

## John 20:

<sup>30</sup> And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

<sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ (Messiah), the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name.

## John 3:

<sup>22</sup> After these things ...

- The Passover feast is over and Jesus is done talking to Nicodemus

<sup>22</sup> After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup> Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized. <sup>24</sup> For John had not yet been thrown into prison.

- Did Jesus baptize men with the baptism of repentance?

## John 4:

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- I want to point out that some of John's disciples are now following Jesus and apparently are continuing John's ministry of baptism for repentance for a short period of time

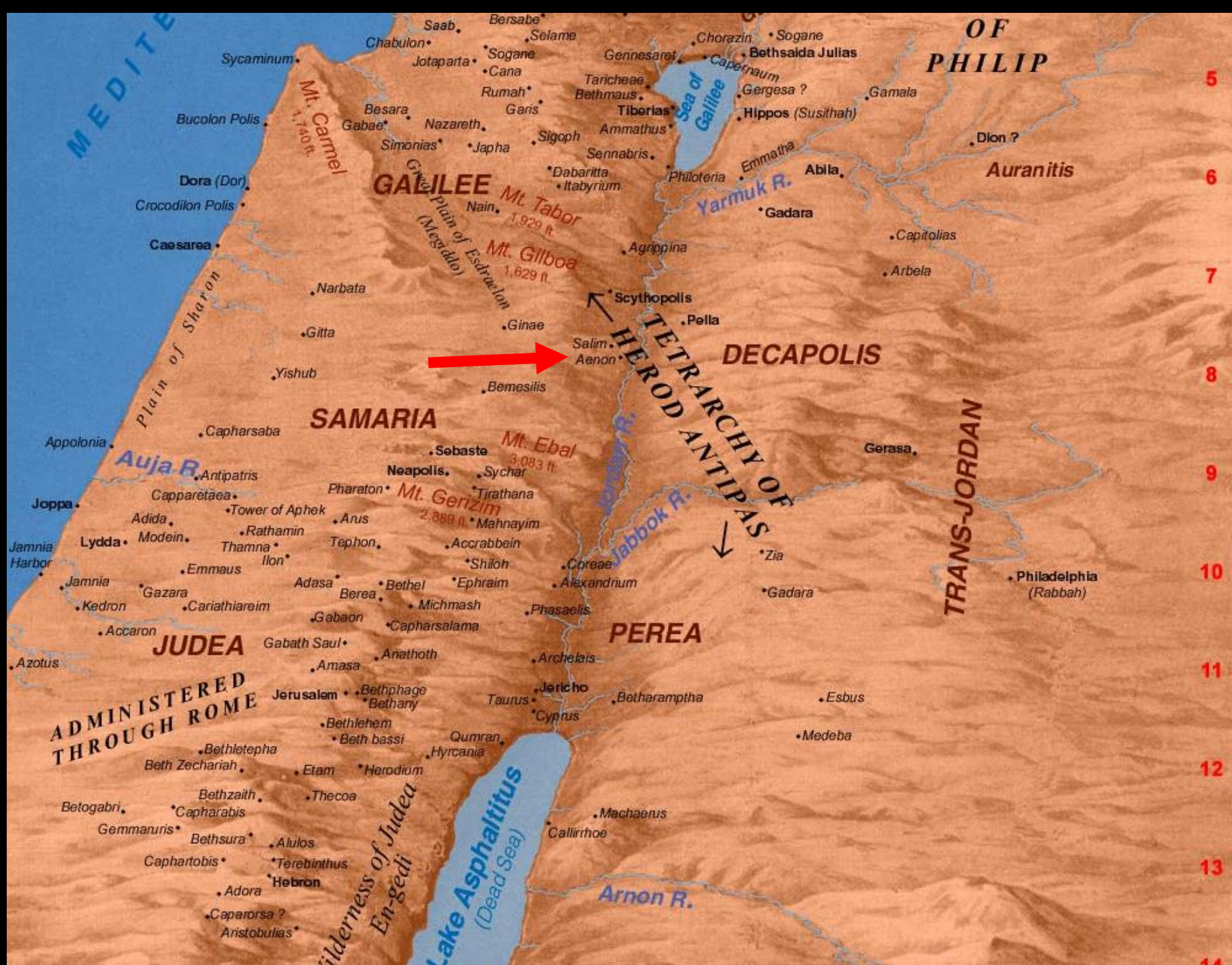
## John 1:

<sup>35</sup> Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. <sup>36</sup> And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God!”

<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” They said to Him, “Rabbi” (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), “where are You staying?” <sup>39</sup> He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). <sup>42</sup> And he brought him to Jesus.





- Why was John baptizing in Aenon near Salim?
- Very practical reason which seems to indicate full immersion
- God's will in our lives is often very reasonable
- Can you think of a time where God directed you in a very reasonable way?
- What were the qualifications of Jesus's disciples to perform baptisms like John the Baptist did
  - Fishermen
  - Tax collector
  - No Pharisee or Sadducee training
  - Software engineer, nurse, homemaker, Costco employee, retired
  - Ordinary people

## John 3:

<sup>25</sup> Then there arose a dispute between some of John's disciples and the Jews about purification. <sup>26</sup> And they came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!"

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- So it appears to be the Pharisees stirring up trouble

## John 3:

<sup>27</sup> John answered and said, "A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven." <sup>28</sup> You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.'

## 1 Corinthians 4:

<sup>6</sup> Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other. <sup>7</sup> For who makes you differ *from another?* And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?



## John 3:

<sup>29</sup> He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I *must* decrease.

- Who is the bridegroom? Who is the bride?
- John was a true servant. He accepted that it was not all about himself

- What we have here is a transition between the old and new testaments of God
- John is the last of the prophets and the end of the old economy

### Hebrews 1:

<sup>1</sup> God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

- We can not be sure which John is talking in verses 31 - 36

## John 3:

<sup>31</sup> He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

## Philippians 2:

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

## John 3:

<sup>32</sup> And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. <sup>33</sup> He who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. <sup>34</sup> For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. <sup>35</sup> The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. <sup>36</sup> He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

- Man is dead in his trespasses and sin like a man in prison on death row. God is offering man a full pardon

- What are the 3 musts from chapter 3?

- <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- <sup>30</sup> He must increase, but I *must* decrease.





