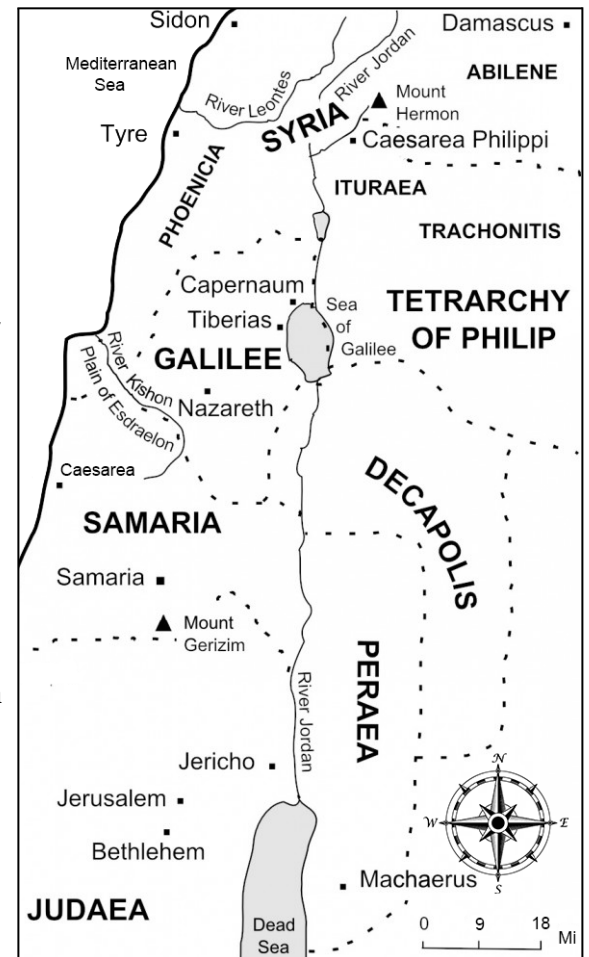


The Chosen, Season 1: Episode 5

Context

- Jerusalem, 8 A.D.
 - In 8 A.D., Jesus would've been about 12 years old
 - Jerusalem is in the region of Judaea, which is south of Galilee. It was (and is now again) the capital of Israel.
- Jesus as a boy in the temple:
 - “When [Jesus] was twelve years old, they went up to the [Passover] festival... After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, ‘Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.’ ‘Why were you searching for me?’ he asked. ‘Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he was saying to them...” (see Luke 2:41-52)
- Cana, 26 A.D.
 - 26 A.D. is just as Jesus starts his ministry
 - Cana was in the region of Galilee, but there is some dispute as to where it was exactly located
- Wedding at Cana
 - “On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, ‘They have no more wine.’ ‘Woman, why do you involve me?’ Jesus replied. ‘My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, ‘Fill the jars with water’; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’ They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, ‘Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the



cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”
(see John 2:1-12)

Bible characters we meet

- Mary and Joseph
 - Mother and father of Jesus, who was born miraculously: Luke 1:26-38, 2:1-21; Matthew 1:18-25
- Thomas
 - Became a disciple of Jesus
 - “These are the names of the twelve apostles: ...Thomas” (see Matthew 10:2-3)
 - Got a bad reputation as “Doubting Thomas” (though I think we can relate to him)
 - “Now Thomas... was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’” (see John 20:24-29)

Discussion

- Sometimes it’s easy to forget that Jesus was fully human, meaning he was a child who needed his diaper changed, was a clumsy teenager, and at times worried his parents. What did you think of Jesus being portrayed as a boy? Does it help you to relate to him more?

- In this episode, we get a glimpse into what a Jewish wedding might have looked like in the first century. What historical context stood out to you? How does it compare to your wedding or your friends’ weddings? Was the water-into-wine miracle portrayed how you envision it?

- As with the fictional storylines for some of the other disciples, Jesus met Thomas on the brink of disaster. Can you relate with Thomas, who is trying to figure it out? Did you like Ramah’s advice? Do you think Thomas will meet Jesus in Samaria in 12 days?