



**Teaching Series on the Gospel of  
Mark: Mark 1:1-15  
(NIV translation)**

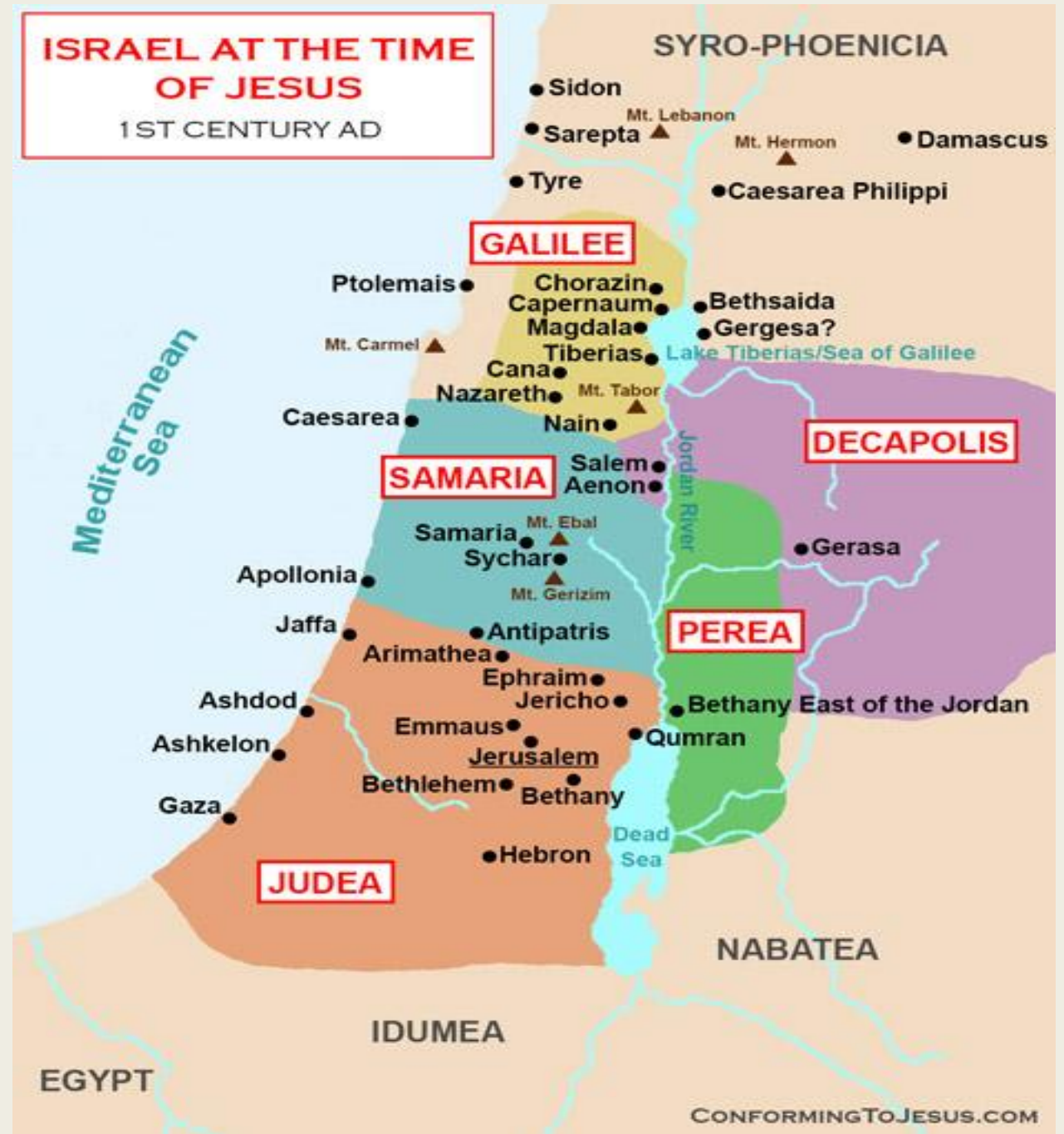


**Mark 1:1**— “The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ,  
the Son of God.”

**Mark 1:2-3**— “It is written in Isaiah the prophet: I will send My messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way”—a voice of one calling in the desert.” (Isaiah 40:3)

**Mark 1: 4-5**—” And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a *baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.”

# Map of Palestine in the Time of Christ



**Mark 1:6-8**—"John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: 'After me will come One more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. *I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with (in/by) the Holy Spirit.*'"  
(“and fire” – Matt. 3:12 –Pentecost)

**Mark 1: 9-11**—"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: '*You are My Son, whom I love, with you I am well pleased.*'"

(Trinitarian reference: Father's voice, Son's bodily presence, Spirit's divine empowerment)

**Mark 1:12-13**—” At once the Spirit sent Him out into the desert, and He was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended Him.”

**Mark 1: 14-15**—” After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ‘The time has come,’ He said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!’”

**Drilling Down: The Vital Need for Repentance -- Repent:**  
*metanoia* – “turn” (to change one’s mind and way of  
thinking and living): “turn, turn around, change direction”  
turn from the old to make room for the new.  
**The new can’t fully come until the old is gone!**

**Drilling Down: “In Jesus, The Kingdom of God has come!”** – Its arrival in Jesus, the Son of God, the kingdom of God is *the inbreaking manifest presence of King Jesus:*

## **The Kingdom:**

1. Comes whenever the power of Jesus to rule and reign over sin, self, and Satan is established over planet Earth.
2. Results in a “new creation” (2 Co. 5:17), starting with the individual, spirit, soul, body, and relationships.

3. Produces a new “heavenly” community, the Church, which influences all of society through love and justice.
4. Is completed ultimately when Jesus comes again and re-creates the heaven and the earth itself in original Edenic purity.

**(2 Peter 3:13** “But according to His promise, we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.”)

The kingdom is the fullness of the future dominion of God in Christ breaking into this present age, defeating demonic powers by freeing the oppressed and healing the sickness, injustice and brokenness of this world.

## **Application to us: By His Spirit, We are Part of the Kingdom of God Advancing Worldwide!**

We, His Spirit-empowered body, are to do the works of Jesus, whether “natural” (feed the hungry, visit prisoners, rescue the oppressed, repair a building, build a hospital) or “supernatural” (heal the sick, deliver the demonized, prophesy, worship in Spirit and truth, counsel by the Spirit, perform miracles, preach the gospel, plant churches)

**John 14:12:** “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in Me will do the works that I have been doing, and will do even greater than these, because I am going to the Father.”