

April 16
Matthew 28:1-15

What Do We do Now?

Happy Memorial Day

Israel—Birthplace of the Church
Spreading out to the world

Israel

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What Do We do Now?

Rome

Corinth
*in Greece
or Hellás*

Ephesus

Antioch

Woodville

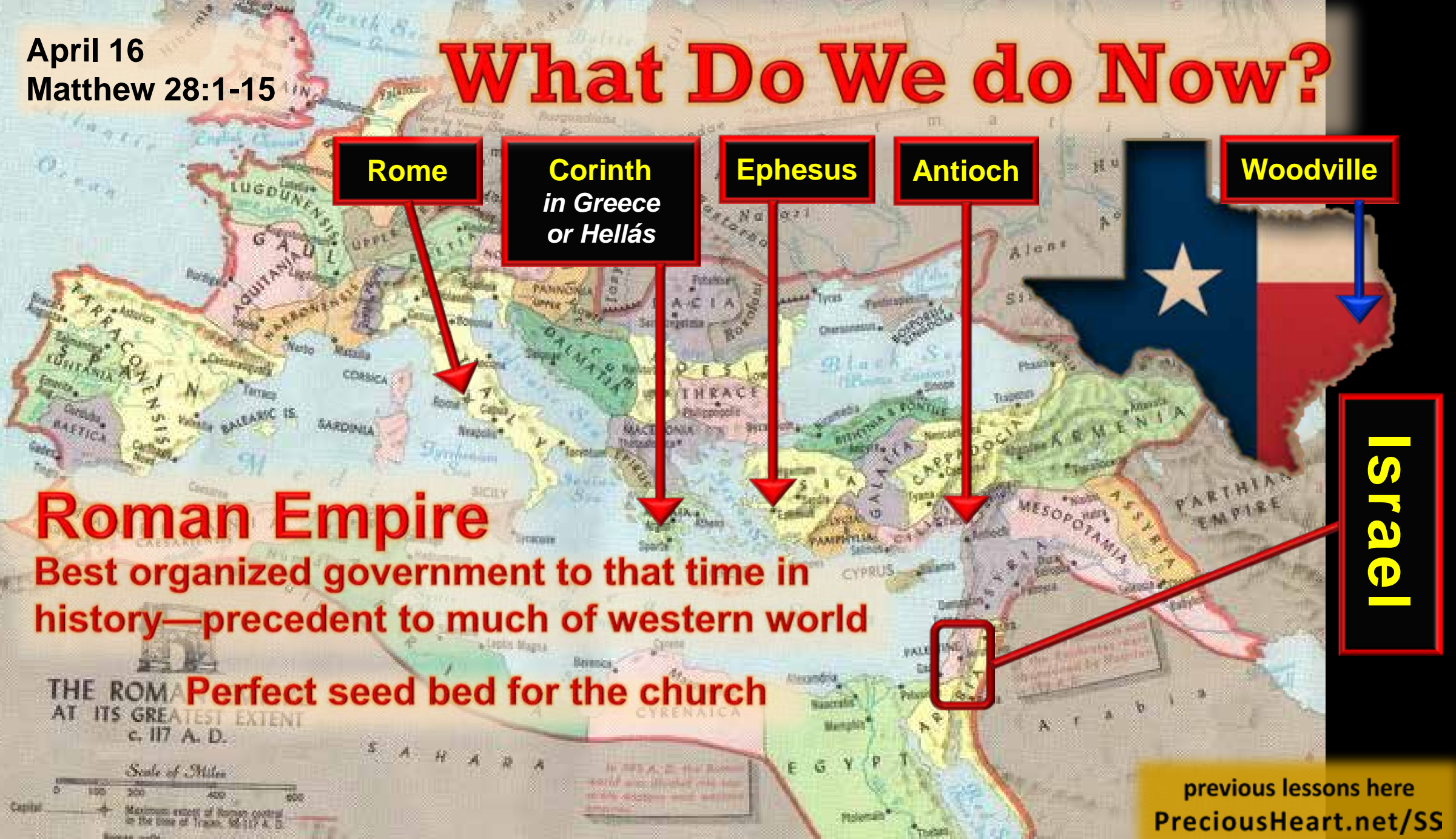
Roman Empire

Best organized government to that time in history—precedent to much of western world

Perfect seed bed for the church

Israel

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Jesus and the Kingdom of God Matthew 16-28

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| 1. Mar 5 | Who is Jesus? | 16:13-28 | Caesarea Philippi |
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| 6. Apr 9 | Offered to All? | 22:1-14 | Wedding Banquet |
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Parable
Parable
Happy Easter
Parable





Theme

**Jesus expects His followers to seek
to be disciple-makers of all people**

- 28:16-17** **Worship** – Eleven to Galilee to Worship
- 28:18** **Power** – ALL Given Christ in Heaven & Earth
- 28:19-20a** **Mission** – Make Disciples, Baptizing, Teaching
- 28:20b** **Presence** – I Am with Always ... to the End



Key Verse Matthew 28:18 & 20

**ALL authority has been given
to Me in heaven and on earth....
I am with you always,
to the end of the age.**



Stupendous



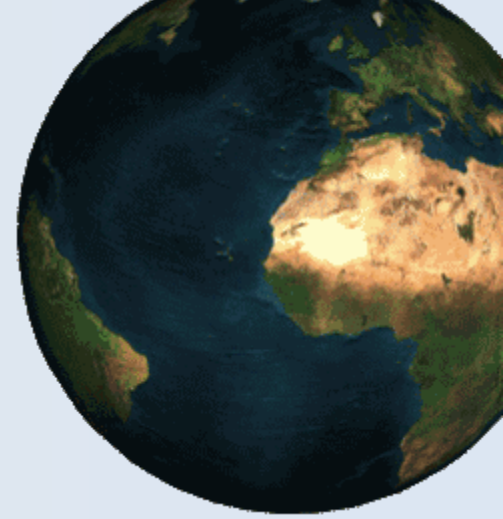
Alternate Title

**Live to Help All
to Know God**



Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission



**Everyone who has been a Christian long
Especially in most Baptist churches**

Knows about the Great Commission

**These stunning, categorically sweeping words take
no hostages, leave no stone unturned ...**

**These stupendously reaching words touch all
for all time and press on to the ...**

End of the Age!

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

For Southern Baptists in particular ...

2010 SBC launched

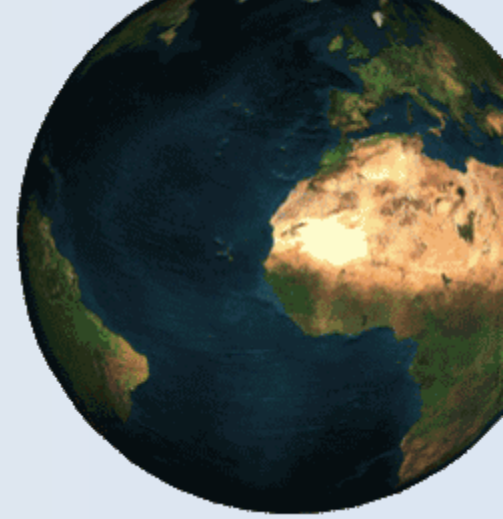
Great Commission Resurgence (GCR)

To emphasize witnessing and disciple making

June 20, 2012, the SBC voted to allow churches to “add”

“Great Commission” to their name

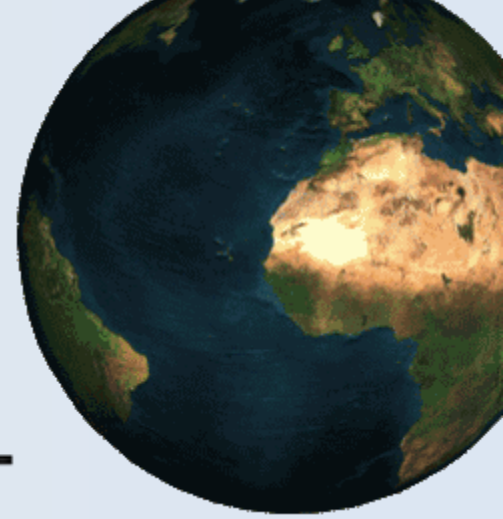
Great Commission Baptist Church





Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission



For Southern Baptists in particular ...

