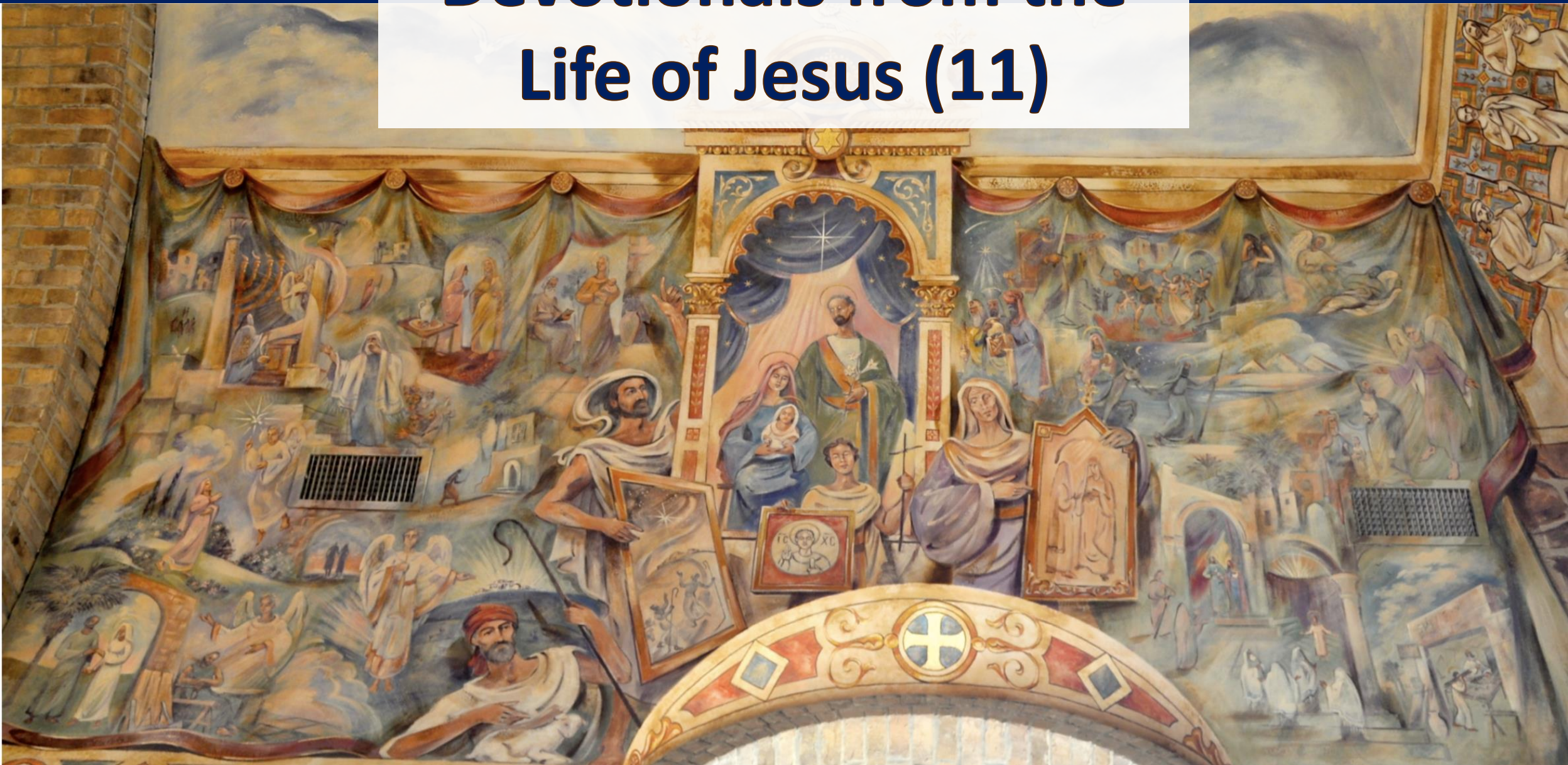


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**Sometimes I
find something
stunning when I
read the gospels**

