

Gospel of Mark 10-22-23

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- 1a Who Calls You?
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- 8 What's Worth Your SOUL?
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- 10 Can You SEE Now?
- 11 Clears
- 12-13 Returning
- 14 Willing
- 15 Sacrificed
- 16 ALIVE



The Blind of Jericho, 1650

by Nicolas Poussin (1594-1665)

Louvre, Paris

10:51 Blind Bartimaeus said

Rabbi, I want to SEE!



for whoever touches
you touches the
apple of his eye

Zachariah 2:8

St. Mark, 1804, by Vladimir Borovikovsky
Kazan Cathedral, Saint Petersburg



Can You SEE Now?

END of the Road to Jericho

Mark 10 ENDS w Blind Bartimaeus *HEALED*

But Bartimaeus had *HEARD* of Jesus
lonnnng before Jesus came to Jericho

Perhaps as early as Mark chapter 1

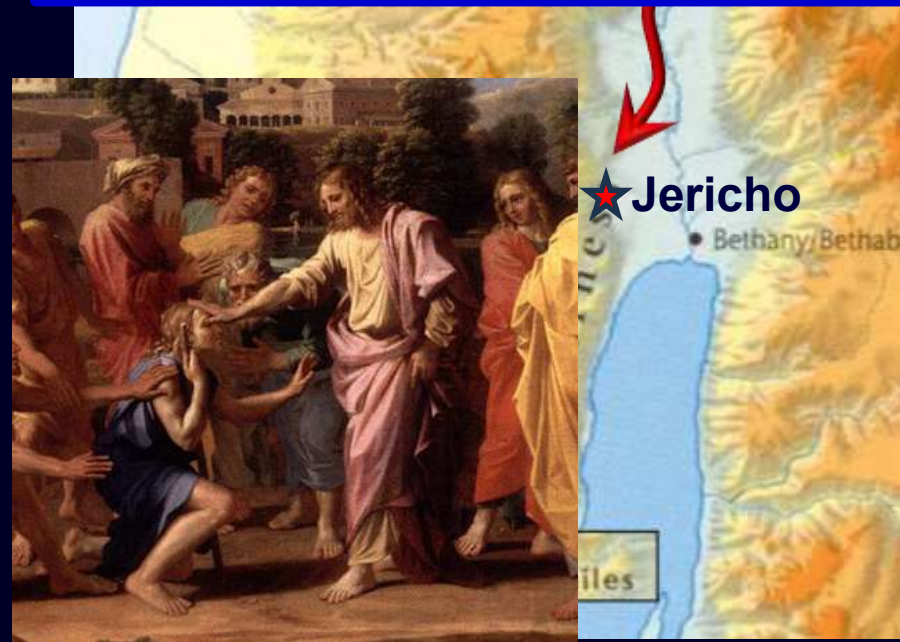
When Bartimaeus first *HEARD* about
Catch of Fish & Demonic Healed

HOW do you describe SIGHT / SEEING to
a Blind Man?

HOW does a Blind Man know the *VALUE* of
SEEing

HEARING how other people WALK

- ❖ SEEing—Walk Wherever
- ❖ *BLIND*—What is SKY?
- ❖ SEEing—a Happy FACE
- ❖ *BLIND*—What is TALL?
- ❖ SEEing—Blue, Green
- ❖ *BLIND*—What is COLOR?
- ❖ SEEing—Can RUN
- ❖ *BLIND*—What is WRITING



Alternate Title:

Long Road to Jericho



Mark 10 ... Jesus leaves Capernaum
Next Stop—Jericho 90-plus miles south
Enroute to Jerusalem for Passover
Enroute to a **Triumphal Entry**