Aug. 11-12, 2017 ... GREAT COMMISSION SUMMIT

Will be held at Houston Baptist University

SBC leaders will hold group and seminar meetings

Win the Lost ... Disciple the Saved

The Great Commission

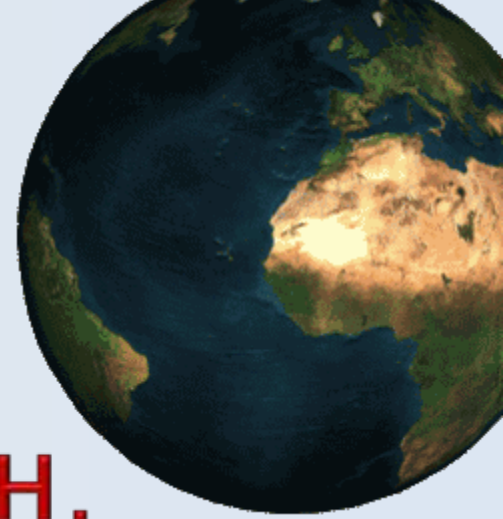
is GREAT to Baptists



Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission

**ALL authority has been given
to Me in HEAVEN and on EARTH.**

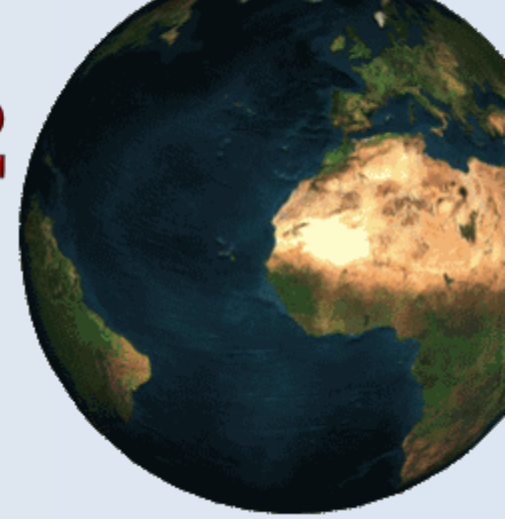


**Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the
Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe
everything I have commanded you.**

**And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.**

Great Commission: Pt. 2

Acts 1:7-8



- ⁶ “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”
- ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.
- ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

28:16-17 Worship – Eleven to Galilee

16 The ELEVEN disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them.

Perhaps Mt. Tabor ... more on that in a jiff

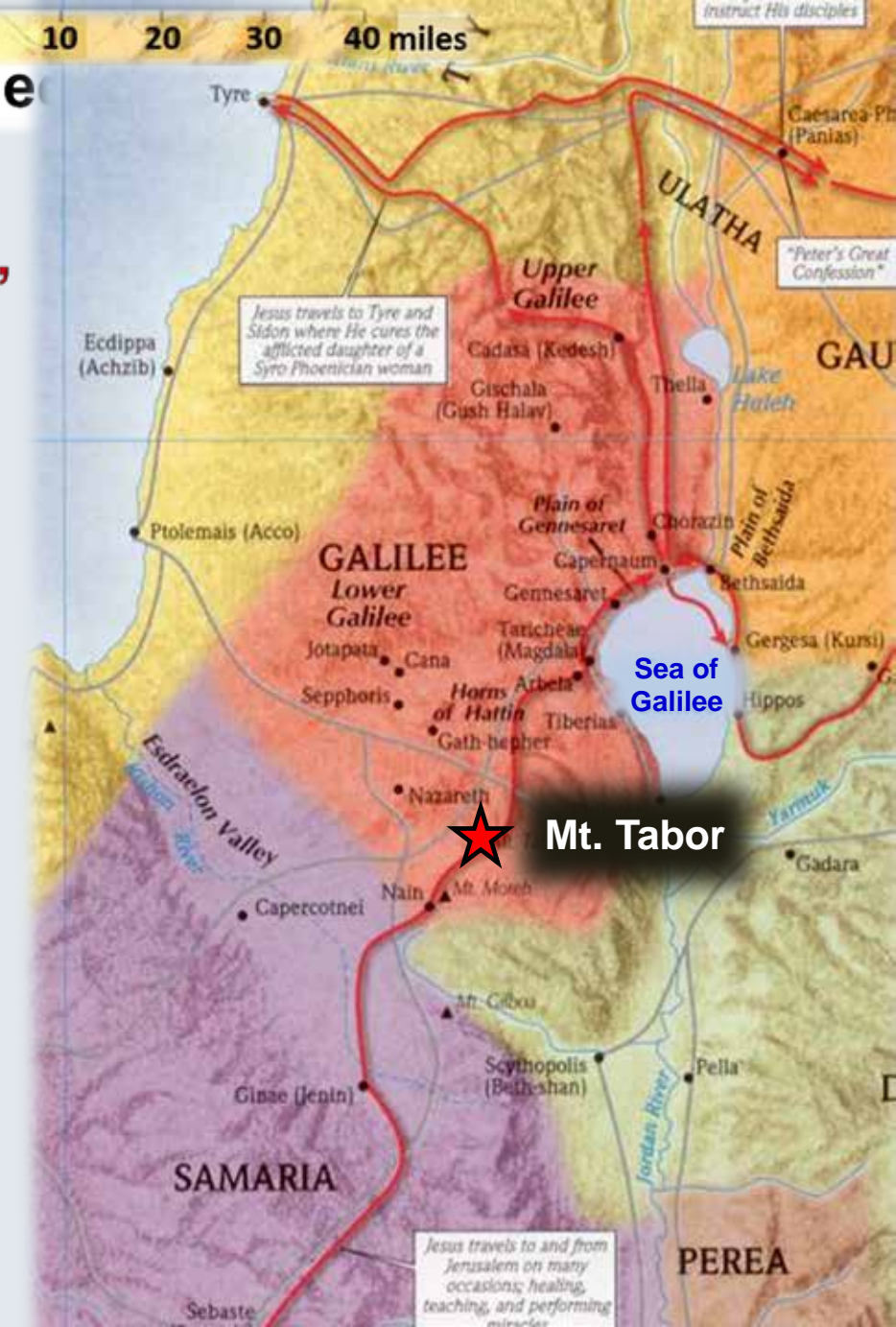
This journey comes after
Matthew 28:1-15 ... right after the

Resurrection

With an earthquake ...

Mary and Mary go to the Tomb ...

There an Angel appears



**Matt. 28:5, "*DON'T BE AFRAID*,
because I know you are looking for
Jesus who was crucified.**

**⁶ HE IS NOT HERE! For He has
been resurrected, just as He said.**

Then the Angel gives the

First Invitation

***Do not underestimate the role
of women in God's work ...***



Women at the Tomb of Christ with
Angel, 1805, by Benjamin West

28:5-10

Risen King Announced – Angel Tells All

⁶ HE IS NOT HERE! ...

Come and see the place where He lay.

You may have heard this before ...

The stone was NOT rolled away to ... to ... to

Let Christ OUT ... No sir, no mam

Stone was rolled away so Mary & Mary

could SEE Jesus was NOT there

Where IS Jesus? Where?

Resurrected ... by God ...

Not yet ascended to God in Heaven

Where? ... Where is Jesus?...

Angel gives the women the First Commission

**28:7 Then go quickly and tell His disciples,
'He has been RAISED FROM THE DEAD.'**

**In fact, He is going ahead of you to Galilee;
you will see Him there.' Listen, I have told
you."**

Going ahead to Galilee ...

