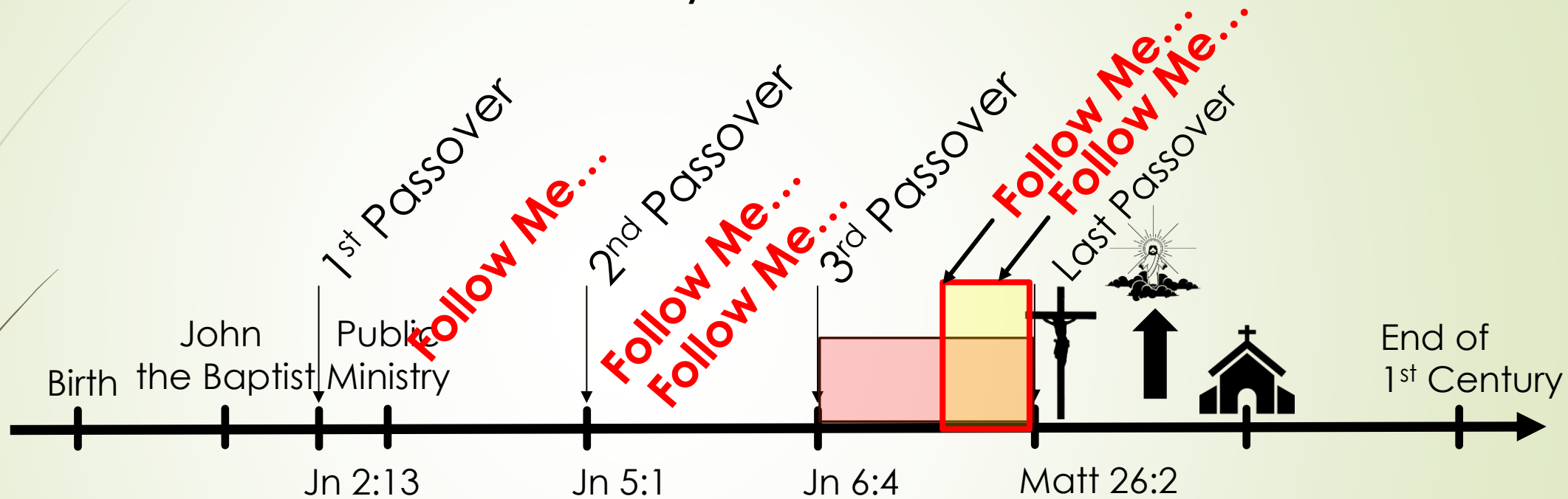
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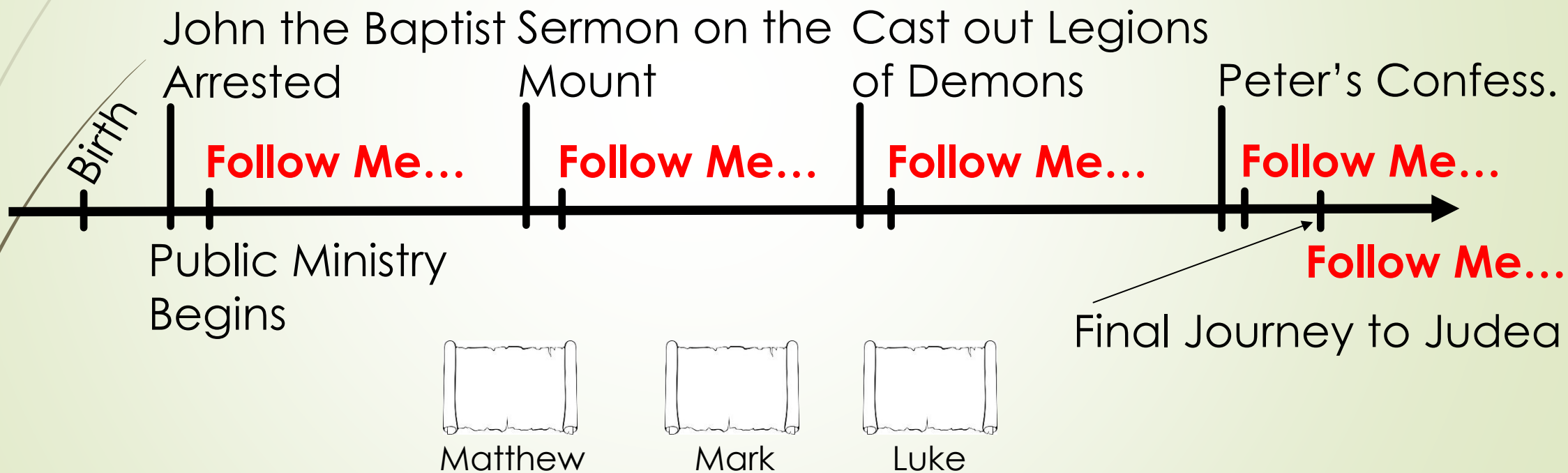
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Follow Me – Take Up the Cross



