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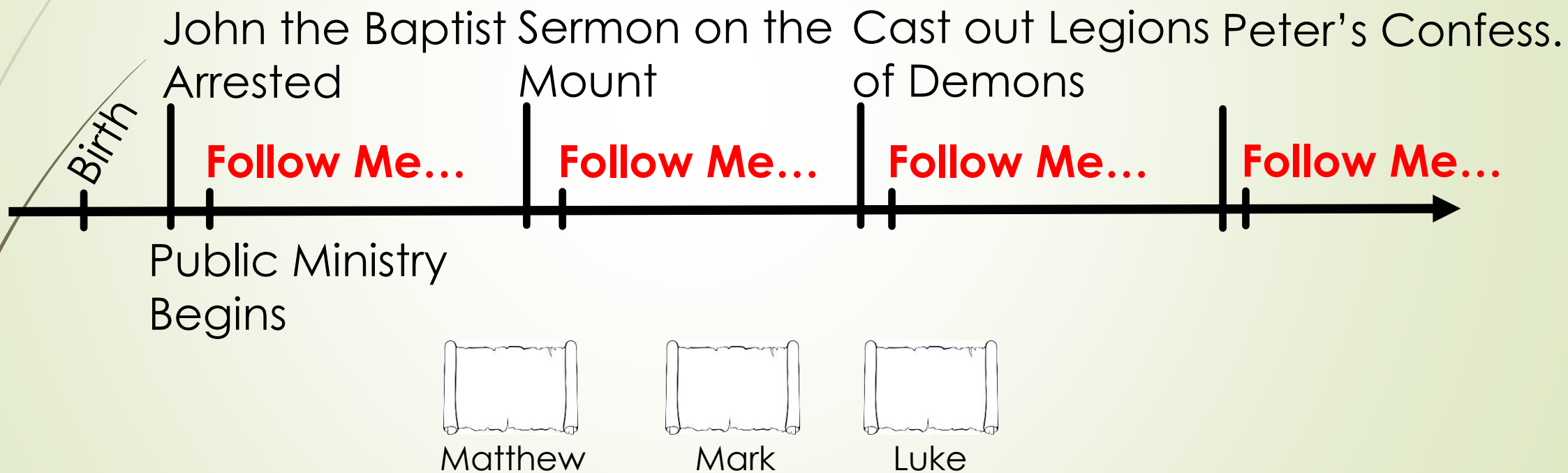
Take Up the Cross (Version 2 Part 2)

Matthew 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23 (John 12:26)

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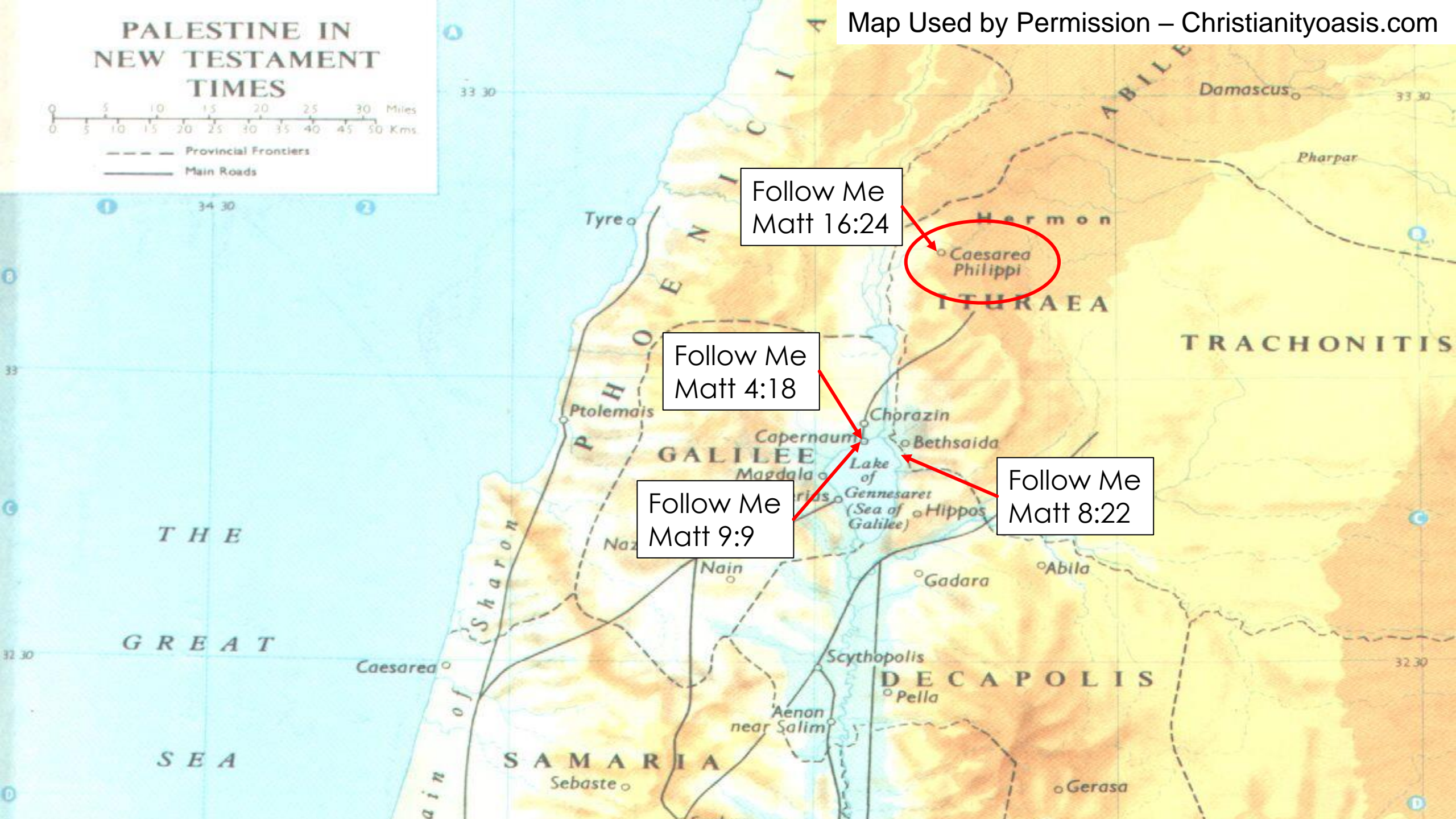
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— Main Roads



