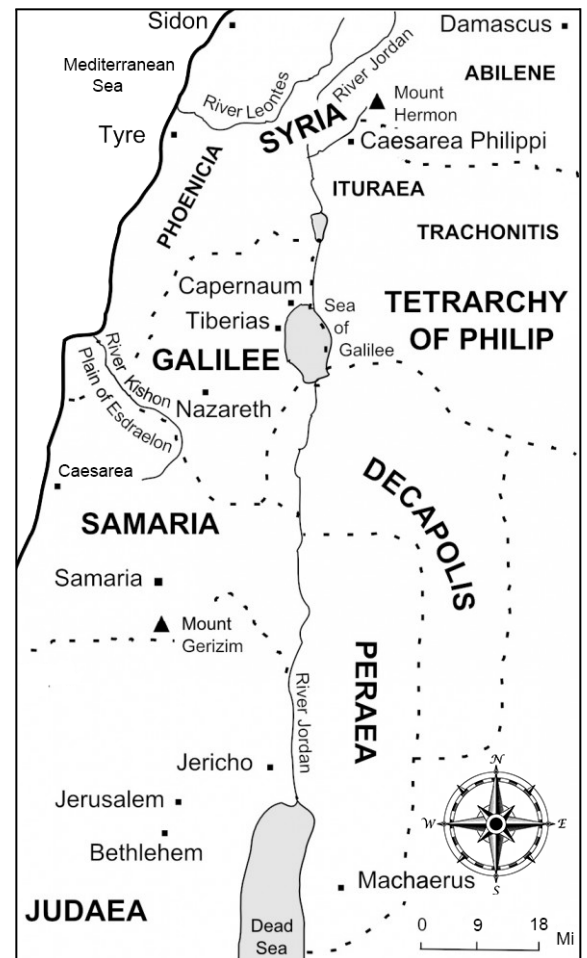


The Chosen, Season 1: Episode 6

Context

- Jesus grew up for a few years in Egypt
 - “When [the Magi] had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up,’ he said, ‘take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.’ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod... When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under...” (see Matthew 2:13-23)
- Healing of the Man with Leprosy
 - “A man with leprosy came and knelt before [Jesus] and said, ‘Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.’ Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ he said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, ‘See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’” (see Matthew 8:1-4 and Luke 5:12-16)
- Parables
 - Servants Keeping Watch: Luke 12:35-48 and Mark 13:32-37
 - Repent or Perish: Luke 13:1-5
 - Prayer: Matthew 6:5-15
 - Giving to the Needy: Matthew 6:1-4
 - The Pharisee and the Tax Collector: Luke 18:9-14
 - The Persistent Widow: Luke 18:1-8
 - Do Not Worry: Luke 12:22-34
 - A Lamp on a Stand: Luke 8:16-18
- Healing of the Paralyzed Man
 - “Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, ‘Who is this fellow who speaks



blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?’ Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, ‘Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, “Your sins are forgiven,” or to say, “Get up and walk”? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.’ So he said to the paralyzed man, ‘I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.’ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.” (see Luke 5:17-26 and Mark 2:1-12)

Bible characters we meet

- Salome (Zebedee’s wife and mother of James and John)
 - We don’t know for a fact that the Salome named in the Bible was the mother of James and John:
 - “Some women were watching [the Crucifixion of Jesus] from a distance. Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joseph, and **Salome.**” (see Mark 15:40)
 - “Many women were there, watching [the Crucifixion of Jesus] from a distance... Among them were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and **the mother of Zebedee’s sons.**” (see Matthew 27:55-56)
 - Petitioned Jesus to let her sons sit on Jesus’ left and right:
 - “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him... ‘Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.’” (See Matthew 20:20-28)

Discussion

- We heard a lot of snippets of parables in today’s episode. Is that how you imagined Jesus teaching? Did anything stand out to you in the parables with the context of what was happening around him? Or how he answered questions people asked him?

- What did you think of how Jesus tied the parables into the people and objects around him? How does that contrast with heavily prepared teaching we experience today (eg. lectures, sermons, videos, etc.)?

- What did you think of the healing of the man with leprosy and the healing of the paralyzed man? Were they portrayed how you imagined them? Did you connect with Tamar bringing her friend to see Jesus?