Jesus—a busy fellow just out of the tomb

His Blackberry rings! *appointments already*

28:10, Angel repeats to the women,

"Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee"



Women at the Tomb of Christ with
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Matthew, Mark relate the Angel telling
the women to tell the disciples Jesus is
on His way to Galilee

Mark says Jesus appears to
two walking in the country

Luke says the TWO were on the way to
Emmaus ... 20 miles EAST of Jerusalem

I think that is a LONGER way to Galilee

Going up through Samaria instead of down
the Jericho Road and up the Jordan River

Luke records a LONG talk by Jesus to the
two Emmaus disciples... then *POOF! ... Jesus disappears*



28:16-17 Worship – Eleven

Mark mentions a short version
of the Great Commission

Then straight to the Ascension

From Mark, we assume that the
Ascension took place in Galilee

From Matthew & Mark, Jesus
appears to Disciples in Galilee

ABSENCE of travel back down to
Bethany and Jerusalem

Luke is clear, Ascension is
near Bethany

Jesus' Ascension to Heaven, c. 1775
by John Singleton Copley



28:16-17 Worship – E

John tells a lot about Galilee
Fishing – Jesus helping the
disciples from the shore

“Appearing” in Matthew in
Galilee ... Described by John
at great length

**John 21:9, When they landed,
they saw a fire of burning
coals there with fish on it,
and some bread.**

Ahhhh ... the Lord's Fish Fry

oh my ... I want some of that



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l Rubens

28:16-17 Worship – Eleven to Galilee

to Galilee ... to the Lord's Fish Fry

aahhh Surprise Fish Fry

**¹⁶ The ELEVEN disciples traveled to Galilee,
to the mountain as Jesus had directed them.**

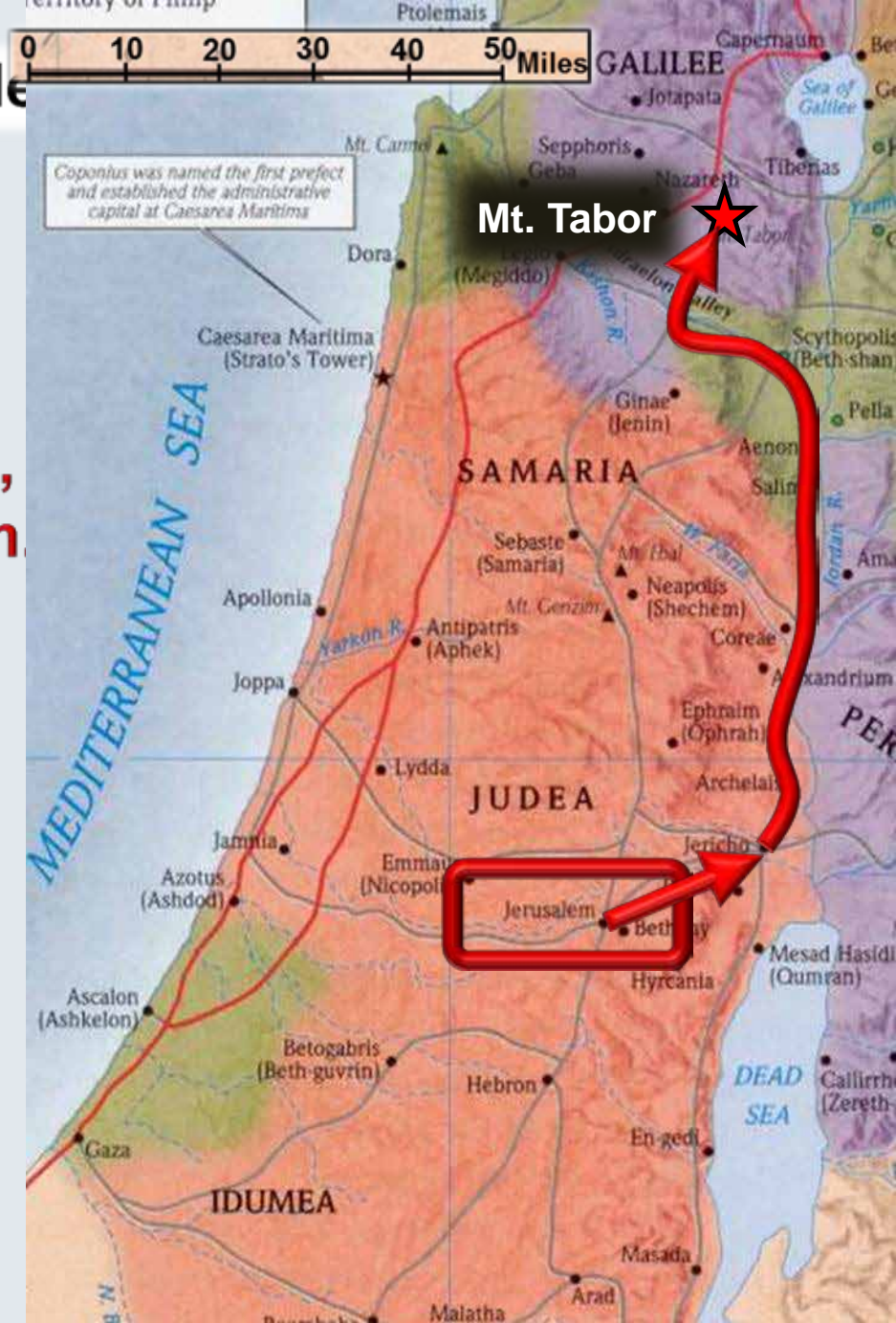
They began in Jerusalem ...

Then *likely* went down the Jericho Road ...

Then up the Jordan River to Mt. Tabor ...

To “*Dah Mountain*” ... which one ???

We have been there SEVERAL times



Now this was AFTER appearance to the men on the Road to Emmaus

What?—Road to Emmaus?

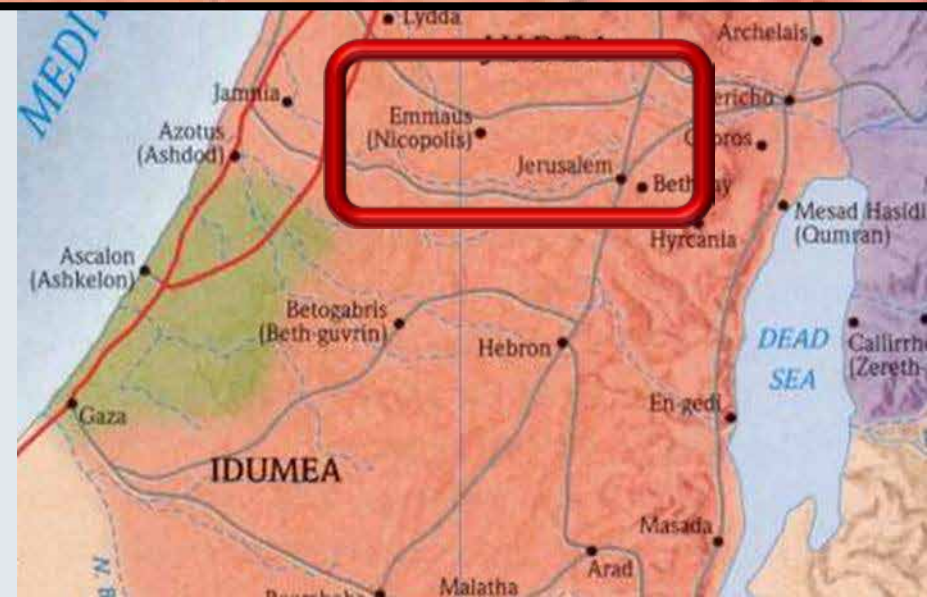
ON THE ROAD to where?

Where did Jesus go after that?

Next we find Jesus on the mountain

And likely BEFORE Jesus appears to them on the shore of Galilee

On the Road to Emmaus ...





Road to Emmaus
by Karoly Marko the Elder
(Hungarian, 1791-1860)

How long was Jesus
with them ...