Enroute to a **BLOODY FLOGGING**

Enroute to a **BRUTAL CRUCIFIXION**

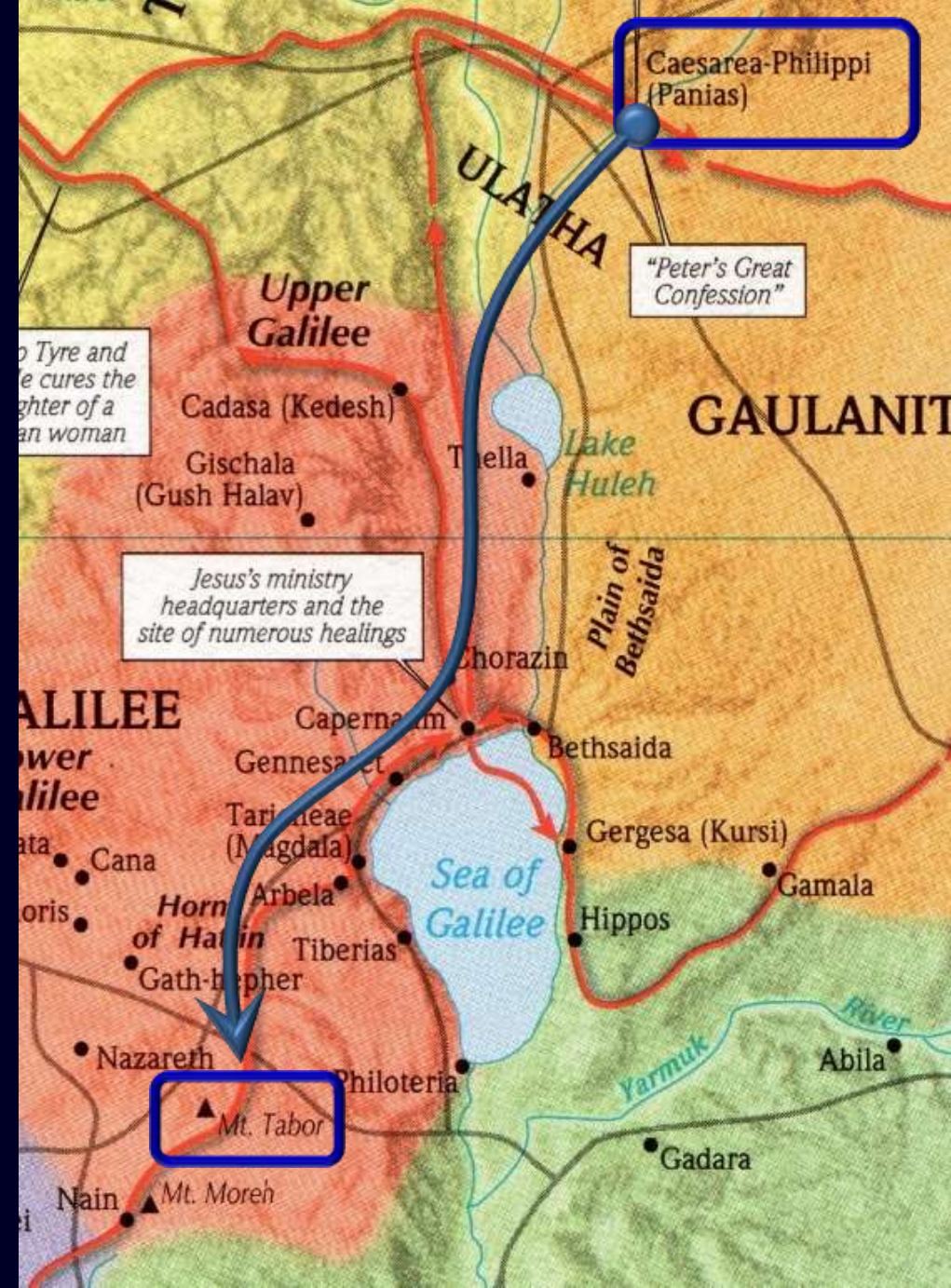


Mark 8 closed w Jesus foretelling
His Death 1st Time
@ Ceasarea Philippi ...

Mark 8:37 “What can anyone
exchange for their **SOUL**?”

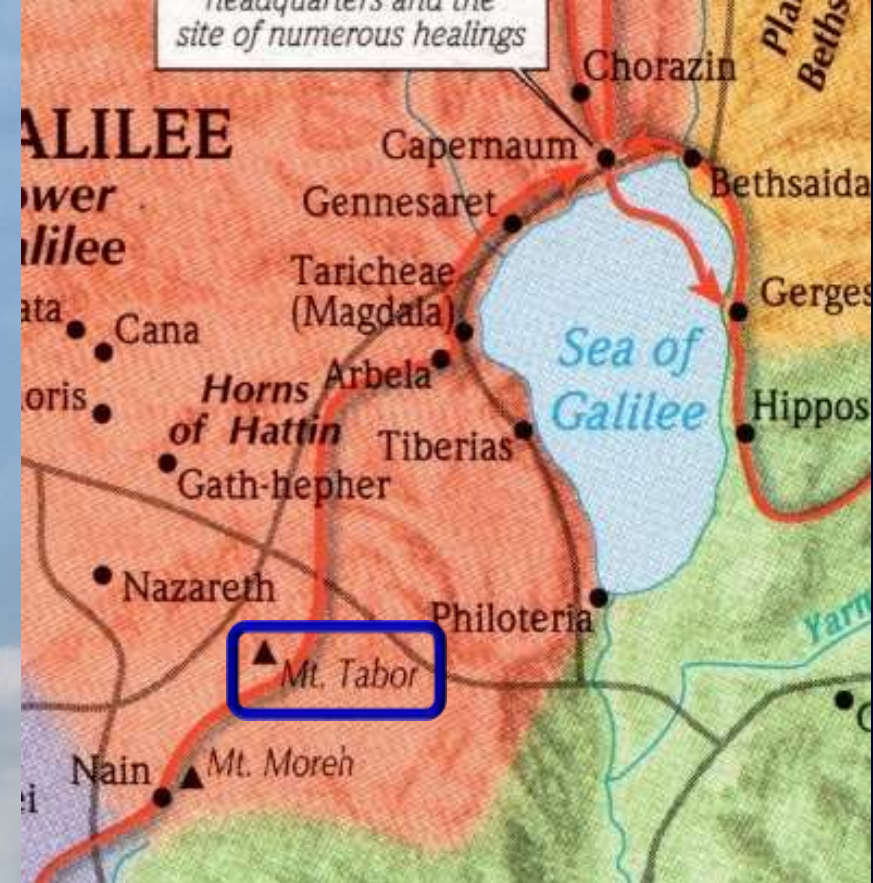
Mark 8:27-29 “Who do people say I am” ...
Peter, “You are the Messiah.”