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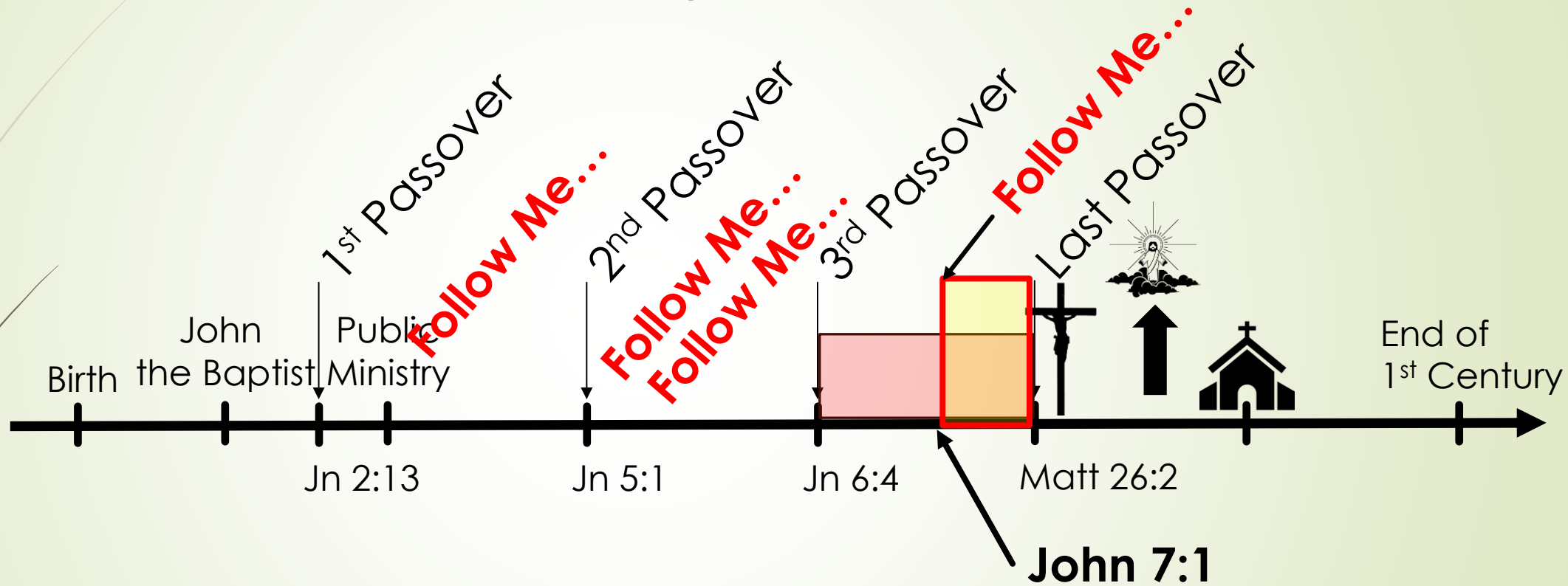
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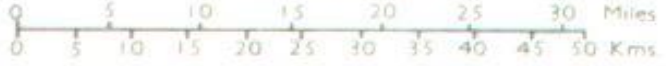
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The Public Ministry of Jesus Christ