About 20 miles from
Jerusalem to Emmaus





**Road to Emmaus, c. 1650
by Roelant Roghman (1627-92)**

**On a 20-mile journey
by FOOT ... you know
Had to have a break ...
Do yah think Jesus
cooked some rabbit?**



Christ at Emmaus

by Rembrandt, 1648, in the Louvre

**The Disciples got to Emmaus
weary ... tired ... hot ... thirsty**

“Come Jesus, stay awhile.”

Chit, Chat ... Bla, Bla ...

**Did Jesus invite them to the
Fish Fry w/ Sermon by Seashore?**

How our HEARTS were warmed



Eat with Jesus at Emmaus
Their HEARTS were WARMED
What did that FEEL like?
I suspect it felt – SAFE
I suspect it felt – COZY
I suspect it felt – CONFIDENT
Void of Confusion ... Earthy
Then ... they SAW ... JESUS!

Poof ... Jesus disappears ...



Supper at Emmaus, c 1633-39, by Matthias Stom
"Breaking of bread"—the precise moment the
disciples recognized the risen Christ

Sometime after Emmaus ... Jesus caught up with the Disciples at “*Dah Mountain*”

Matt. 17:1 ... Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves.

Mountain of Transfiguration Perhaps Same as Matthew 28

Matt. 17, from Caesarea Philippi, Jesus's Inner Circle heads to a HIGH MOUNTAIN

Tradition has it as Mt. Tabor, 1,886 feet

Yet, “HIGH” at 9,232 feet is Mt. Hermon

After Phillipi, did they travel to Mt. Tabor, some 80+ miles and several days?

There are cases, or guesses, for 4 other “*Mountains*”