Mk 9:1-8 **Transfiguration** –
up upon Mount Tabor
down the mountain ...
9:9-13 **Coming** of Elijah
9:14-29 Jesus **Heals** a Boy
with an Unclean Spirit



Mount Tabor, Israel

- ✓ 11 miles from Sea of Galilee
- ✓ 1,886 feet above sea level

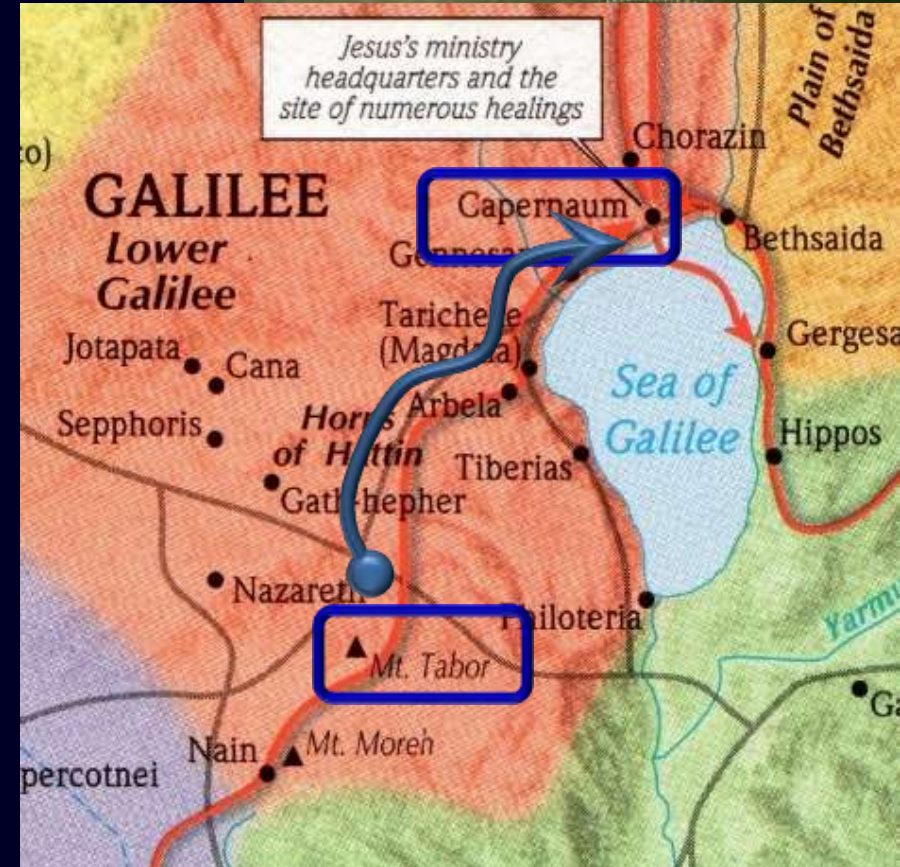


9:30-32 They left Mt Tabor ...
passed thru Galilee.

9:33 Capernaum ... who is greatest ...
WILL BE SERVANT OF ALL

9:42-50 Jesus warns about **HELL** ...
If your hand offends, CUT IT OFF
One-handed,
One-footed,
One-eyed Christians

IF **taken**
LITERALLY



Mark 8:31-38 Jesus foretells Death

1st Time – Caesarea Phillipi

Mark 9:30-32 Jesus foretells Death

2nd Time – Mt Tabor & Capernaum

Mark 10:32-34 Jesus foretells Death

3rd Time – on way to Jerusalem

BEFORE they arrive at Jericho

Mark 10's Seven Episodes

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Oh, the Road to Jericho—just **SIX** episodes before Bartimaeus

Road to Jericho ... **WEEK OR TWO OF CAMPFIRES** ...

