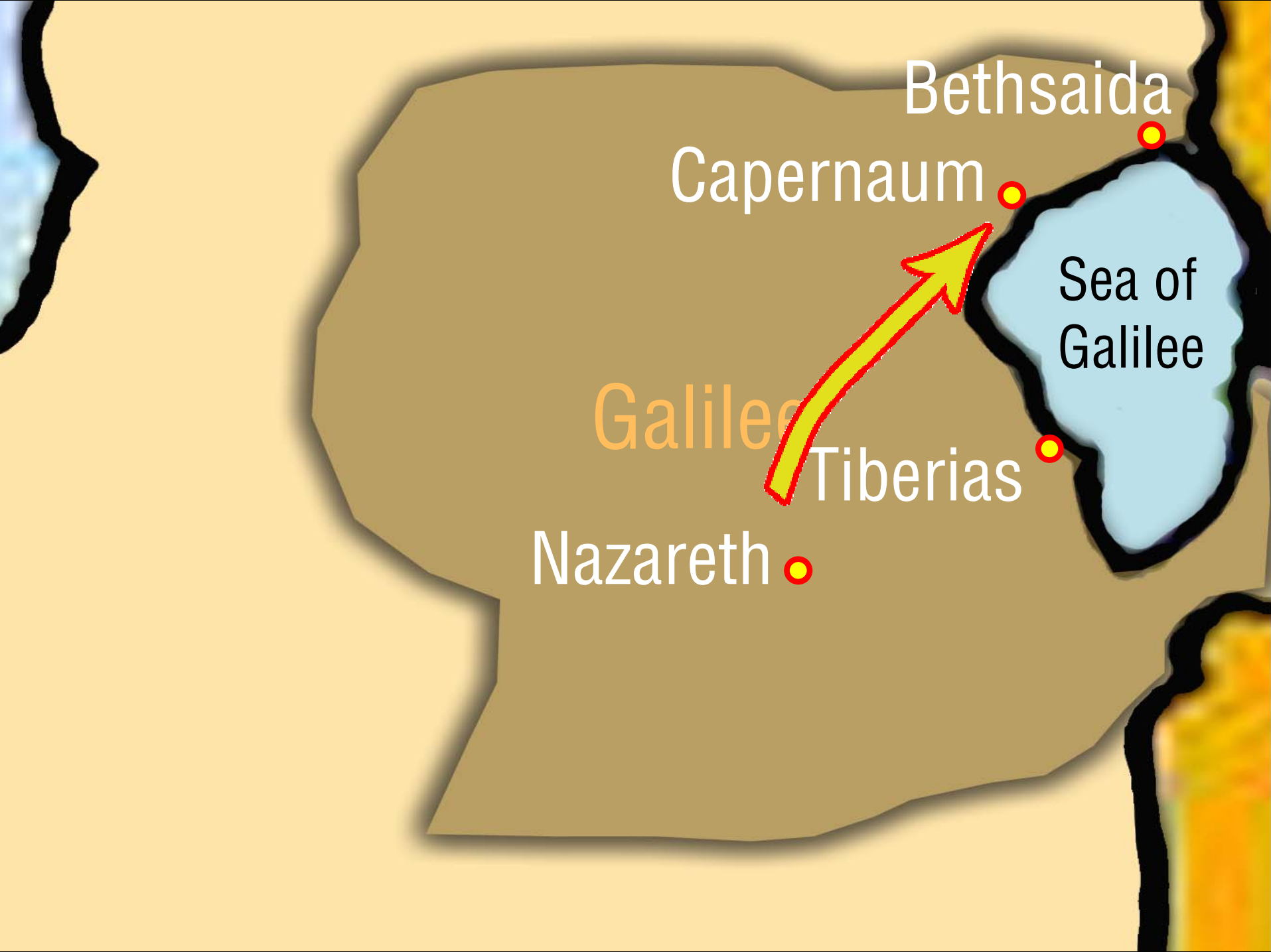


The gospel according to  
**MATTHEW**

Part 9

# **OUTLINE** [Matthew 4:12-25]

- ① **4:12-17** Jesus begins His ministry in Galilee
- ② **4:18-22** Jesus calls 4 fisherman as Full-Time Disciples
- ③ **4:23-25** Jesus Preaches, Teaches, & Heals



