

Matthew 4:12-25

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SERMON NOTES

Matthew

The King and His Kingdom

"All great literature is one of two stories; a man goes on a journey or a stranger comes to town."

- Leo Tolstoy?

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Three Firsts

1. A record of the first preaching, teaching and healings of Jesus.
2. It's a record of the first calling of disciples to Jesus.
3. A record of the first responses to Jesus.

"Repentance, the first word in Christian immigration, sets us on the way to traveling in the light. It is a rejection that is also an acceptance, a leaving that develops into an arriving, a no to the world that is a yes to God."

- Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

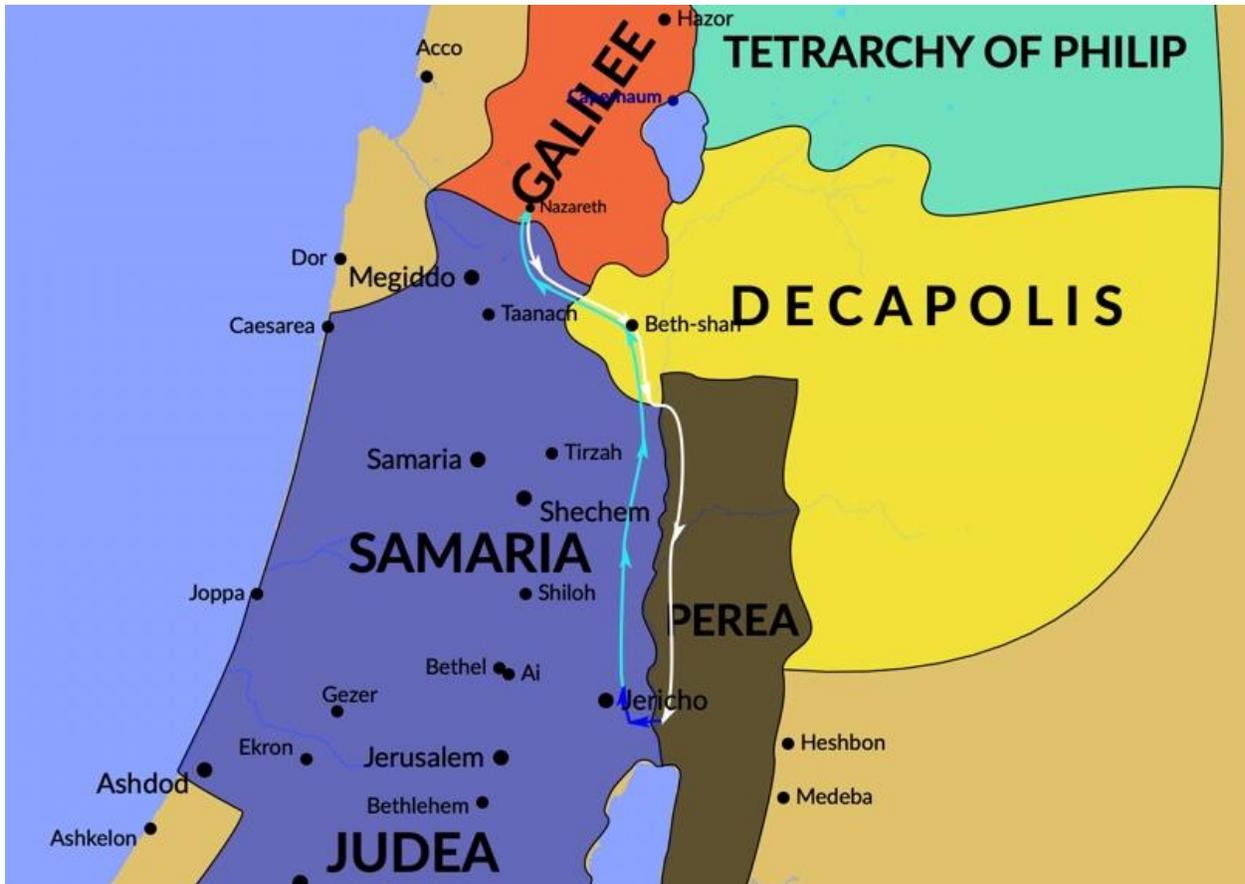
"It is not the case that God simply 'accepts us as we are.' He invites us as we are; but responding to that invitation always involves the complete transformation which is acted out in repentance, forgiveness, baptism, and receiving the spirit."

- N.T. Wright

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."

- Matthew 16:24-25





“Finding our true selves in Christ, we identify with Him who loved us, follow His way of self-giving for God and for others, and thus continually find ourselves afresh in Him. The Christian self both gives and finds itself in the love of Jesus Christ.”

- Richard Bauckham, *Losing and Finding Self*

“Do you want to know a truth that in the momentous challenges of our modern world will be at once a quest to inspire you, an anchor to hold you fast, a rich fare to nourish you, and a relationship you will prize above all others? Listen to Jesus of Nazareth; answer His call.”

- Os Guinness, *The Call*