Jesus is so very famous ... healing many everywhere

I suspect few wealthy couples **INVITED** Jesus & disciples to stay over

For 3 years ... source of income? ... for healings—**PEOPLE SHARE**

For 90-plus miles, **MANY** more teachings than the **6 episodes** in chap 10



By Mark 10's 3 yrs & 100s miles

Jesus & Disciples have gone

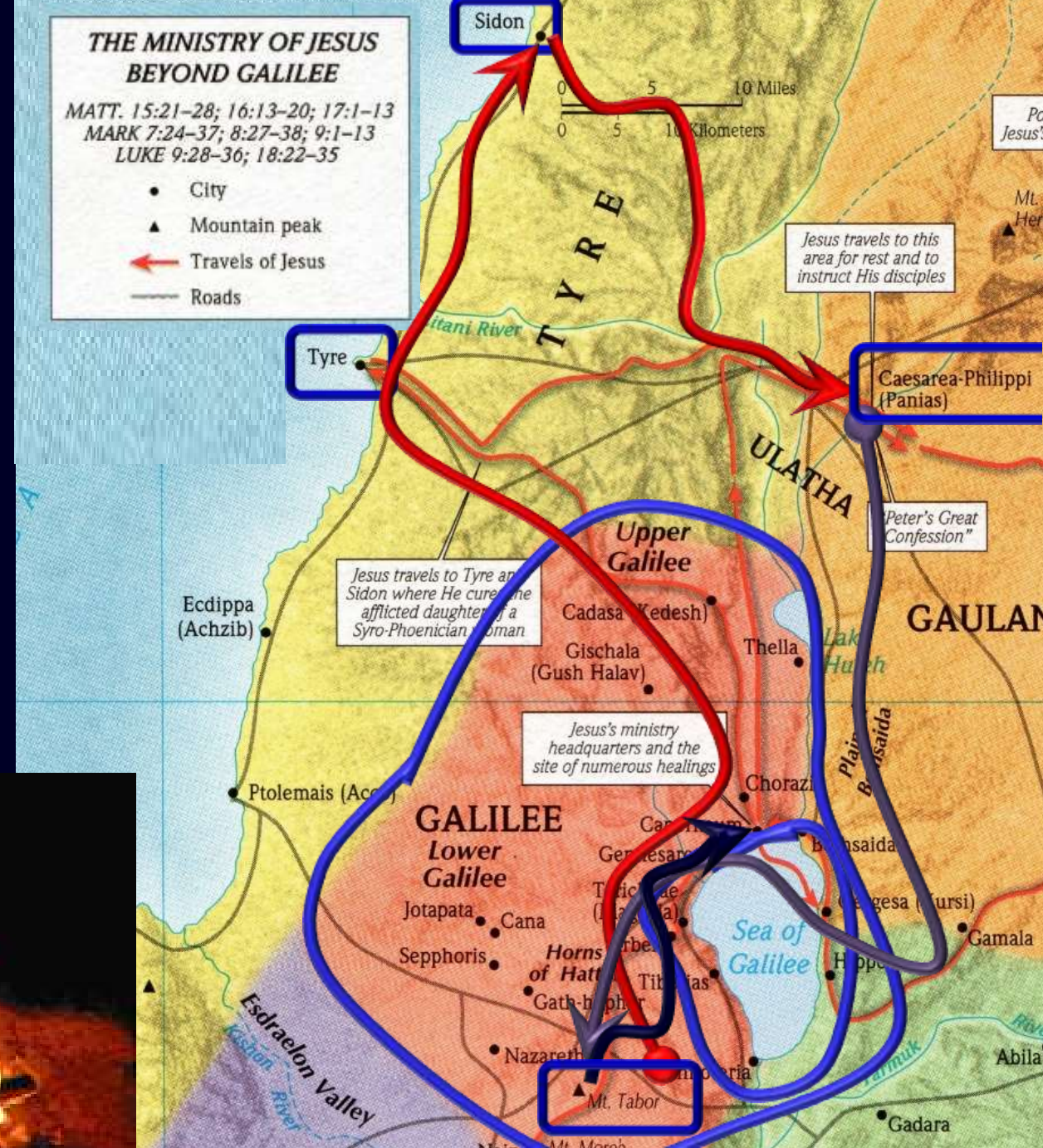
- ✓ ALL over Sea of Galilee & Galilee
- ✓ Up to Tyre & Sidon
- ✓ Thru Caesarea Philippi
- ✓ Back down to Galilee to Mt Tabor
- ✓ Off the mountain to Capernaum

By Mark 10 ... Jesus & Disciples
Leave Capernaum for Jericho
90-miles south, 1-2 weeks travel
then West to Jerusalem

Got to get there before Passover

How many MORE

- ✓ Nights with Jesus
- ✓ Casting out Demons
- ✓ Healing Blind & Sick



Song that comes to mind ...



Written by Australian country singer Geoff Mack in 1959

popularized by Lucky Starr *then* w adjusted lyrics by Hank Snow in 1962

You likely know BEST the Johnny Cash version

I've been everywhere, man

Crossed the deserts bare, man

I've breathed the mountain air, man

I've been to Reno, Chicago, Fargo, Minnesota

Buffalo, Toronto, Winslow, Sarasota

Wichita, Tulsa, Ottawa, Oklahoma

Tampa, Panama, Mattawa, La Paloma

Bangor, Baltimore, Salvador, Amarillo

Tocapillo, Baranquilla, and Perdilla, I'm a killer

I've been everywhere, man

Jesus travelled ALL over Galilee

we only know a FEW

mentioned in Bible





**Around Sea of Galilee ...
over 50 small towns**

Many more campfires

**Most Bible maps only show
BIBLICAL Cities—not ALL**

**Jesus & Disciples are on the
Road to Jericho *then* Jerusalem**



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Mark 9 ... after Mt. Tabor ... after Capernaum

10:1 Jesus left ... into Judea across the Jordan

On way to Jerusalem via Jericho ... big lag in time

Which part of the Jordan?

90-plus miles of travel to Jericho ...

then 20 miles to Jerusalem

Again, crowds came ... he taught them.

**2 Some Pharisees tested him by asking,
“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?”**

3 “What did Moses command you?” he replied.

WHERE? – no one knows



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10:4 They said, “Moses permitted ... divorce....”

5 “... because your hearts were HARD...” Jesus replied.

6 “... beginning of creation God ‘made them male & female’

7-8 ‘... man leaves his father & mother ... TWO > ONE’

9 what God has joined together, LET NO ONE SEPARATE.”

10 ... in the house again, disciples asked Jesus about this.

11-12 He said, “Anyone who divorces ... commits adultery.”



David's Wives

1. Michal
2. Ahinoam
3. Abigail
4. Maachah
5. Haggith
6. Abital
7. Eglah
8. Bathsheba

We've touched on this before ... THE IDEAL ... Paul addresses in 1 Cor 7

Remember, Jesus is of the lineage of David & Bathsheba ... his 8th Wife

If *David's* marriage can become sanctified, *any marriage can be*

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10:13 People were bringing little children to Jesus to place his hands on them ... disciples rebuked

14 When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children COME TO ME, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

