

The Land of Israel





Mount of the Beatitudes (Mt 5: 1ff)

A small hill, near a lake is called the Mount of the Beatitudes... because it is there possibly that Jesus preached, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."



Mountains of Lebanon

To the north are the Mountains of Lebanon,



Mount Carmel

And to the west is Mount Carmel.



Mountain Ranges of Israel

Judea, Samaria, and Galilee all run along the length of a chain of mountains, so does Perea.



Mount of Olives (Acts of Apostles 1:9-12)

Among the mountains of Judea, the Mount of Olives is found to the east of Jerusalem; from her summit Jesus rose and ascended to the glory of his father.



Sea of Galilee (Lake Tiberias)
Mark 35:41... Matthew 14 22-33

The Sea of Galilee (Lake Tiberias) is 21 km long and 12 km wide. There is a great abundance of fish. Jesus travelled it many times by boat and along its banks he often preached and accomplished many miracles. One time he miraculously calmed a storm. Another time, also during a storm, to save his disciples who were in the boat, he walked toward them on the water.



Mediterranean Sea... Dead Sea

Along the coast of the Mediterranean Sea the country is level. To the east of the mountains there is a long area that is the lowest point of the earth., the Dead Sea. It reaches 392 metres below sea level. It does not rain there and the area is a desert with few oases.



Mt Gerizim

Among the mountains of Samaria, the best known is Mt Gerizim.



Mt Tabor (Matthew 17:2-9)

In Galilee the mountains are lower and become hills. On Mt Tabor, Jesus showed what the splendour of his resurrection would be like to Peter, James and John.



Desert of Judea (Matthew 4:1-11)

In the Desert of Judea, Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights before beginning his ministry.



River Jordan (Matthew 3:13-17)

In the land of Israel there is one important river; the River Jordan

Its name is tied to the baptism of Jesus, performed by John the Baptist.



Arimathea (Matthew 27: 57-61)

Arimathea is the city of Joseph, a disciple of Jesus who carried his body to the sepulchre.



Bethany (John 11:1, 7-44))

Bethany near Jerusalem, is the city where Lazarus lived with his sisters. Jesus visited there often and when Lazarus died, Jesus brought him back to life.



Samaria (John 4:1-42)

It is said that Samaria or perhaps Sychar, is the city in which Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman and she recognised him as the Messiah.



Bethphage (Matthew 21:1-7)

Bethphage is the city which Jesus left, mounted on a donkey, to enter Jerusalem before his death and resurrection.



Cana (John 2:1-11)

Cana is the city where Jesus was invited to a wedding and where he changed the water into wine.



Capernaum (Mark 2:1-12)

Capernaum is the city where Peter lived on the shore of the lake. Jesus himself went there often and when he arrived there, the people crowded themselves into the streets.



Bethsaida (Mark 8:22-26)

Bethsaida is the city where Jesus cured a blind man.



Caesarea Philippi (Matthew 16:13-20)

Caesarea Philippi is the city where Peter recognised Jesus as the Son of the living God and where Jesus said to Peter: "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church."



Emmaus (Luke 24: 13-35)

Emmaus is the city where Jesus, the very day of his resurrection, accompanied two disciples; they recognised him when Jesus broke the bread at their table.



Luke 18:35-43

Jericho is the city in which Jesus cured a man who was blind, saying, "Your faith has saved you."



Nazareth (Luke 1:26-38)

Nazareth is the city where the Virgin Mary lived and there the angel told her she would become the Mother of God.



Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-18)

Bethlehem is the city where the Saviour was born, who is Christ the Lord.



Jerusalem

Mark 11:1-11 - Triumphal entry Mark 14:12-16 - Last Supper Mark 15:33-41 - Crucifixion Mark 16: 1-8 - Resurrection

Jerusalem is the most important city in the land of Israel. Jesus preached there often at the temple; there he celebrated the Last Supper; there he died and was risen, and there he ascended into heaven.