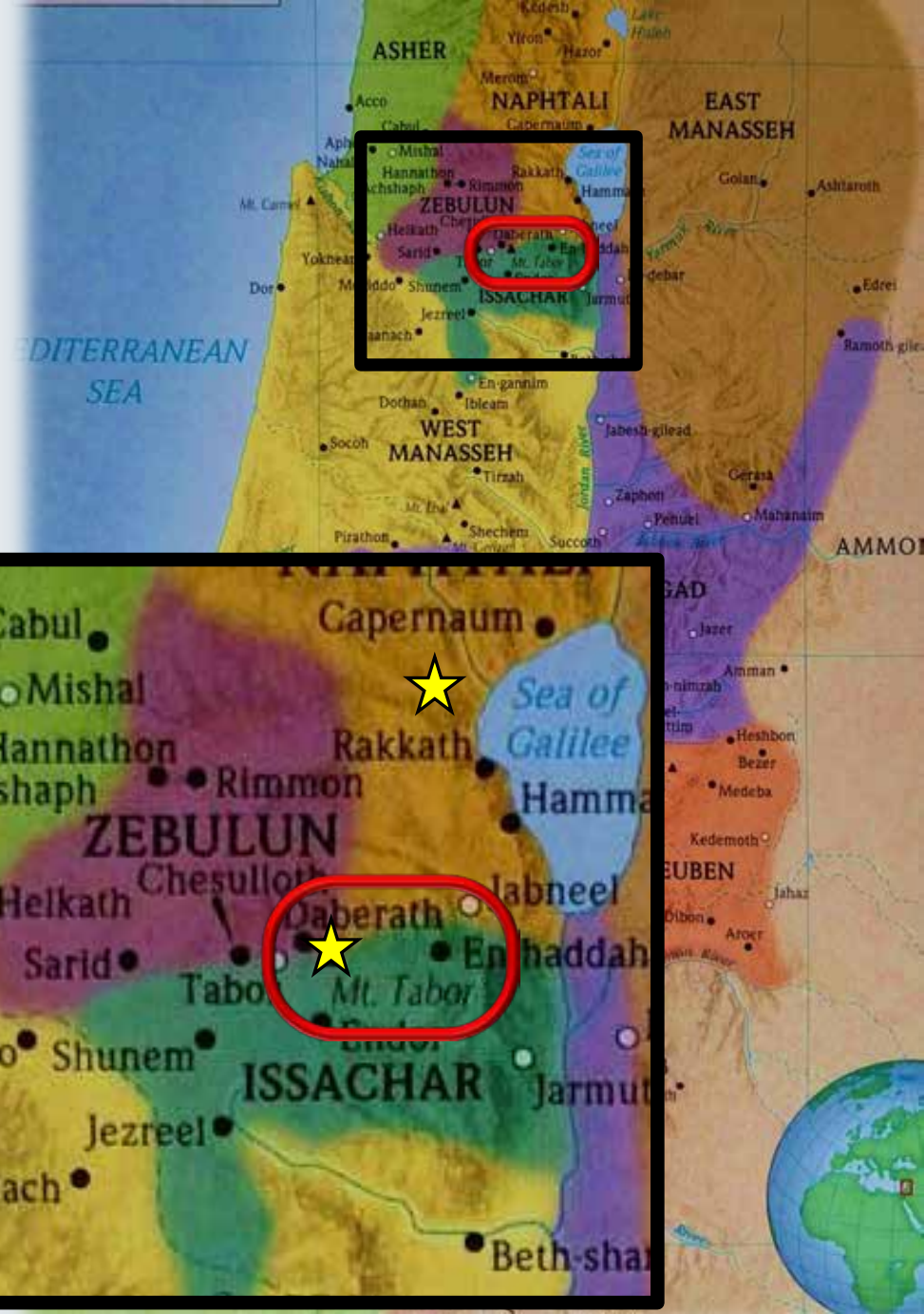
17:1-6 Presence – Transfiguration

Mt. Hermon from Sea of Galilee, or Sea of Tiberius, at 9,232 feet



**Peter in his
boat fishing**

Mt. Tabor is just southwest of Sea of Galilee

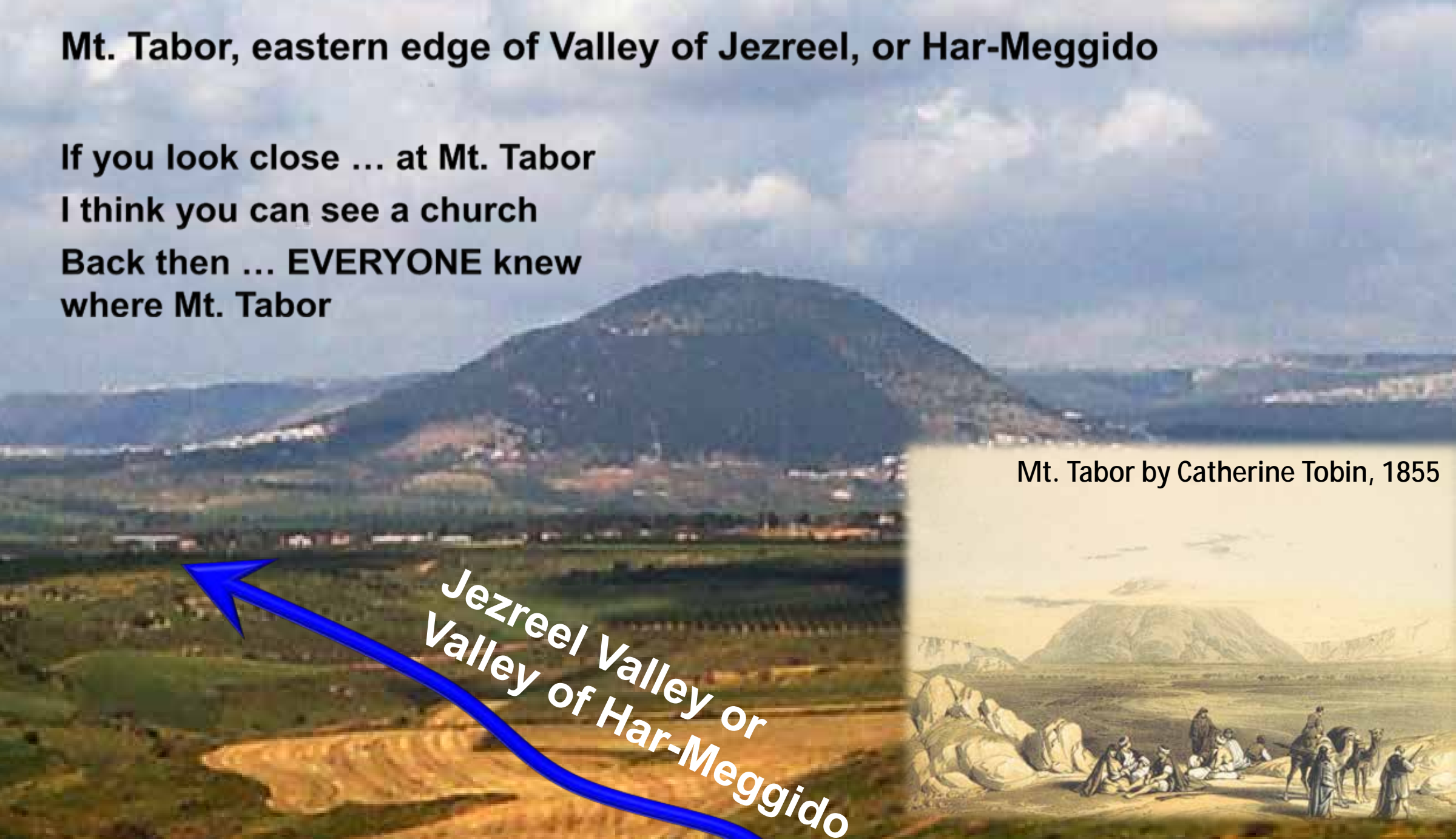


Mt. Tabor, eastern edge of Valley of Jezreel, or Har-Meggido

If you look close ... at Mt. Tabor
I think you can see a church
Back then ... EVERYONE knew
where Mt. Tabor

Mt. Tabor by Catherine Tobin, 1855

Jezreel Valley or
Valley of Har-Meggido



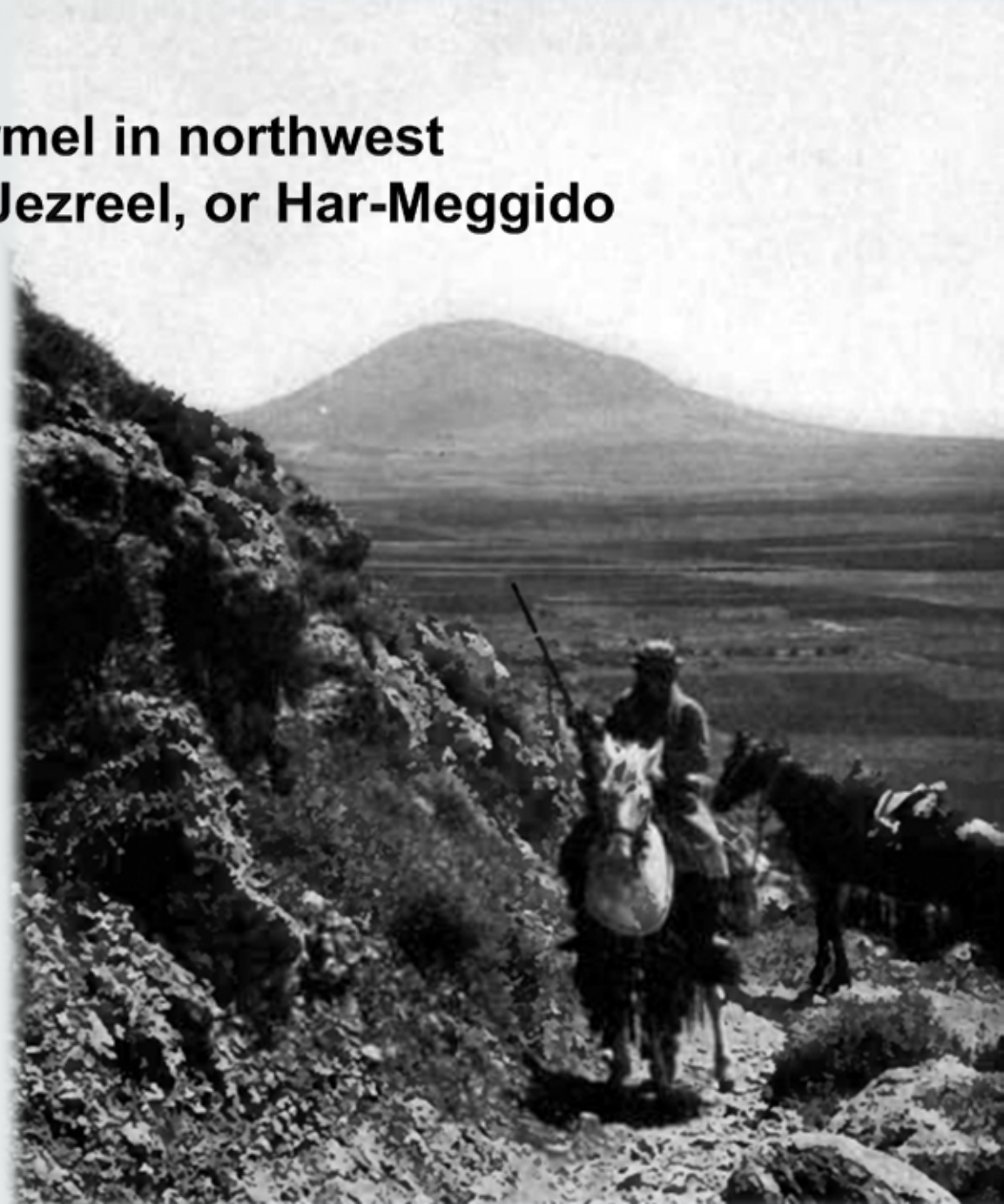
1912 Mt. Tabor, viewed from Mt. Carmel in northwest corner of eastern edge of Valley of Jezreel, or Har-Meggido

By 12th century, Mt. Tabor was believed the Mt. of Transfiguration

Top is almost 1,886 feet above the Valle of Jezreel or Har-Meggido

During 2nd Temple 516 B.C.- A.D. 70 a light beacon on top notified northern tribes of feast days and new months ...