15 Truly I tell you, anyone who will NOT receive the Kingdom of God like a LITTLE CHILD will never enter it."

16 And he took the children in his arms ... and BLESSED THEM.

Little Children – Kingdom of God == Simple & Full TRUST

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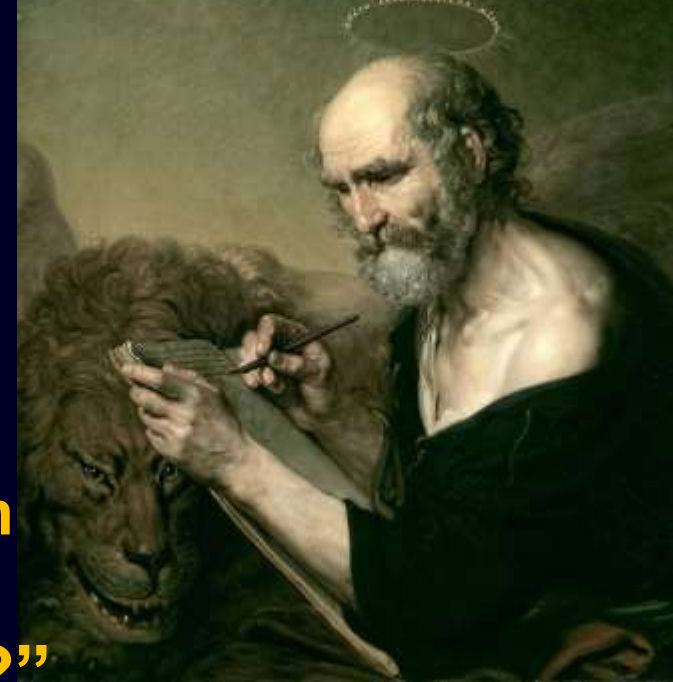
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**10:17 As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him
FELL ON HIS KNEES, asking, “Good teacher,
“what must I do to inherit ETERNAL LIFE?”**

18-19 “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered.

**“No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments:
‘You shall not murder ... not commit adultery ... not steal,
no false testimony, ... not defraud ... honor your father & mother.’”**

20 “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”

As hard as this & next episodes are, remember it is JESUS judging

As audacious as the Rich YOUNG Ruler is ... so were Jesus’ disciples!



The Rich Young Ruler
by James Christensen
(1942-2017)



Christ & Rich Young Ruler, 1889
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10:21 Jesus looked & LOVED HIM.

“One thing you LACK,”

**“Go, sell everything you have &
give to the poor, and**

you will have TREASURE IN HEAVEN

THEN come, follow me.”

22 At this the man’s face FELL

He went away SAD, because he had GREAT WEALTH

Sets the stage for small speech on WEALTH

I’m no authority on wealth ... but money HELPS



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10:23 Jesus looked around & said to his disciples,
“How hard it is for the RICH to
enter the Kingdom of God!”

24 Disciples amazed at his words.... Jesus said:
“Children, how HARD it is to enter the Kingdom of God!

25 Easier for a camel to go thru the EYE OF A NEEDLE than for
someone who is RICH to enter the Kingdom of God.”

Whether “needle” is small GATE or sewing NEEDLE – rather **IRRELEVANT**
Metaphor of difficulty – and a “*difficulty*” in the EYE of the Beholder
For anyone with LESS see those with MORE as RICH ...



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10:26 Disciples were more amazed; said to each other,
“Who then can be saved?”

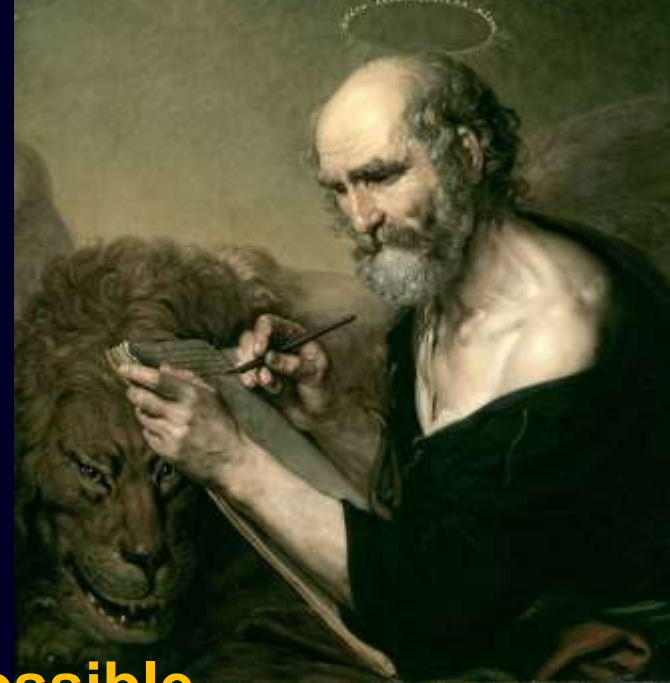
27 Jesus looked at them & said, “With man this is impossible,
but not with God; **ALL THINGS** are possible with God.”

28 Then Peter spoke up, “We have left everything to follow you!”

29-30 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home ... **[all]** &
gospel will **FAIL TO RECEIVE A 100X** in this present age ... **[all]**
—along with persecutions—in the age to come **ETERNAL LIFE**

31 But many who are **FIRST** will be **LAST**, and the **LAST FIRST**.”

Not just WEALTH ... standard Christ set that NO ONE MEETS



ON the Road to Jericho

Blind Bartimaeus is on his pad ... CUP out
EVERYDAY for the last 15 years ... since his
parents PUT there @ 10 yrs old

PULL his own weight ... BEGGING

2 Yrs ago, Victor came thru—Peter's cousin
told how Jesus WALKED on WATER

Josephine came thru—her uncle was the
Gadarene Demoniac ... he's home now

Phillis came thru—Her BLIND Grandma HEALED

George was Banquet Master in Cana—you know

Little Lilly came thru—her whole family was

FED with 5,000 men from a FEW FISH

- ❖ **BLIND**—Heard of Lepers
- ❖ **BLIND**—Heard of Healing from 50 various others
- ❖ **BLIND**—Heard of 12 Disciples ALSO Healing
- ❖ **BLIND**—Heard Jesus would Heal ANYONE for FREE



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10:32 On the way up to Jerusalem, Jesus leads the way,
... disciples astonished ... others afraid....

