

The Gospel According to John

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1. Last week when the clock tolled 7:45 I was teaching Joh 4:43-45.
2. Before returning to that study, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Jesus leaves Samaria and makes His way into Galilee.

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Joh 4:43 Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.

Joh 4:44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country.

Joh 4:45 Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

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Joh 4:43 After the two days he left for Galilee.

Joh 4:44 (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.)

Joh 4:45 When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, for they also had been there.



A Point or Two About the Galileans

1. It has been written of the Galileans: “They were thoroughly a Jewish people. With few exceptions they were wealthy and in general an influential class. If one should say the Jews were bigoted in religion, he should remember at the same time that in regard to social, commercial and political relations none were more cosmopolitan in either sentiment or practice than they. The Galileans had many manufacturers, fisheries, some commerce, but were chiefly an agricultural people. They were eager for patriotism and courage, as were their ancestors, with great respect for law and order.”

2. The Bible mentions Galilee quite often:

Joh 2:11 - This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of **Galilee**, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

1Ki 9:11 - ([Now] Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of **Galilee**.

Joh 7:41 - Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of **Galilee**?

2Ki 15:29 - In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglathpileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abelbethmaachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and **Galilee**, all the land of Naphtali, and carried them captive to Assyria.

Luk 3:1 - Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being tetrarch of **Galilee**, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,

Footnote: The Herod mentioned above refers to Herod the Great who was appointed tetrarch by none other than Julius Caesar. See the Doctrine of Herod found in Pastor Merritt's study books.

Luk 2:4 - And Joseph also went up from **Galilee**, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

Acts 1:11 - Which also said, Ye men of **Galilee**, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

1Ch 6:76 – And out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in **Galilee** with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs.

Footnote: The above verses describe in part a description of land bequeathed to the various tribes.

Jos 21:32 - And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in **Galilee** with her suburbs, [to be] a city of refuge for the slayer; and Hammothdor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three cities.

Footnote: A description, at least in part of certain refuge cities.

Isa 9:1 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he (*Jesus*) will honor **Galilee** of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan -- of death a light has dawned.

Footnote: Read in conjunction with Isa 9:22: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Mat 4:23 - And Jesus went about all **Galilee**, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mat 4:15 The land of Zebulun, and the land of Nephthali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, **Galilee** of the Gentiles;

Footnote: Jesus, to fulfill the words of Isaiah traveled in these cities.

Mat 2:22 - But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of **Galilee**:

Luk 5:17 - And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching *at Capernaum*, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of **Galilee**, and Judaea, and Jerusalem:

Acts 9:31 – Then (*after Barnabas spoke up for Paul*) the churches had rest throughout all Judaea and **Galilee** and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Mat 4:18 - And Jesus, walking by the sea of **Galilee**, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

Acts 5:37 - After this man rose up Judas of **Galilee** in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, [even] as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.

Footnote: Don't worry gents, if he isn't the Messiah, he will vanish with the wind like many before him.

Mat 19:1 - And it came to pass, [that] when Jesus had finished these sayings, he departed from **Galilee**, and came into the coasts of Judaea beyond Jordan;

Footnote: Many of the scribes followed Him where they tested Him concerning the subject of Moses's teachings about divorce.

Joh 7:1 - After these things Jesus walked in **Galilee**: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

Footnote: Judah was full of legalistic Jews who hated Jesus.

Mat 4:25 - And there followed him great multitudes of people from **Galilee**, and [from] Decapolis, and [from] Jerusalem, and [from] Judaea, and [from] beyond Jordan.

Footnote: This was early in His ministry when he was quite famous.

Mar 1:9 - And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of **Galilee**, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

Luk 4:14 - And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into **Galilee**: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Footnote: This was during His first tour of Galilee when He was quite famous.

2. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 4:46-54 where Jesus heals the nobleman's son.

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Joh 4:46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

Joh 4:47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.