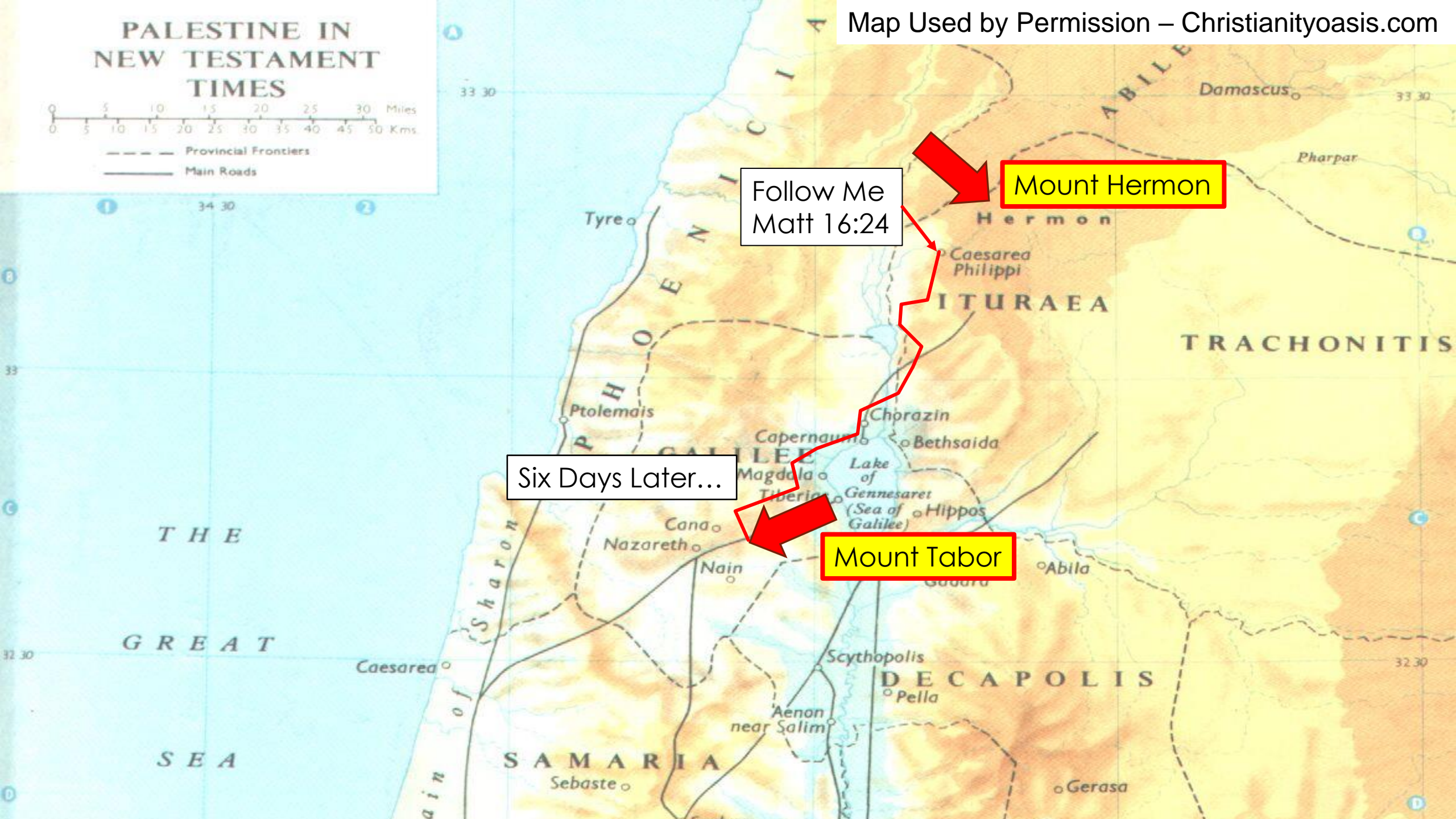


Final Six Months of Christ's Public Ministry

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Mount Hermon

Six Days Later...