33 “We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “Son of Man
will be **DELIVERED** to the Chief Priests & Teachers of Law.

They will condemn him to **DEATH** ... and him over to the Gentiles,

34 who will **MOCK** him, **SPIT** on him, **FLOG** him, **KILL** him.

THREE DAYS LATER HE WILL RISE

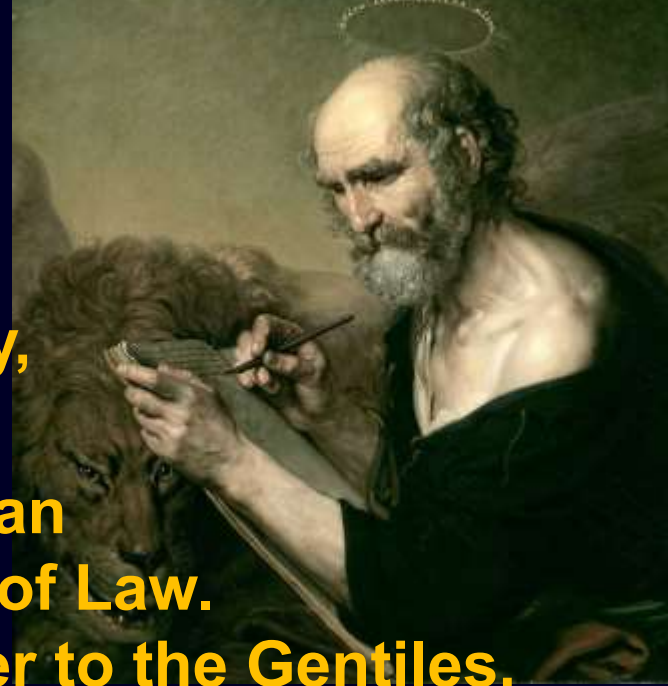
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Mark 10 Jesus foretells **DEATH** 3rd Time – on way to Jericho/Jerusalem

On the Road to Jericho ... **VERY, VERY, VERY, VERY CLEAR**

Jesus **KNOWS** what he faces ... knows **His MURDER** a few weeks



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They are on this long 90-mile journey to Jerusalem ...

**10:35 James & John, the sons of Zebedee, “Teacher,”
“we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”**

Talking about wealth? – yet THESE have NOT heard a SINGLE word

36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

37 They asked, “Let one sit at your right & other at your left in your glory.”

38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said.

“Can you drink the cup I drink....?”

39 “We can,” THEY answered.

FAR from being a Little Child – Delusions of Grandeur

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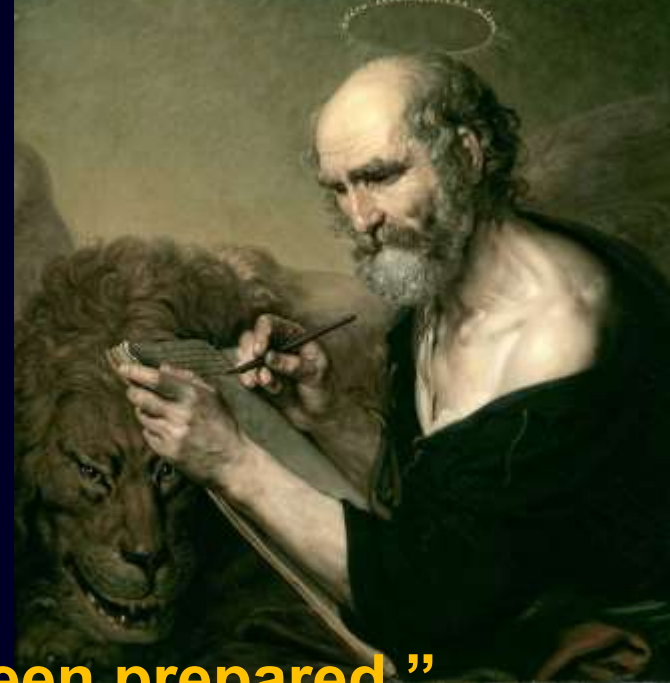
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10:39 Jesus said, “You **WILL** drink the cup I drink....
40 but to sit at my right or left is **NOT** for me to grant.
These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.”

Matthew inserts an important verse that comes **BEFORE** this
When Jesus said those who **GIVE UP ALL** will receive back 100x

Mathew 19:28 Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of **ALL THINGS**
when the Son of Man sits on his **GLORIOUS THRONE**,
you who have followed me will also sit on
TWELVE THRONES, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel

So, James & John **NOT** delusional—just trying to *tweak* the Seating Chart!