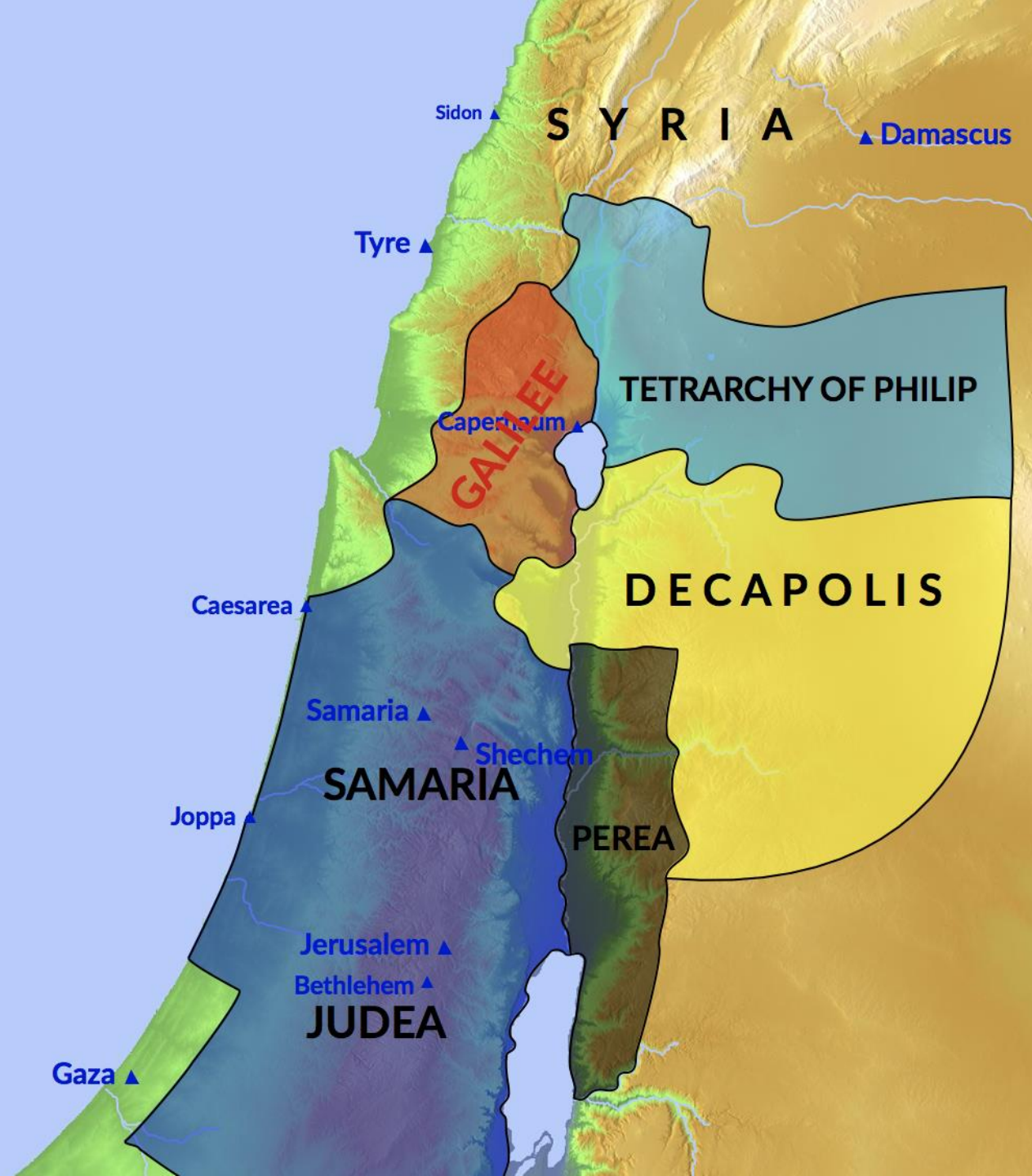


A close-up, side-profile shot of a man with short, dark hair and a light beard. He is looking into a circular hand mirror held in his right hand. The reflection in the mirror shows his face, which appears slightly blurred. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The text "I think I see myself reflected in the stories!" is overlaid in the lower right quadrant of the image.

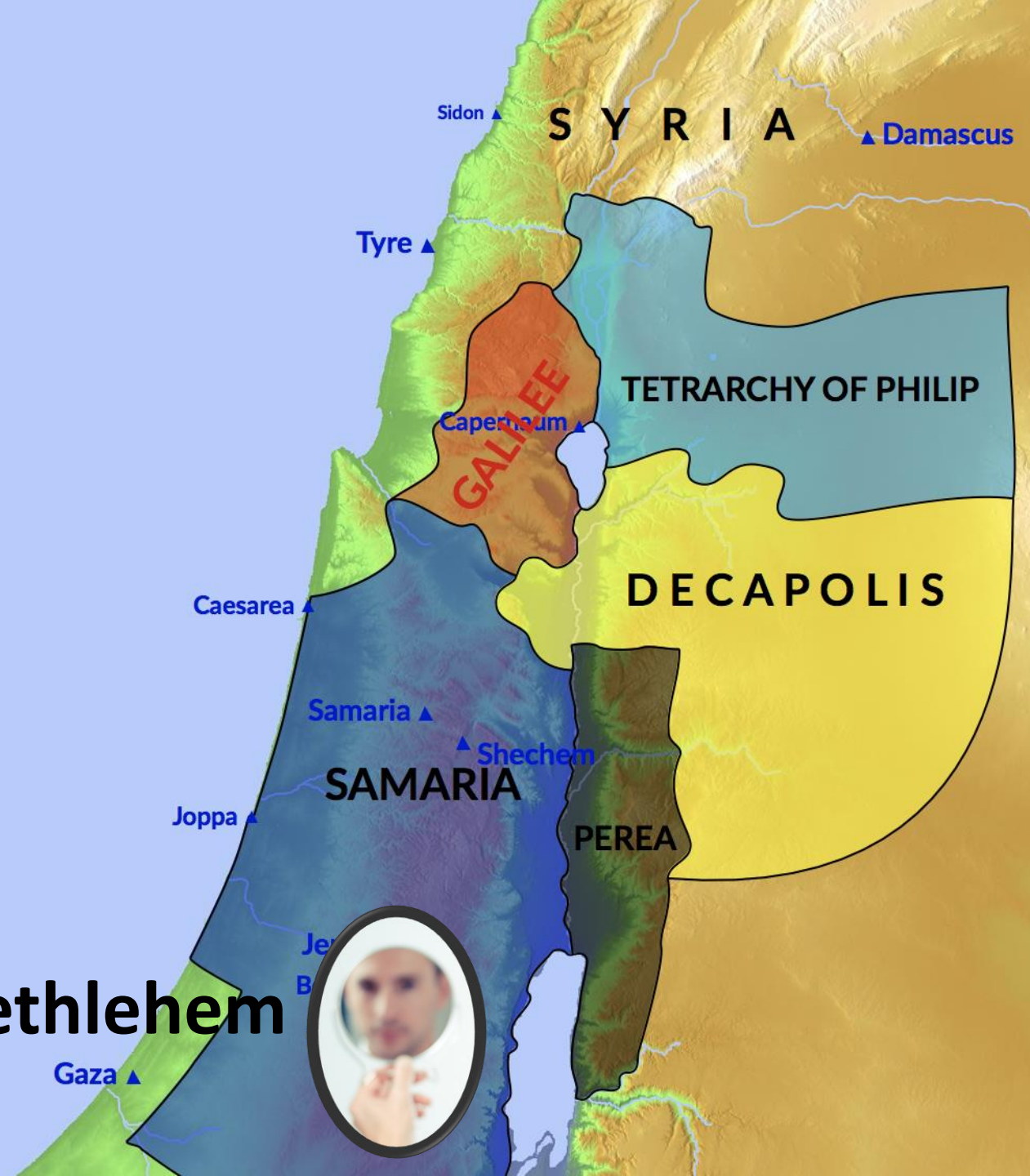
**I think I see
myself reflected
in the stories!**