Mount Tabor

Key Themes

- “Bread of Life” message where many followers deserted Jesus (John 6:59-65)
- Identity Question – Who do people say I am? (Matt 16:13)
- Discipleship Question – Who do You say I am? (Matt 16:15)
- Commitment Question – Whoever wants to save his life will lose it... (Matt 16:25)
- Church Age – On this Rock... (Matt 16:18)
- Ministry Leadership – Mind of Christ vs of men (Matt 16:23)
- Christ’s Ministry Plan – Predicts His Death 3x (Matt 16:21)
- Deny Self / Take Up the Cross (Matt 16:24)

Matthew 16:13-20 (NASB)

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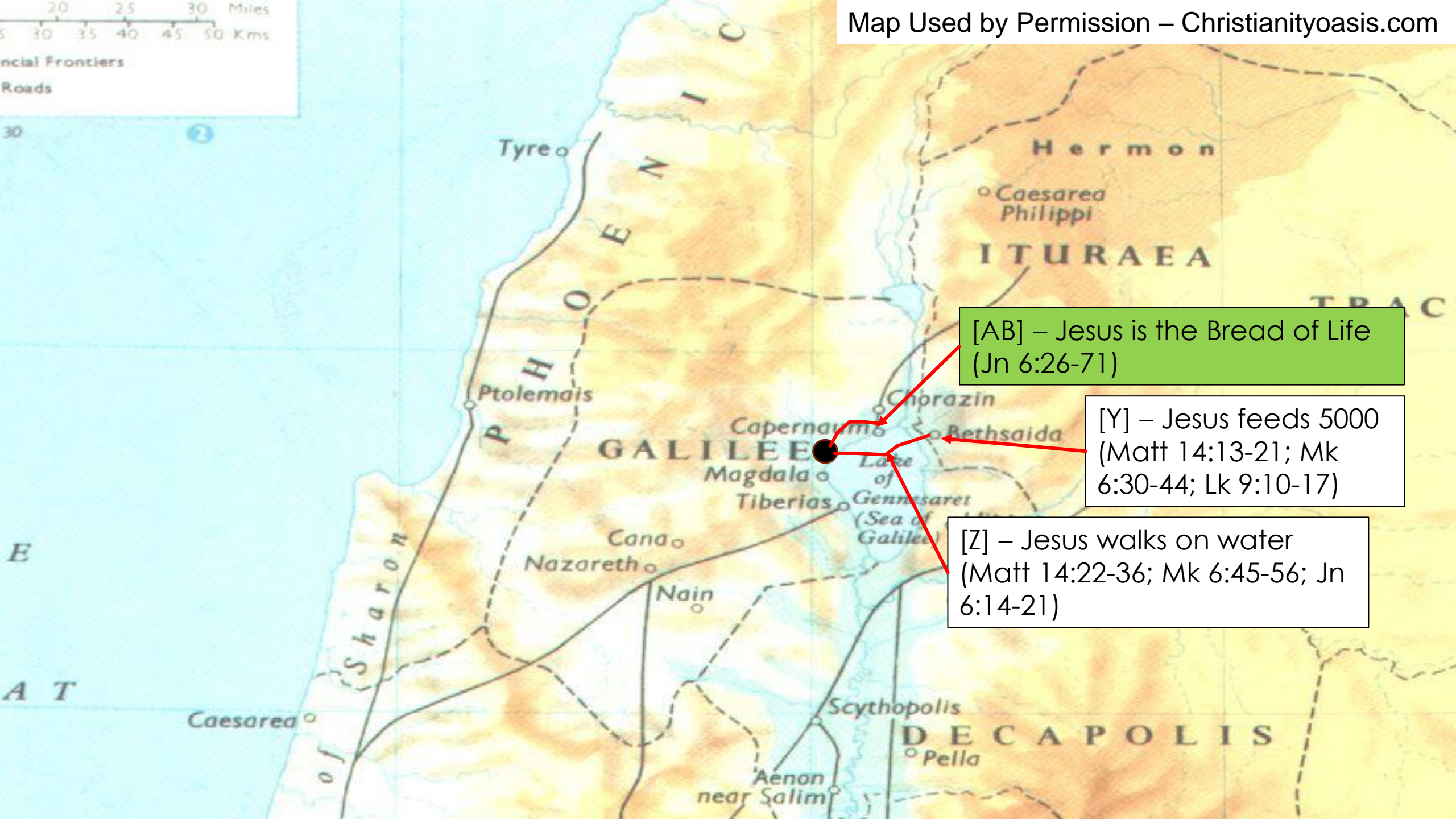