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10:41-42 **Ten ... indignant with James & John.**

Jesus points out how Gentiles LORD it over subjects

43-44 **Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become
GREAT among you must be your SERVANT,
whoever wants to be FIRST must be SLAVE of ALL.**

45 **For even the Son of Man did not come to be SERVED,
but to serve, and to GIVE HIS LIFE as a ransom for many."**

Veiled 4th Time Jesus foretells His DEATH ... as a RANSOM

Worth far more than recent \$6,000,000,000 Ransom



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10:46 Then they came to JERICHO

As Jesus & his disciples with a large crowd,
were *leaving* the city

a blind man, Bartimaeus,
which means “son of Timaeus,” was
sitting by the roadside **BEGGING**

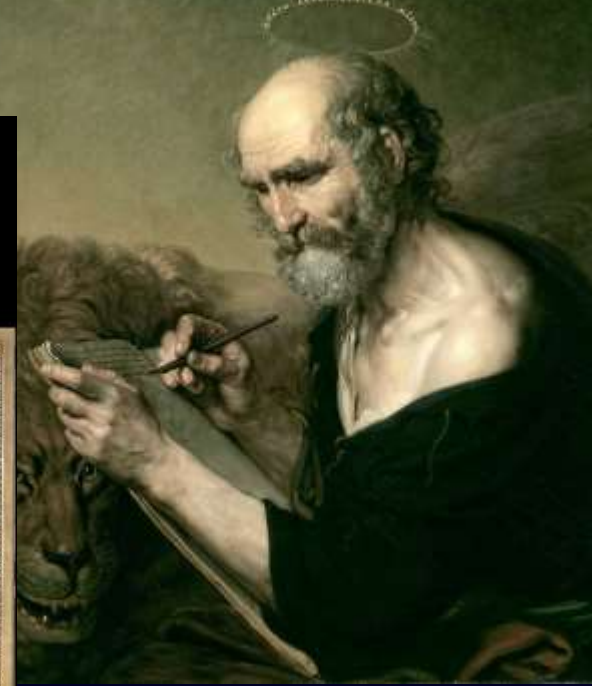
Bartimaeus' Job was **BEGGING**

What **SENSES** are sharpened in Blind People?

HEARING ... you **KNOW** the last 3 **YEARS**

He heard **ALL** about Jesus from travelers





The Blind of Jericho, 1650
Lucas van Leyden (1494–1533)

Commissioned by
Jacob van Montfoort Florisz, a
prominent citizen of Leiden, and
wife, Dirckgen Dirck Boelensdr

Karel van Mander,
16th century
Dutch biographer,
thought this
Leyden's best work.



Palestinian
West Bank

Palestinian
Gaza Strip

★Jericho

20 mi

About 20 miles
to Jerusalem



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10:47 When he heard that it was

Jesus of Nazareth

he began to shout,

Jesus, Son of David,

have MERCY on me!