You could hear the Shofar a very long way from Mt. Tabor



**16 The ELEVEN disciples traveled to Galilee,
to Dah Mountain ... Jesus had directed them.**

**17 When they SAW HIM, they worshiped,
but some doubted.**

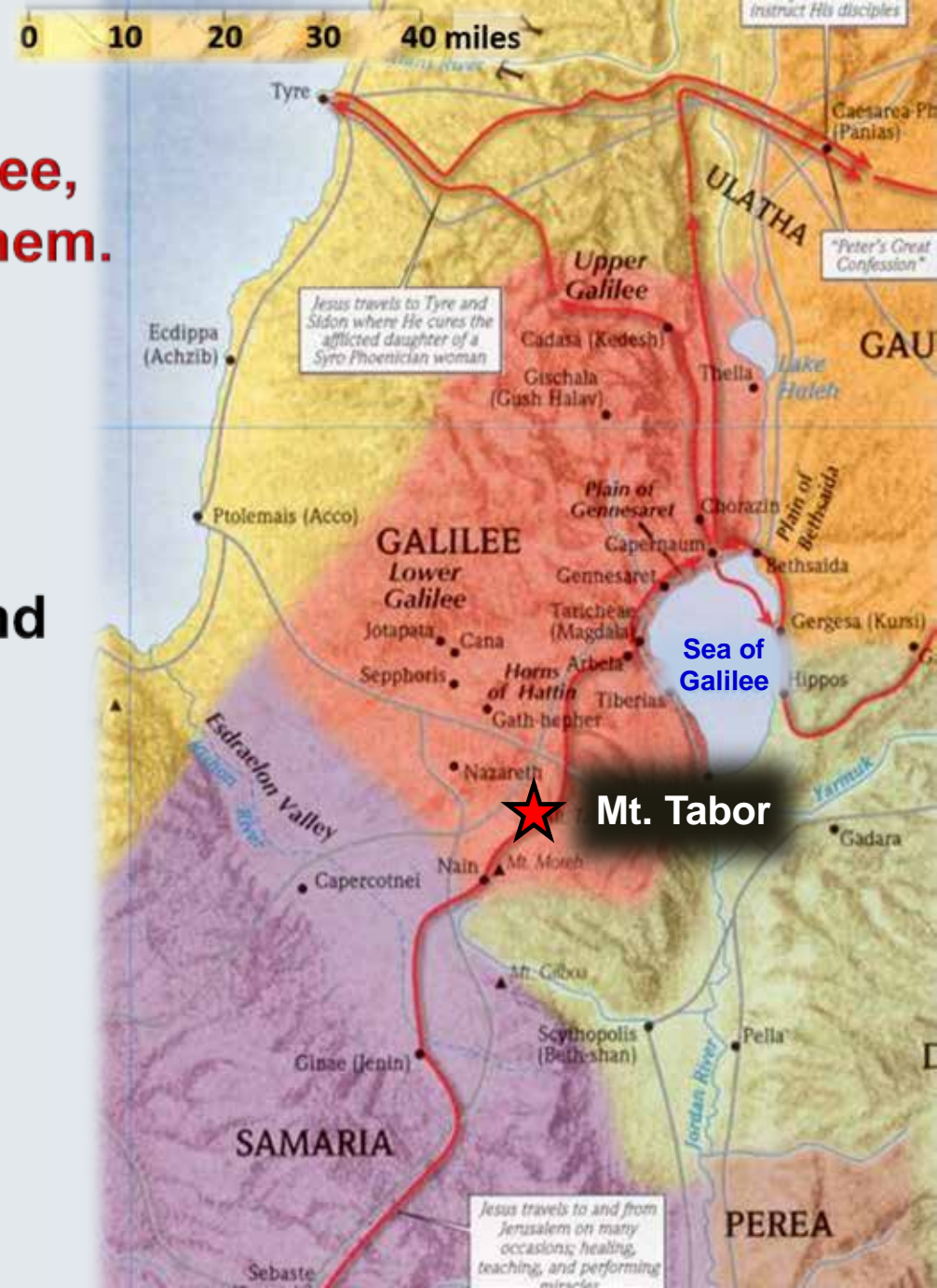
Jesus APPEARED to them ??

**Or, did Jesus just come sauntering around
the corner of the mountain ??**

Gosh ... don't know ...

**Now this was AFTER appearance to the
men on the Road to Emmaus**

**And likely BEFORE Jesus appears to
them on the shore of Galilee**



AFTER the Mountain Visit ...

Fish Fry with Seashore Sermon

***John* notes how Jesus cooked for them while they were in the boat ...**

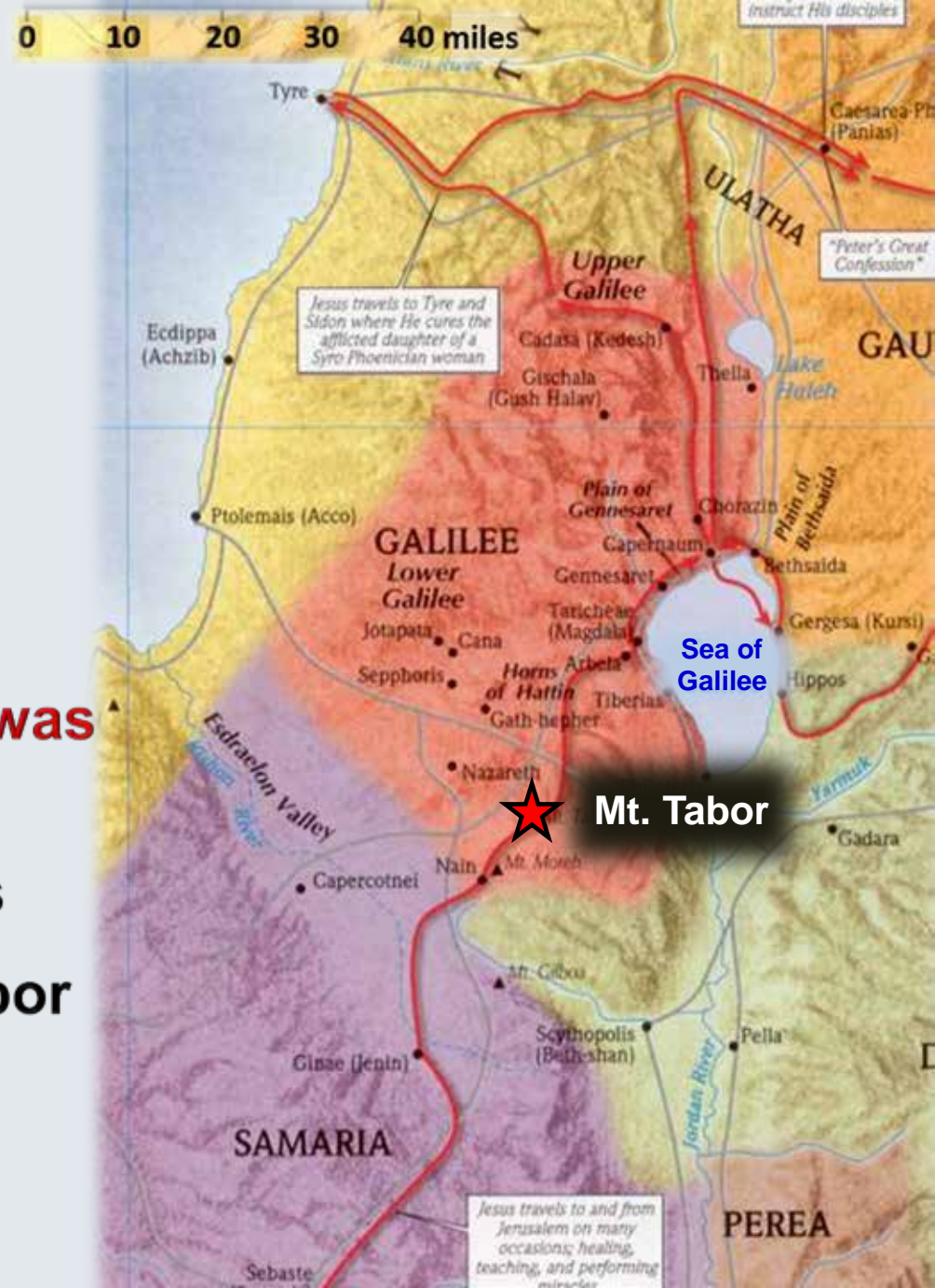
They enjoy the Jesus' Fish Fry ...