Let me show
you on our
journey in the
life of Jesus

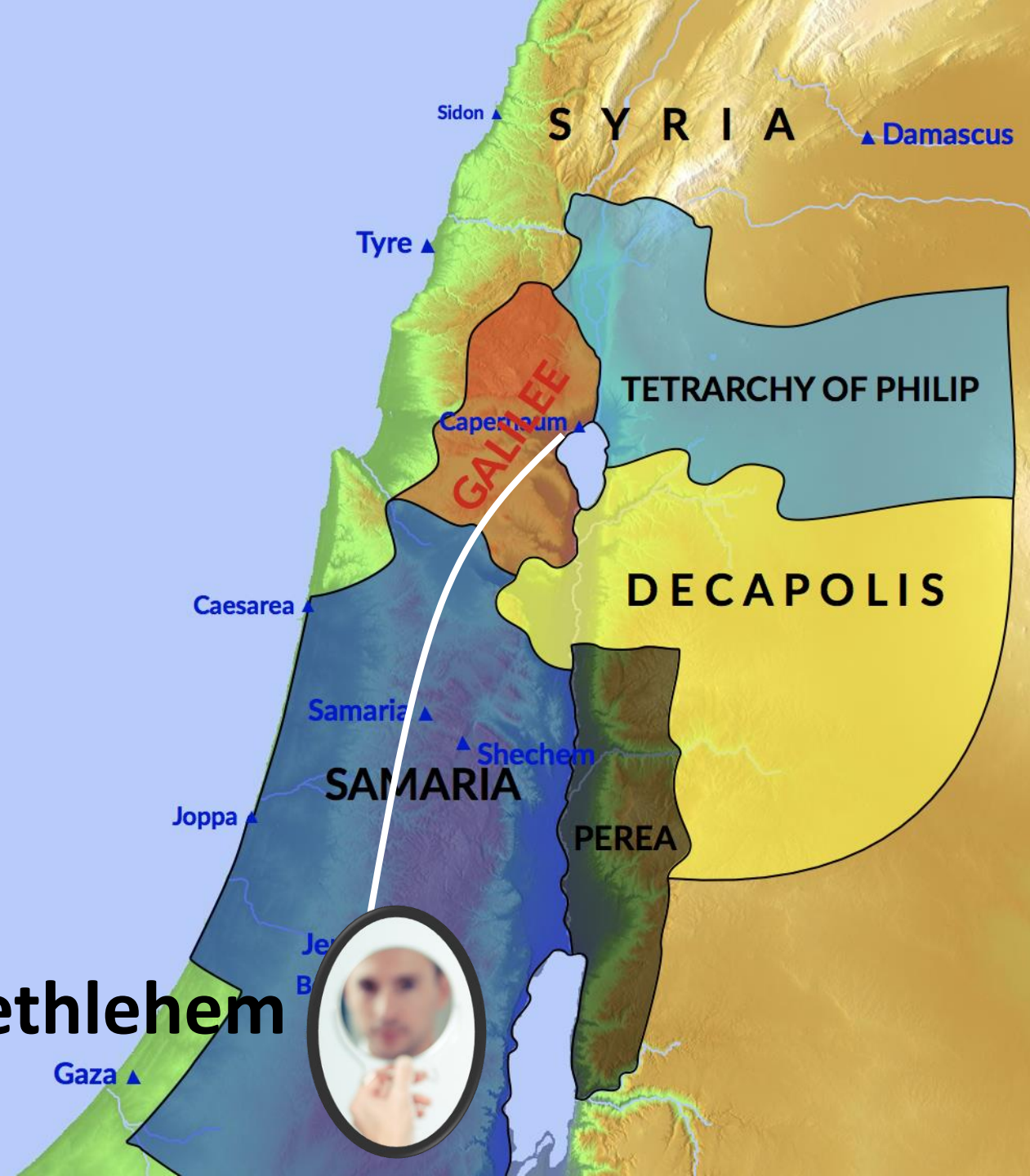