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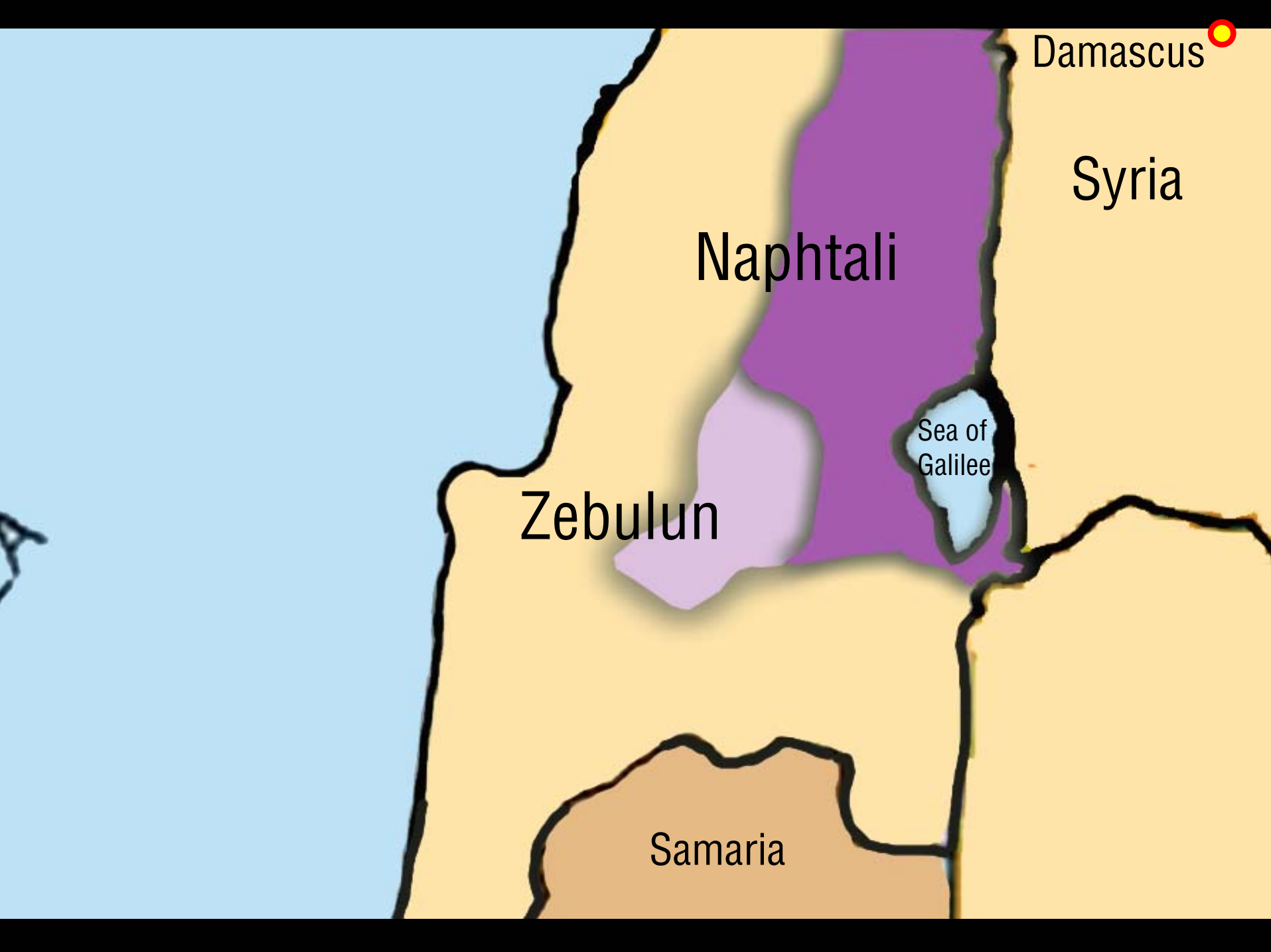
Capernaum

Sea of  
Galilee

Galilee

Tiberias

Nazareth



Damascus

Syria

Naphtali

Sea of  
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Zebulun

Samaria



## **ISAIAH 9 : 1 - 7**

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

## **ISAIAH 9 : 1 - 7**

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of His burden,  
and the staff for His shoulder,  
the rod of His oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## **ISAIAH 9 : 1 - 7**

<sup>5</sup>For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult

and every garment rolled in blood  
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a Child is born,

to us a Son is given;

and the government shall be upon

His shoulder, and His name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## **ISAIAH 9 : 1 - 7**

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of His government  
and of peace there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over His  
kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

## **APPLICATION 1** [Matthew 4:12-17]

It is just like the God learned of in the pages of Holy Scripture to go for the people that everyone else forgets...

...or pokes fun at...

...or puts down...

even those who are the butt end of jokes!

## **APPLICATION 1** [Matthew 4:12-17]

Where does Jesus choose to begin His ministry?

- A** Among the Masses  
—the most populated area He could find
- B** Among the Losers  
—with those that the other tribes & peoples of Israel had written off

## **APPLICATION 1** [Matthew 4:12-17]

Where does Jesus choose to begin His ministry?

**C** Near the Gentiles

—[HINT] the Galilee of the Gentiles

## **APPLICATION 2** [Matthew 4:17]

### The Importance of Preaching

4:17 ...Jesus began to preach...

4:18 ...Jesus called Peter & Andrew...

4:23 ...throughout Galilee...

① **Teaching** in their synagogues

② **Proclaiming** the gospel of  
the kingdom

## **APPLICATION 3**

Why Did Our Lord Call so Many  
Fisherman to be His Disciples?

## **APPLICATION 4** [Matthew 4:19 & 4:22]

In this passage, Jesus Christ Himself gives us two of the most crucial & essential words that explain what Christianity is all about.

**FOLLOW ME!**

## **COLOSSIANS 2 : 6 - 10**

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in Him the whole fullness of



## **COLOSSIANS 2 : 6 - 10**

deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

## **PHILIPPIANS 1 : 19 - 27**

Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. <sup>20</sup>I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to

## **PHILIPPIANS 1 : 19 - 27**

go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! <sup>23</sup>I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; <sup>24</sup>but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that through my being with you again your

## **PHILIPPIANS 1 : 19 - 27**

joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me. <sup>27</sup>Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel

“If you make doctrine the main thing, you are very likely to grow narrow-minded. If you make your own experience the main thing, you will become gloomy and critical of others. If you make ordinances the main thing, you will be apt to grow merely formal. But you can never make too much of the living Christ Jesus. Remember that all things else are for His sake.

Doctrines and ordinances are the planets,  
but Christ is the sun. Get to love Him best  
of all.”

*—Charles Haddon Spurgeon*