Joh 4:48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

Joh 4:49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.

Joh 4:50 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.

Joh 4:51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.

Joh 4:52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.

Joh 4:53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.

Joh 4:54 This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

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Joh 4:46 Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum.

Joh 4:47 When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

Joh 4:48 "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

Joh 4:49 The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

Joh 4:50 Jesus replied, "You may go. Your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed.

Joh 4:51 While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.

Joh 4:52 When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "The fever left him yesterday at the seventh hour."

Joh 4:53 Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and all his household believed.

Joh 4:54 This was the second miraculous sign that Jesus performed, having come from Judea to Galilee.

1. The royal official lived in Capernaum and he had word that Jesus had arrived in Cana.

2. It would seem he left Capernaum and went to Cana to seek help from Jesus.

2.1 Let's take a look at a map of Galilee to see the geographical relationship between these two cities.

2.2 Keep in mind Capernaum was Jesus's home. The ruler clearly knew where he lived so he went there first but found the Lord had gone left for Cana.



Comment:

1. Background

Joh 4:39 Many of the Samaritans believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."

Joh 4:40 So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.

Joh 4:41 And because of his words many more became believers.

Joh 4:42 They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

Joh 4:43 After the two days he left Samaria for Galilee.

2. The Healing of the Nobleman's Son.

2.1 This healing of the Nobleman's Son is the only item of ministry reported by John in connection with this visit of Jesus to Cana in Galilee.

2.2 The son, lying sick at Capernaum, was healed by Jesus' word when He was at Cana several miles away.

2.3 The meaning of Jesus' statement "a prophet has no honor in his own country," has been much discussed. It is Possible, Galilee as a whole is meant. A lack of honor was to be expected there in not only Nazareth but even in all of Galilee. This is to be contrasted to the growing popularity accorded him in Judea.

Joh 4:1 The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John,

2.4 The fact that Galileans who had been at Jerusalem and had seen his miracles does not put them in the class of true and permanent believers just because they welcomed Him. (compare Joh 2:23-25; 4:48).

Joh 2:23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name.

Joh 2:24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men.

Joh 2:25 He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.

Joh 4:48 "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe."

2.5 Eventually the Galileans would desert him.

Joh 6:66 From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

Joh 6:67 "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

2.6 While at Cana, Jesus had a visit from a certain nobleman (**Basilikos**), indicating a royal figure or one in royal service). The father's hope of getting healing from Jesus for his son seems to have been based in contrast with the Galileans who had seen our Lord's miracles at Jerusalem.

2.7 Having journeyed from Capernaum to Cana, the father made repeated and urgent requests (**Erota**) that Jesus would come down and heal the boy. Jesus expressed fear that the father, like so many others, was so preoccupied with the report of wonders performed that he would not believe.

2.8 More important than the boy's health was the father's faith. The father's reply breathes the desperation of need (cf. Mar 9:22-24).

Mar 9:22 "It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us."

Mar 9:23 "'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

Mar 9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

2.9 Jesus proved himself worthy of faith and also sympathetic to the suppliant's feelings - Go thy way; thy son liveth.

2.10 His faith developing fast, the man, from all indications believed the word of Christ apart from any visible sign, and thus he went his way satisfied.

3. Now let's see what we can learn from Joh 5:1-17 where Jesus heals the man from Bethesda.

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Joh 5:1 After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Joh 5:2 Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

Joh 5:3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

Joh 5:4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

Joh 5:5 And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.

Joh 5:6 When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?

Joh 5:7 The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.

Joh 5:8 Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.

Joh 5:9 And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.

Joh 5:10 The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.

Joh 5:11 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.

Joh 5:12 Then asked they him, What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?

Joh 5:13 And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place.

Joh 5:14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.

Joh 5:15 The man departed, and told the Jews that it was Jesus, which had made him whole.

Joh 5:16 And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day.

Joh 5:17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.

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