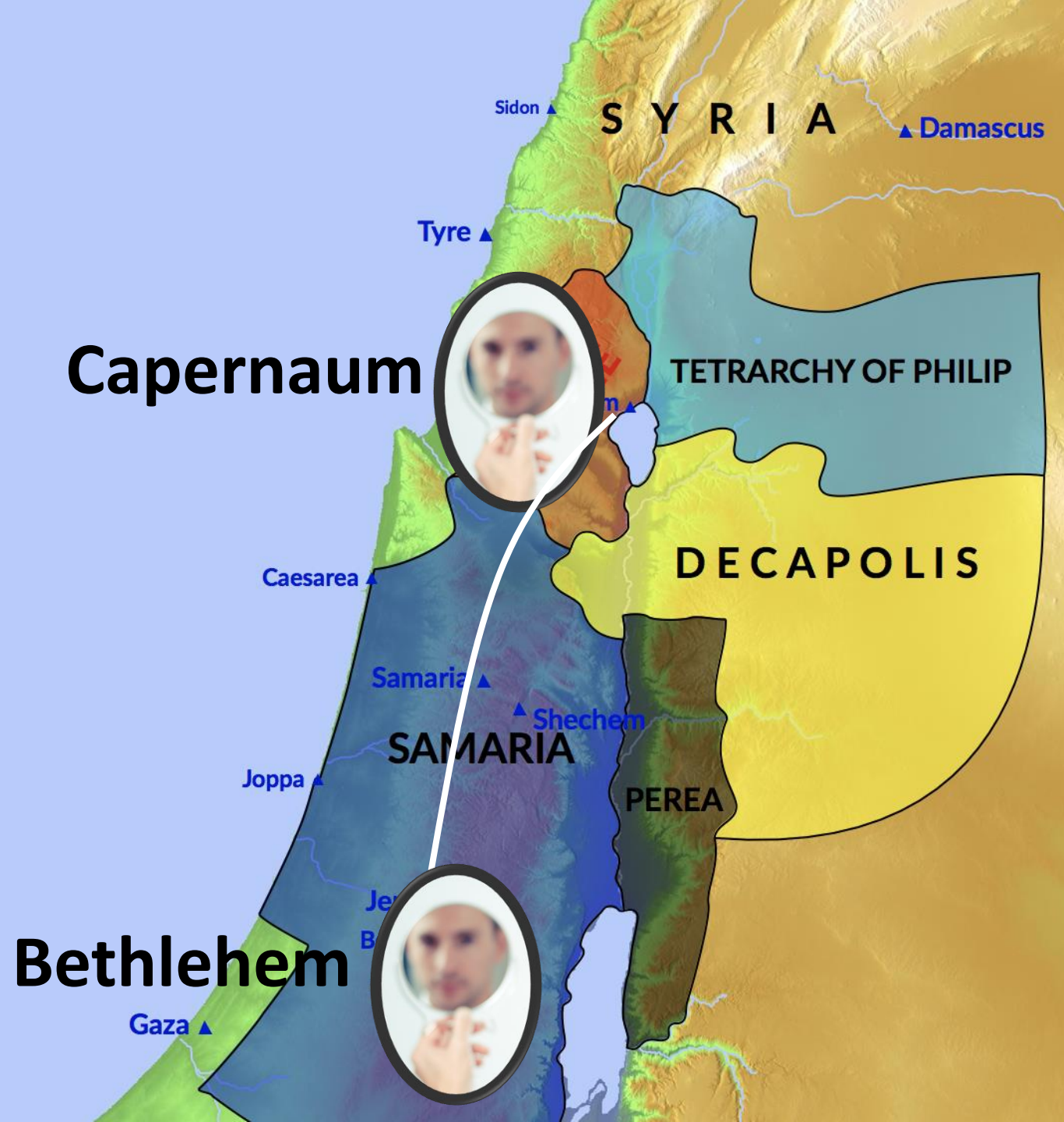


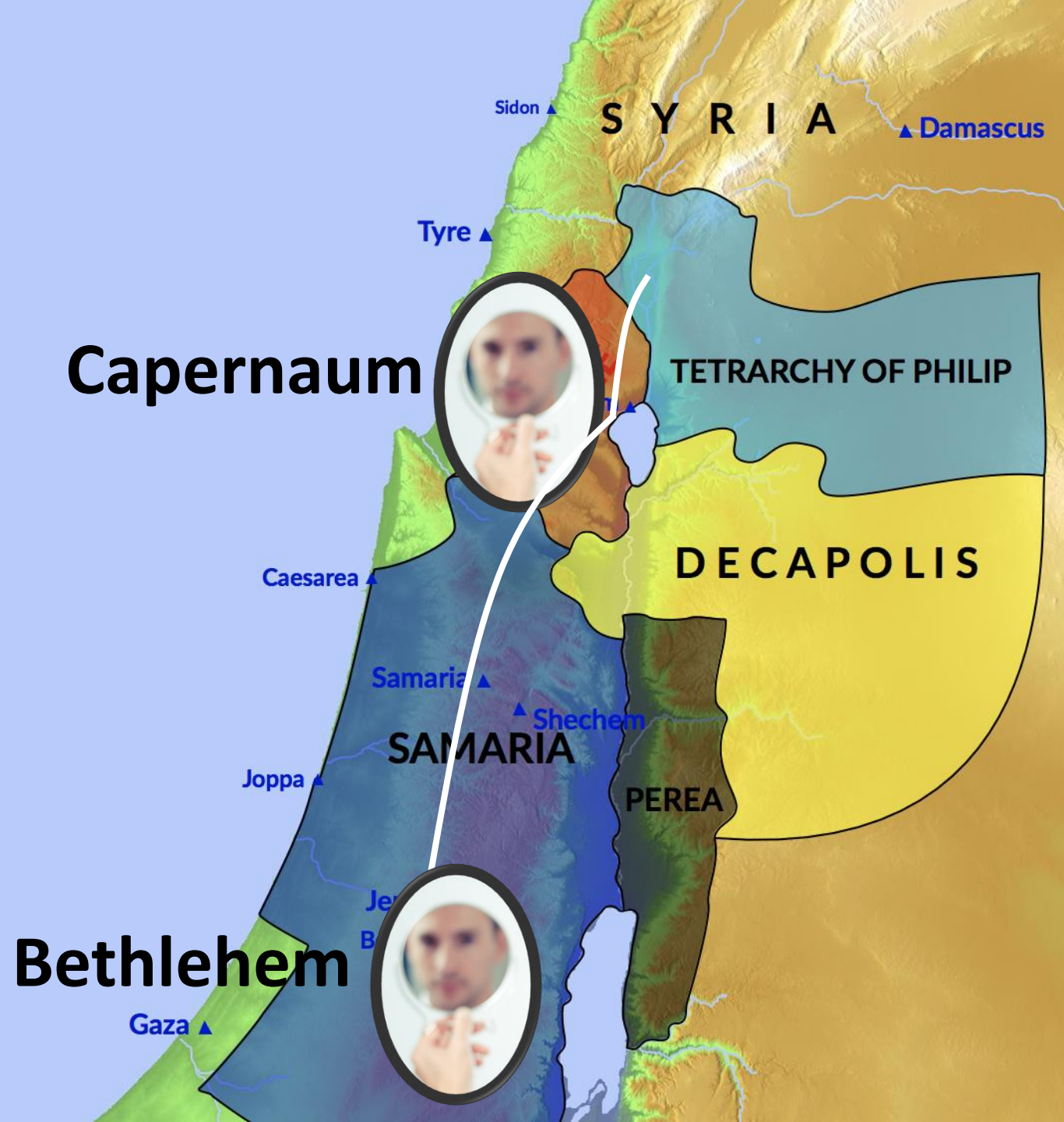