John 21:14, This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

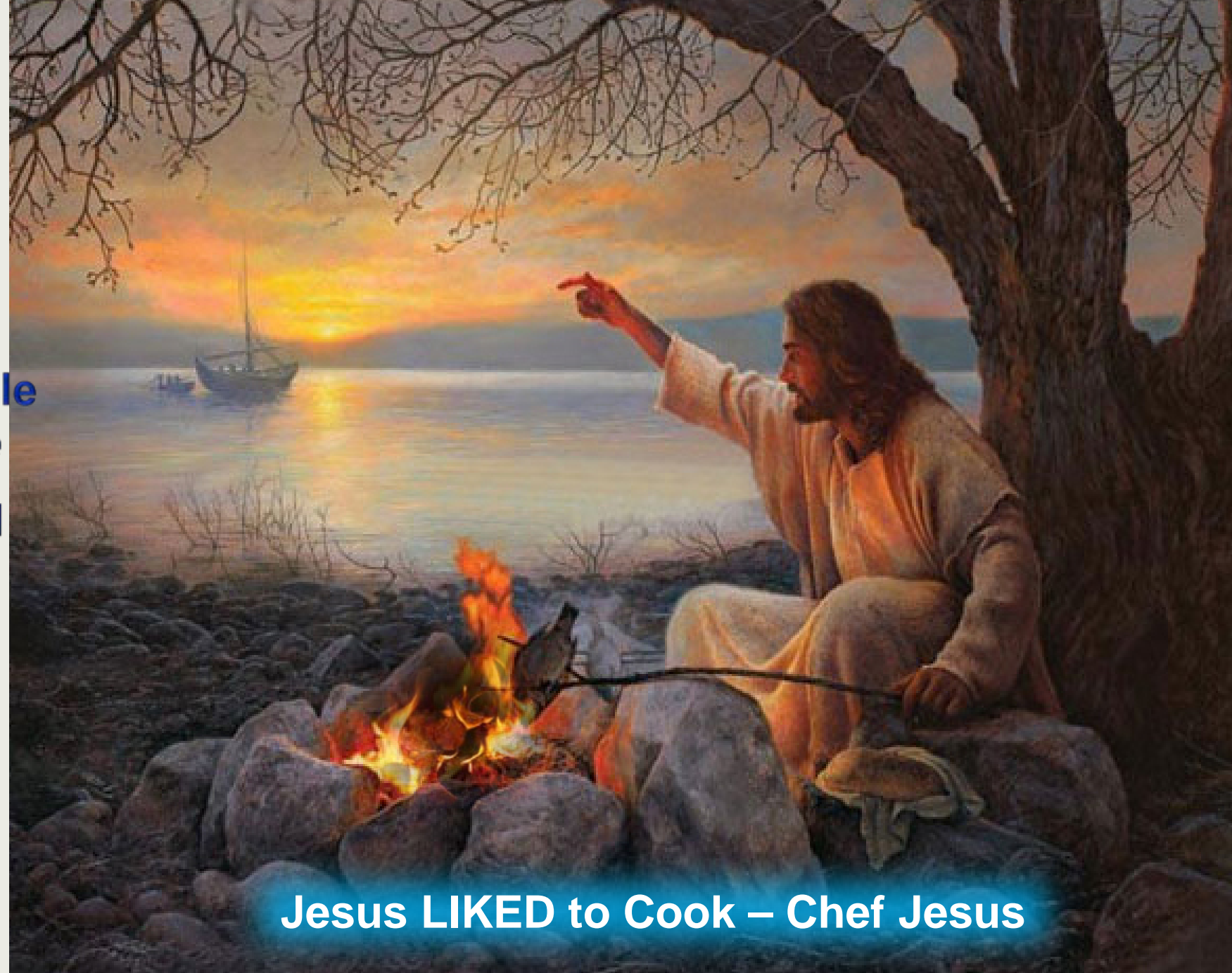
So, first to those on the Road to Emmaus

Next on "Dah Mountain," perhaps Mr. Tabor

John does NOT reveal any commission or even the ascension of Christ



Look there
on the seashore
Chef Jesus ...
First Food miracle
...*Wedding Wine*
Two times Bread
& Fish to 1,000s
AFTER the
Resurrection
Jesus likes food
Must be Baptist



Jesus LIKED to Cook – Chef Jesus

John ends with them on the shore of Galilee

“Peter, do you love me?” asked Jesus.

John closes with this:

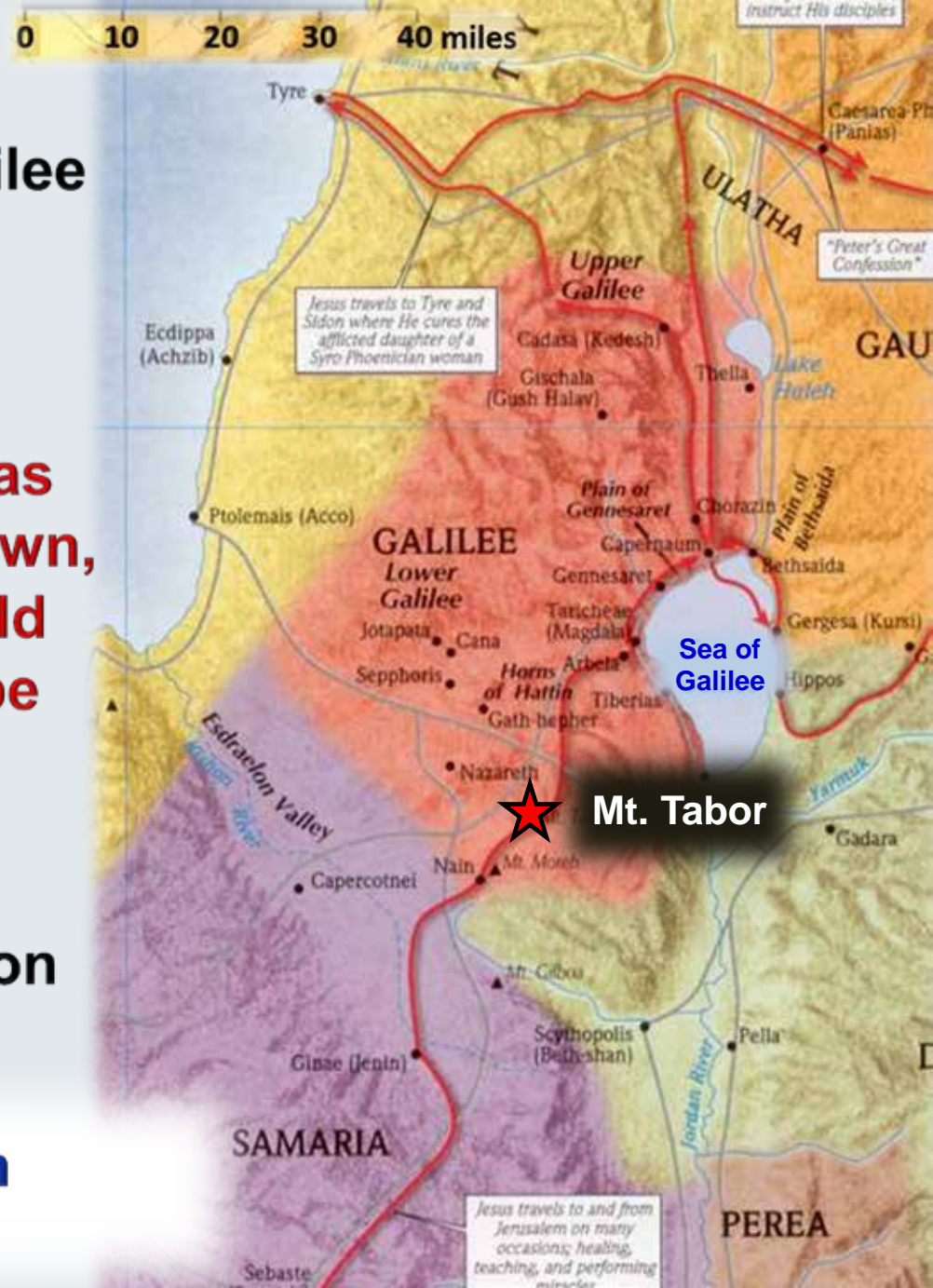
John 21:25 Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

When was the Great Commission given?

Perhaps BEFORE Jesus' Seashore Sermon

What a time ... what a place ...

Lord's Fish Fry & Seashore Sermon



28:16-17 Worship – Eleven to Galilee to Worship

Perhaps, before the Great Fish Fry
Somewhere on Mt.. Tabor, Jesus comes
**¹⁷ When they saw Him, they worshiped,
but some doubted.**

I suspect ... same place Jesus took
them the year before in Matt 17 when
he was transfigured

Perhaps another ... **Favorite Place**

Disciples ... heard from the two Marys
Heard from Road to Emmaus gang

They were afraid ... joyous ... and some



Jesus Discourses with His Disciples, c. 1886
by James Tissot (1836–1902)

Doubted

A painting depicting Jesus walking with his twelve apostles on a rugged, rocky mountain path. Jesus, in the center, wears a white robe and a white head covering, gesturing with his right hand towards the disciples. The disciples are dressed in various colored robes (yellow, brown, blue, white) and head coverings. The background shows a steep, rocky hillside with some sparse vegetation and a distant view of a city or village. A large, dark blue speech bubble with a white border is superimposed over the upper right portion of the painting, containing text in red and white. The overall style is that of a 19th-century religious painting.

