

The Land of Israel

	<p>A small hill, near a lake. It is there, possibly, that Jesus preached, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."</p>
	<p>To the north are</p>
	<p>And to the west is</p>

	<p>Judea, Samaria, and <i>Galilee</i> all run along the length of a chain of mountains, so does Perea.</p>
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	<p>This mount is found to the east of Jerusalem; from her summit Jesus rose and ascended to the glory of his Father.</p>
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	<p>This sea 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.</p>
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	<p>Along the coast of this sea the country is level. To the east of the mountains there is a long area that is the lowest point of the earth. It reaches 392 metres below sea level. It does not rain there and the area is a desert with few oases.</p>
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	<p>Among the mountains of Samaria, this one is the best known.</p>
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	<p>In Galilee the mountains are lower and become hills. On this mountain, Jesus showed what the splendour of his resurrection would be like to Peter, James and John.</p>
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	<p>Here, Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights before beginning his ministry.</p>
	<p>In the land of Israel there is one important river</p> <p>Its name is tied to the baptism of Jesus, performed by John the Baptist.</p>
	<p><u>This is the city of the disciple of Jesus</u> who carried his body to the sepulchre.</p>

	<p><u>This city</u> near Jerusalem, is where Lazarus lived with his sisters. Jesus visited there often and when Lazarus died, Jesus brought him back to life.</p>
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	<p>It is said that is the city in which Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman and she recognised him as the Messiah.</p>
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	<p>This is the city which Jesus left, mounted on a donkey, to enter Jerusalem before his death and resurrection.</p>
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	<p>This is the city where Jesus was invited to a wedding and where he changed the water into wine.</p>
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	<p>This 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.</p>
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	<p><u>This</u> is the city where Jesus cured a blind man.</p>
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	<p>This 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."</p>
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	<p>This 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.</p>
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	<p>This is the city in which Jesus cured a man who was blind, saying, "Your faith has saved you."</p>
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	<p>This is the city where the Virgin Mary live and there the angel told her she would become the Mother of God.</p>
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	<p>This is the city where the Saviour was born, who is Christ the Lord.</p>
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<p>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.</p>	
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