Bethlehem



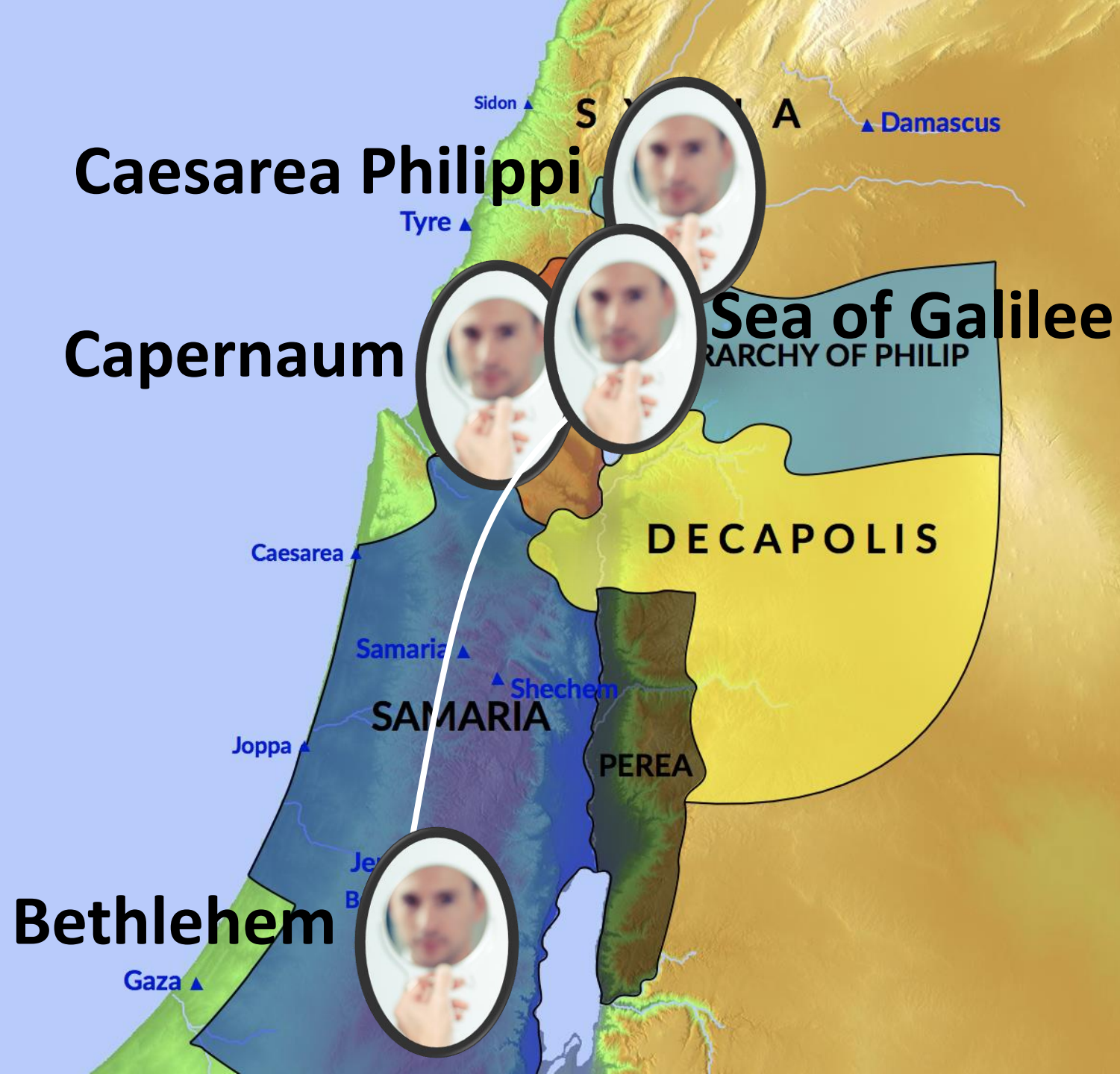