Matthew 19:16-30 (NASB)

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- 17** And He said to him, “**Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you want to enter life, keep the commandments.**”
- 18** Then he *said to Him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “**You shall not commit murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not give false testimony;**
- 19** **Honor your father and mother; and You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**”

Matthew 19:16-30 (NASB)

- 20** The young man *said to Him, “All these I have kept; what am I still lacking?”
- 21** Jesus said to him, “**If you want to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.**”
- 22** But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.
- 23** And Jesus said to His disciples, “**Truly I say to you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.**”

Matthew 19:16-30 (NASB)

- 24** And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”
- 25** When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?”
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Mark 10:17 (NASB)

17 As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, **what shall I do so that I may inherit eternal life?**”

Luke 18:18 (NASB)

18 A ruler questioned Him, saying, “Good Teacher, **what shall I do to inherit eternal life?**”



“Follow Me” – The Rich and the Kingdom of God

How to “inherit” eternal life?

- Three Principles:**
 - Religious Practices (Matt 19:16-20)**
 - Human Efforts / Earn (Matt 19:21-26)**
 - Merit-Based Values (Matt 19:27-20:16)**

How to Inherit Eternal Life (Matt 19:16-30)

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God is the standard for “good”

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“Follow Me” Principle I –

Following Jesus – *for* ministry leaders –

Recognize that humanity tends to view eternal salvation to be linked to some form of works-based religious practices.



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Impossible for man to meet God's standard

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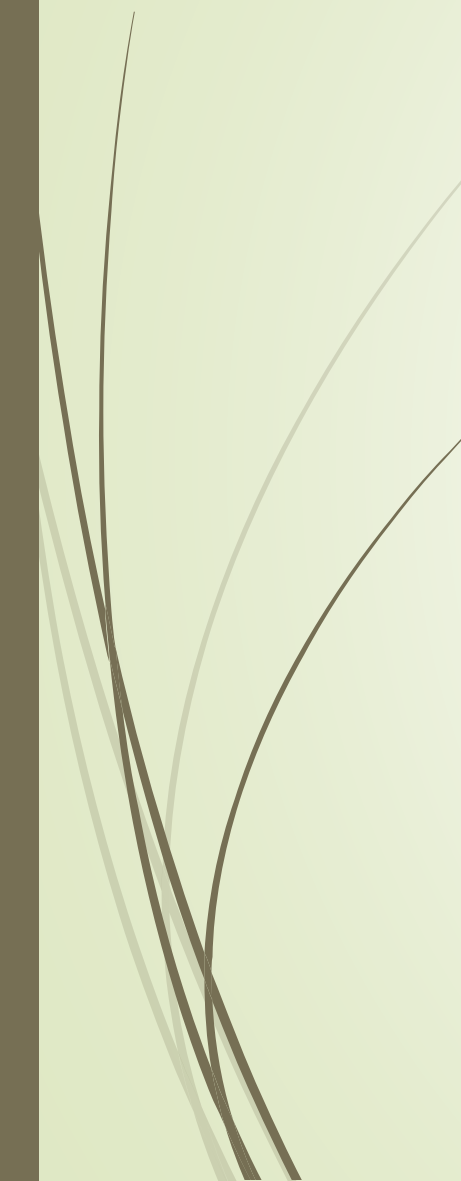
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eye of a needle; not eye of a needle-gate!



Zion Gate





“Follow Me” Principle II –

Following Jesus – *for* ministry leaders –

Recognize that humanity tends to adopt the belief that everything in life must be earned; including salvation.

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Matthew 20:1-16 (NASB)

- 1** “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2** When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3** And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace;
- 4** and to those he said, ‘You go into the vineyard also, and whatever is right, I will give you.’ And so they went.

Matthew 20:1-16 (NASB)

- 5** Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did the same thing.
- 6** And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing around; and he *said to them, 'Why have you been standing here idle all day long?'
- 7** They *said to him, 'Because no one hired us.' He *said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'
- 8** "Now when evening came, the owner of the vineyard *said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group to the first.'

Matthew 20:1-16 (NASB)

- 9** When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius.
- 10** And so when those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius.
- 11** When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner,
- 12** saying, 'These who were hired last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day's work and the scorching heat.'

Matthew 20:1-16 (NASB)

- 13** But he answered and said to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?
- 14** Take what is yours and go; but I want to give to this last person the same as to you.
- 15** Is it not lawful for me to do what I want with what is my own? Or is your eye envious because I am generous?'
- 16** So the last shall be first, and the first, last."



“Follow Me” Principle III –

Following Jesus – *for* ministry leaders –

Recognize that humanity tends to enforce merit-based value systems, which can be an obstacle to grace

Family Feud Lesson Review



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