**¹⁸ Then Jesus came near and said,
"All authority has been given to
Me in heaven and on earth."**

Jesus Discourses with His Disciples, c. 1886
by James Tissot (1836–1902)

28:18 Power – ALL Given Christ in Heaven & Earth

That is a statement ... a claim ...
Do you remember Gethsemane?
Do you remember Jesus before ...
Mighty High Priest & his hangmen
Remember ALL that Jesus said
that **STUNG** the Priests to their core
That **SHOCKED** the disciples ...
Now ... after the Resurrection ...
After hearing the women ...

After—perhaps—hearing from the
men who walked with Jesus to Emmaus



Christ before Caiaphas
by Mattias Stom (1600-52)

28:18 Power – ALL Given Christ in Heaven & Earth

Now Jesus approaches them ...

Some doubt ...

NOT so shocking ... not after 3 yrs

Wonderful and categorical words:

¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them,

**"All authority has been given
to Me in heaven and on earth."**

Charles H. Spurgeon has a couple
of things to say on that ...

Greatest preacher I've ever read



Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

28:18 Power – ALL Given Christ in Heaven & Earth

Spurgeon ... poetic on the Resurrection

- **Dwell with your hearts very much upon Christ crucified**
- **But indulge yourselves full often with a sight of Christ *glorified***
- **Delight to think that He is not here, for He is risen!**
- **He is not here, for He has ascended!**
- **He is not here, for He sits at the right hand of God, and makes intercession for us!**



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Oct. 25, 1874, Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington, London

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Now Jesus approaches them ...

➤ Let your souls travel frequently the blessed highway from the sepulcher to the throne.

Ah ... stupendous ...

The way to His throne was downward!

Mounting upon steps of ivory, Solomon ascended to his throne of gold;

but our Lord and Master *descended* that He might *ascend*, and went down into the awful deeps of unutterable agony



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that all power in heaven and earth might belong to Him as our Redeemer and covenant head! ...

Omnipotence = Latin for “all power.”

What mind shall conceive ... what tongue shall set in order before you the meaning of “ALL POWER”?

We cannot grasp it!

It is high, we cannot attain unto it!

The power of creation ...

Power of fashioning and destroying



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The power of opening and shutting,

- ✓ Overthrowing or establishing,
- ✓ of killing and making alive,
- ✓ The power to pardon and to condemn,
- ✓ To give and to withhold,
- ✓ To decree and to fulfill,

In a word ...

ALL this is vested in Jesus Christ our Lord!

We might as well attempt

to describe infinity, or



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Or map the boundless as to tell what
“**ALL POWER**” must mean.

Whatever it is, it is all given to our Lord,
All lodged in those hands which once
were fastened to the wood of shame;
All left with that heart which was pierced
with the spear;
All placed as a crown upon that head
which was surrounded with a coronet of
thorns.



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“ALL POWER IN HEAVEN” is His!

“Remember that!” hails Spurgeon.

Then He has the power of God, for God is in heaven, and the power of God emanates from that central throne!

Jesus, then, has divine power;

Whatever Jehovah can do, Jesus can do!

Selah ...

expositions as these defy our normal sense – *Thank You, Mighty Spurgeon*

But just a tad more ...



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**If it were His will to speak another world
into existence,**

**We should see, tonight, a fresh star
adorning the brow of night!**

**Were it His will, at once, to fold up
creation like a worn-out vesture,**

**lo, the elements would pass away, and
yonder heavens would be
shriveled like a scroll!**



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**The power which binds the sweet
influences of the Pleiades, and loosens
the bands of Orion is with the Nazarene!
The crucified leads forth Arcturus with his
sons!**

**Angelic bands are waiting on the wing to
do the bidding of Jesus of Nazareth,
and cherubim and seraphim, and the four
living creatures before the throne
unceasingly obey Him!**



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He who was despised and rejected of men
now commands the homage of all heaven,
ALL HEAVEN as

“God over all, blessed forever.”

“ALL POWER in heaven” relates to the
providential skill and might with which
God rules everything in the universe!

He holds the reins of all created forces,
and compels or restrains them at His will,

**giving force to law,
and life to all existence!**



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**Old heathen dreamed of Apollo as driving
the chariot of the sun, and guiding its fiery
steeds in their daily course,**

But it is not so—Jesus is Lord of all!

**Jesus harnesses the winds to His chariot,
and thrusts a bit into the mouth of the
tempest,**

**doing as He wills
among the armies of heaven ...**



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28:18 Power – ALL Given Christ in Heaven & Earth

**From Him in heaven emanates the power
which sustains and governs this globe,
for the Father has committed ALL THINGS
into His hands.**

“By Him all things consist.”

Thank you, Mighty Spurgeon ...



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You see now ... feel it all now ...

Wonderful words ...

**18 Then Jesus came near and
said to them,**

**"All authority has been given
to Me in heaven and on earth."**

They believed ... they saw

Now, just like a few days ago in the
small hamlet of Emmaus ...

Their HEARTS were WARMED



*Supper at Emmaus, c 1633-39
by Matthias Stom*



28:19-20a Mission – Make Disciples, Baptizing, Teaching

Then ... perhaps after a pause

¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

Oh, 10,000 books a year in Christendom

And every one of the 10,000,000 good sermons preached every Sunday ...

Win Souls ... Disciple the Saved



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28:19-20a Mission – Make Disciples, Baptizing, Teaching

Go forth ... make disciples ...

To Antioch ... Ephesus ... ROME

“Go” ... yet, the scholars say “GO, therefore” is a participle ... as in

AS YOU ARE GOING ... perhaps with an imperative bent ...

AS YOU ARE GOING ... as though ...

As though, **NO ONE COULD STOP** them

As though **no one COULD SILENCE** them

As You ARE GOING



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28:19-20a Mission – Make Disciples, Baptizing, Teaching

Read the passage like that ...

¹⁹ **AS you GO ... MAKE DISCIPLES** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you.

The true imperative,

The true command is “**MAKE DISCIPLES**”

10,000+ Christian books a year **TESTIFY**

10,000,000 Sermons every Sunday **TESTIFY**



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28:19-20a Mission – Make Disciples, Baptizing, Teaching

True command is in “Make Disciples”

**And—I Pray—every one of the 10,000,000
good sermons preached every Sunday**

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Many churches and denominations do

Southern Baptists have a heart for souls

We’ve been at it for a long time ...

We have schools and more ...



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Southern Baptist Convention
Reaching the world for Christ

SBC - 46,000 Churches - www.SBC.net



International Mission Board
www.IMB.org

Field personnel appointments 11-8-15	4,707
Career/apprentices	4,098
Overseas baptisms 2013	190,957
Overseas churches 2013	38,989
Overseas church membership 2013	720,951
New churches 2013	13,824
People groups engaged by IMB personnel	949
Unreached People Groups not Engaged	3,201
LMCO goal for Christmas 2015	\$175m
IMB budget for 2016	\$278.8m
World Hunger/General Relief 2014 receipts	\$6.5m



*NORTH AMERICAN
MISSION BOARD*

- 2014 - 985 church plants
- 579 (59%) non-Anglo
- 1 SBC congregation for every 6,282 people
- Canada 1 Canadian National Baptist Convention (CNBC) congregation for every 112,115 people
- NAMB wants 15,000 churches added to the SBC during the period 2012-2022.

www.NAMB.net

28:20b Presence – I Am with Always ... to the End

**At the heart of our Great Commission
At the HEART of the Good News
Are these precious stupendous words:**

**²⁰ And remember,
I am with you always,
to the end of the age."**

**By that same power that raised Jesus ...
By that same power that crowned Jesus
And submitted the ENTIRE world to him
Jesus ... will be with us**



*Supper at Emmaus, c 1633-39
by Matthias Stom*

He's alive ... and I'm forgiven
He Shall be with us to the

End of the Age

All Power Given to Him

AS WE GO

a Mighty, Unstoppable Army

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