Timeline of Events

- **Passover is near (John 6:4)**
 - **Feeds 5000 (Matt 14:13-21; John 6:1-15)**
 - **Walks on Water (Matt 14:22-36; John 6:16-24)**
 - **Bread of Life (John 6:25-65) ←**
 - **Syro-Phoenician Woman (Matt 15:21-28)**
 - **Feeds 4000 (Matt 15:29-39)**
 - **Follow Me (Matt 16:24 / Jn 6:66-71)**

John 6:59 (NASB)

59 These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.



[AB] – Jesus is the Bread of Life (Jn 6:26-71)

[Y] – Jesus feeds 5000 (Matt 14:13-21; Mk 6:30-44; Lk 9:10-17)

[Z] – Jesus walks on water (Matt 14:22-36; Mk 6:45-56; Jn 6:14-21)



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Discipleship Question

What is a Disciple of Christ?

Bread of Life Message



Bread of Life Message (John 6:25-65)

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25 And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You get here?”

26 Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate some of the loaves and were filled.

27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that lasts for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.”

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Theo Correlation: What works need to be done to keep Earthly benefits

John 6:29-32 (NASB)

29 Jesus answered and said to them, “**This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.**”

30 So they said to Him, “What then are You doing as a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work are You performing?”

31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread out of heaven to eat.’”

32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven.

Theo Correlation: Will follow as long as following = Earthly blessings

John 6:33-36 (NASB)

33 For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; the one who comes to Me will not be hungry, and the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty.

36 But I said to you that you have indeed seen Me, and yet you do not believe.

John 6:33-36 (NASB)

- 37** Everything that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I certainly will not cast out.
- 38** For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.
- 39** And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that of everything that He has given Me I will lose nothing, but will raise it up on the last day.
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- **Followers of Christ who doesn't know T.N.K. (Old Test.)**
 - **Follow Jesus for Earthly Benefits**
 - **Will keep following Jesus as long as Earthly Benefits Exist**
 - **Did not understand message of eternal life**

DISCUSSION!!

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Jews: Jesus is NOT God (cf Jn 1:14)

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Translation: Jesus lacks authority

John 6:45-49 (NASB)

- 45** It is written in the Prophets: 'And they shall all be taught of God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.
- 46** Not that anyone has seen the Father, except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.
- 47** Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who believes has eternal life.
- 48** I am the bread of life.
- 49** Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

John 6:50-53 (NASB)

50 This is the bread that comes down out of heaven, so that anyone may eat from it and not die.

51 I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats from this bread, he will live forever; and the bread which I will give for the life of the world also is My flesh.”

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us His flesh to eat?”

53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

Parable: “Eat” = “digest information; consuming info.” (modern correlation)

John 6:54-58 (NASB)

- 54** The one who eats *My* flesh and drinks *My* blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.
- 55** For *My* flesh is true food, and *My* blood is true drink.
- 56** The one who eats *My* flesh and drinks *My* blood remains in *Me*, and I in him.
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Theo Correlation: Jews are not “eating” the message; but being literal

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 - Follow Jesus for authoritative validation
 - Rejected the idea that the Word became Flesh (Jn 1:14)
 - Could not understand the message of eternal life

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- **Discipleship Question: Does the Gospel Msg Offend you?**
 - Not all followers know who Jesus is
 - Not all are willing to accept “Bread of Life” message
 - Gentiles – reject message of eternal life
 - Jews – rejected Jesus as the way to eternal life
 - Could not answer the key question...

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Theological Principle:

- **Question: Does the Gospel offend you?**

- Not all church goers understand John 3:16 / Bread of Life

- Not all are willing to accept John 14:6

- “Gentiles” – wanted signs; pursues blessing

- “Jews” – little effort to “digest” Scripture; rejects Jesus

- Could not answer the key question...

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Theological Principle (Christian Civic Responsibility Edition):

- **Citizenship Question: Does the “US Flag” offend you?**

- Not all US residents understand the meaning behind the Flag

- Not all are willing to accept the “US Flag” message

- “Gentiles” – visitors who knows nothing about US History;

- “Jews” – residents who are Ignorant about US History;

- Could not answer the key question...



“Follow Me” Principles II –

Following Jesus – as a disciple – requires us to understand the message of the Gospel and be able to acknowledge the identity of Jesus Christ



Key Moments from "Bread of Life" Message



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Questions