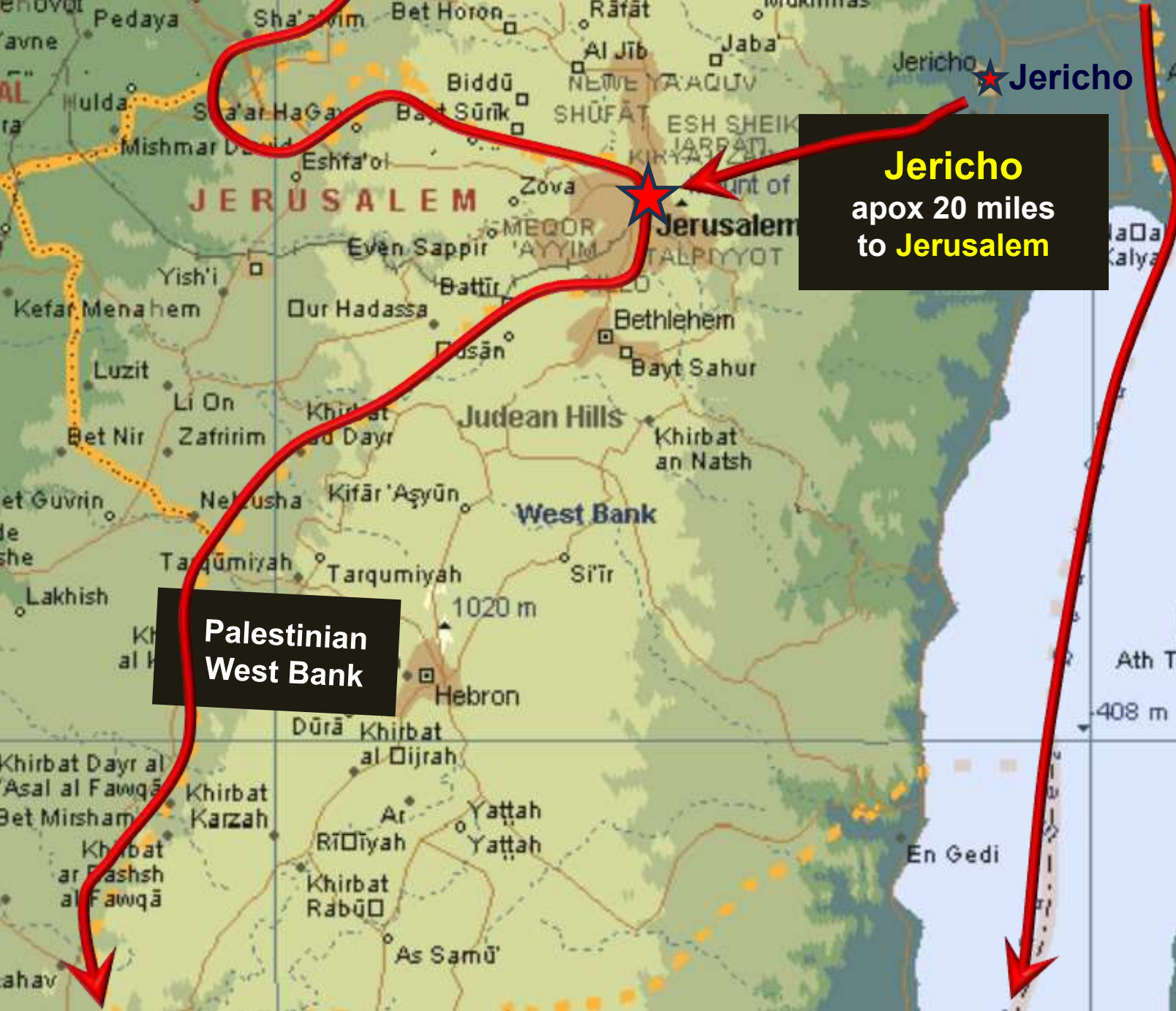
HE BELIEVED ... IF IF IF IF EVER

IF ever there was a CHANCE to be HEALED



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**Jericho—OLDEST City
in the WORLD**

“Jericho” = “Fragment”

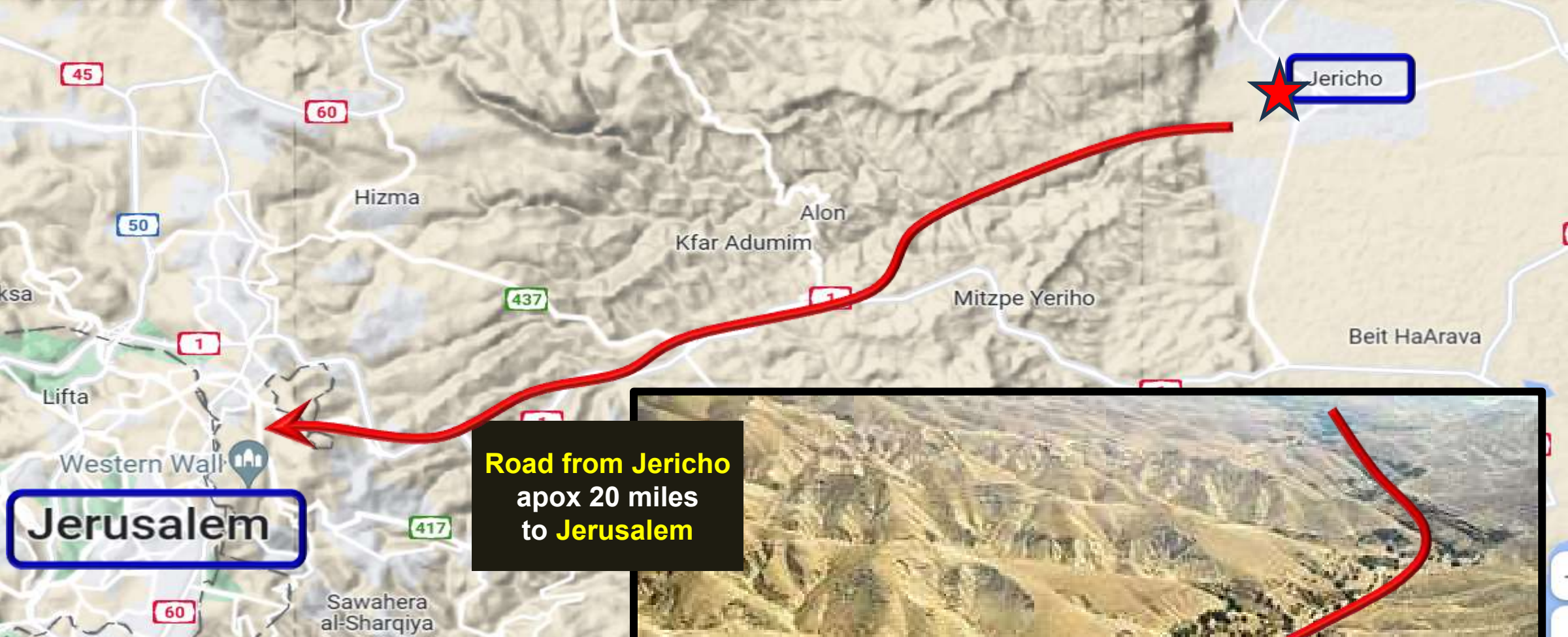
**Likely—Bartimaeus lived
here ALL his life**

**When he said “Jesus of
Nazareth, Son of DAVID”**

Bartimaeus KNEW ...

Listened to EVERY Story

**I suspect Bartimaeus
could have *written* Mark**



Road from Jericho
apox 20 miles
to **Jerusalem**

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10:48 Many rebuked him & told him to be quiet,
but he shouted **ALL THE MORE**

“Son of David, have **MERCY** on me!”

IF IF IF IF ... HIS ... ONLY Chance

IF IF IF IF ... ANY *hint* at TRUTH

Blind Bartimaeus had been **LISTENING** for 3 years **LAST CHANCE**

49 Jesus stopped & said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man,

“Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.”



10:50 Throwing his cloak aside,
he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

51 Jesus asked Bartimaeus,
“What do you want me to do for you?”

Blind Bartimaeus said

- ❖ What he had only **DREAMED** of *ALL HIS LIFE*
- ❖ What he had **HOPED** for since he **FIRST** heard of Jesus
- ❖ What he had **PRAYED** for on hearing **EACH** coming caravan

“**Rabbi, I want to SEE!**”

52 “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.”

IMMEDIATELY he received his sight
and followed Jesus along the road.

That’s our **Dream, Hope, Prayer** too

to **SEE** the **TRUTH** of Life

and follow Jesus on the Road