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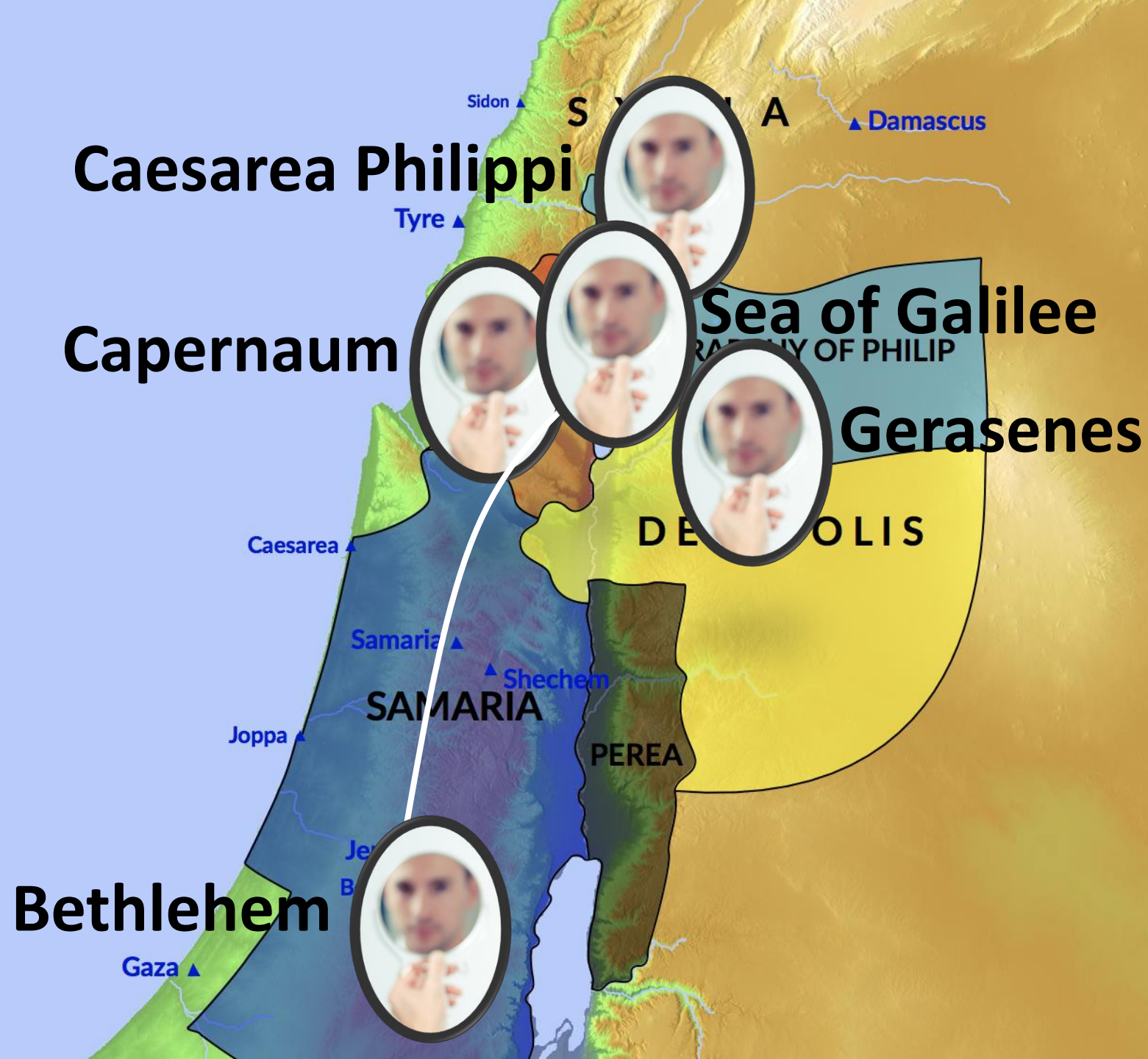


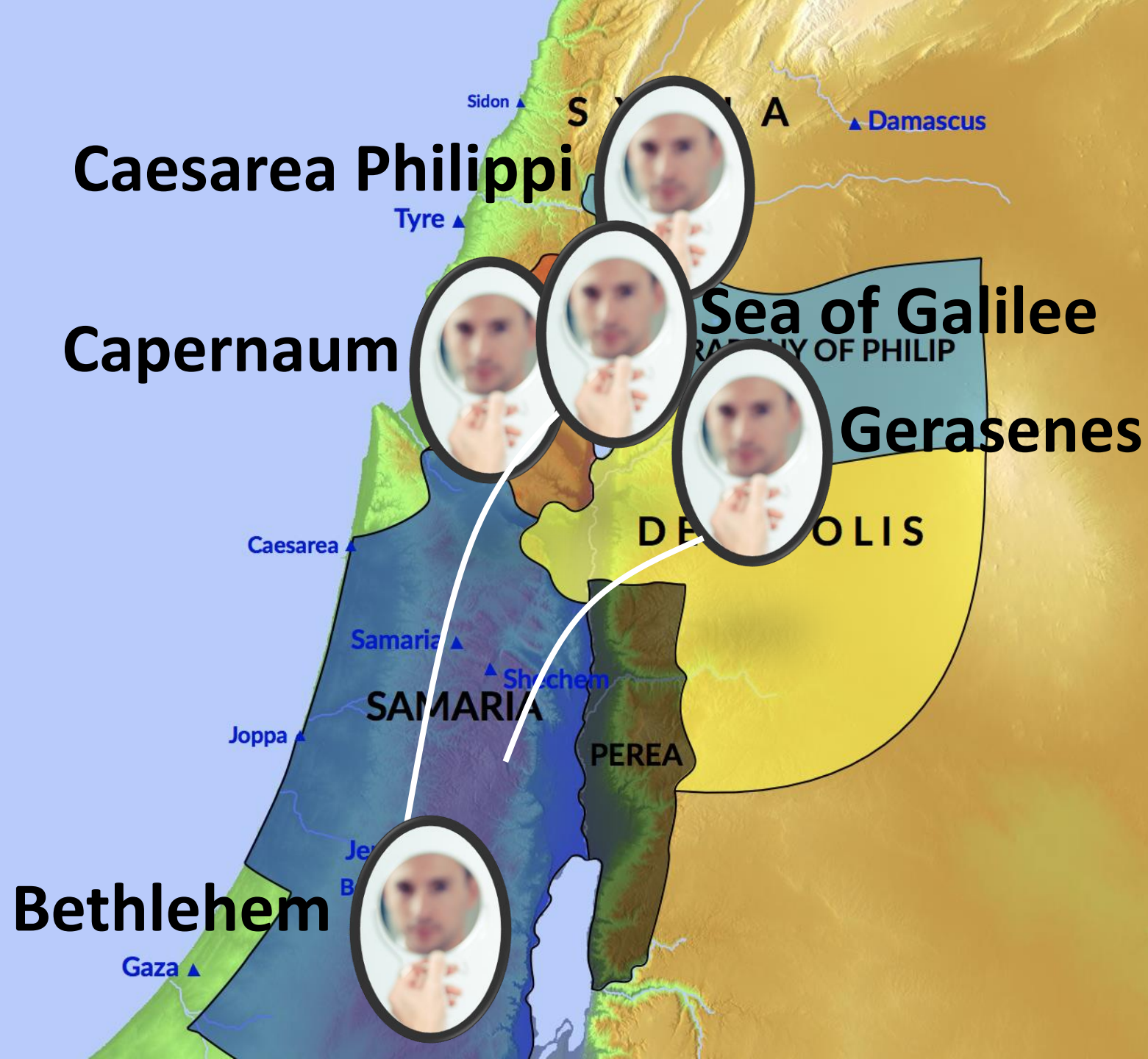


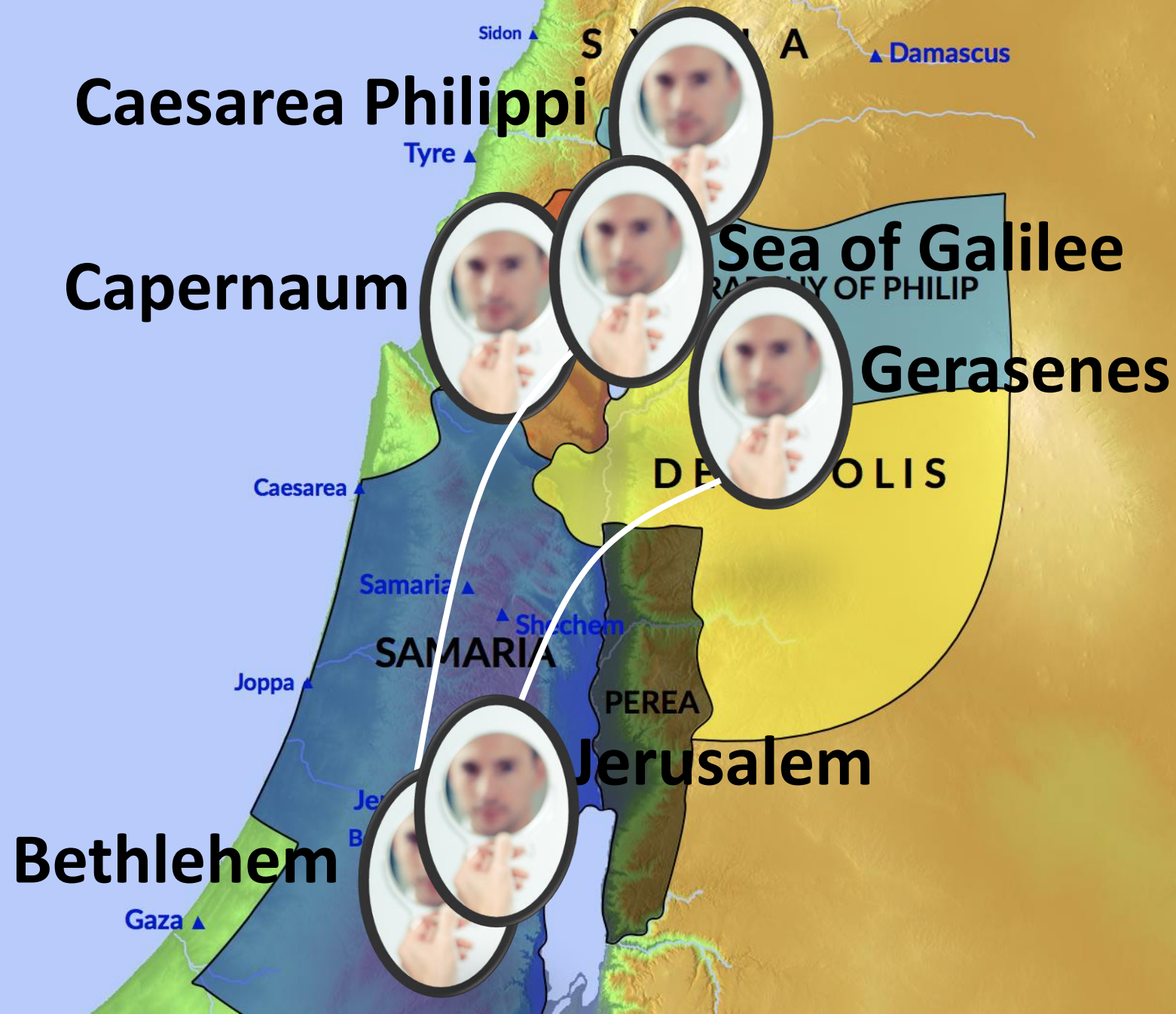












Bethlehem



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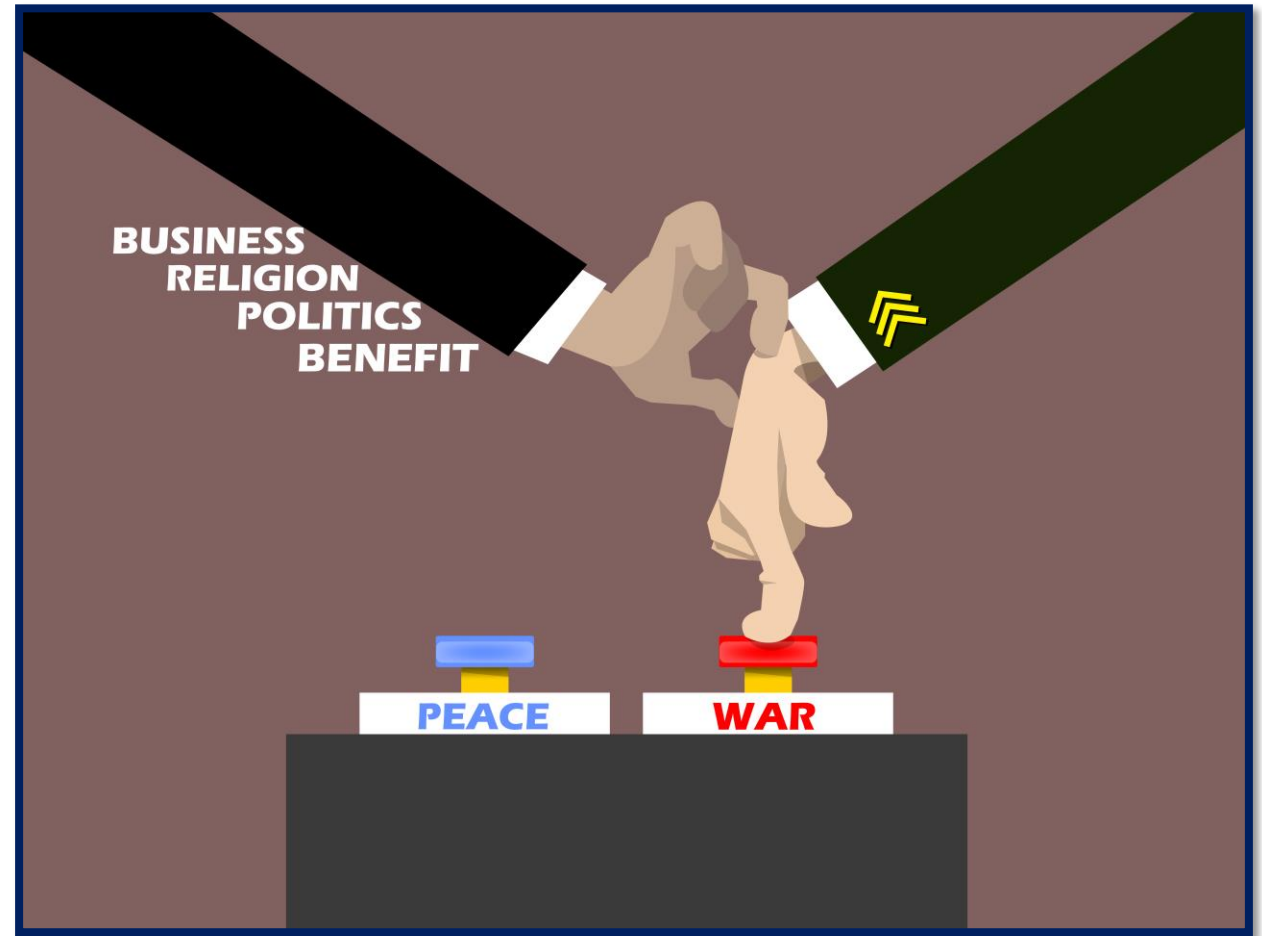
See what thing?

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Bethlehem



**Our world is
not at peace**




Bethlehem



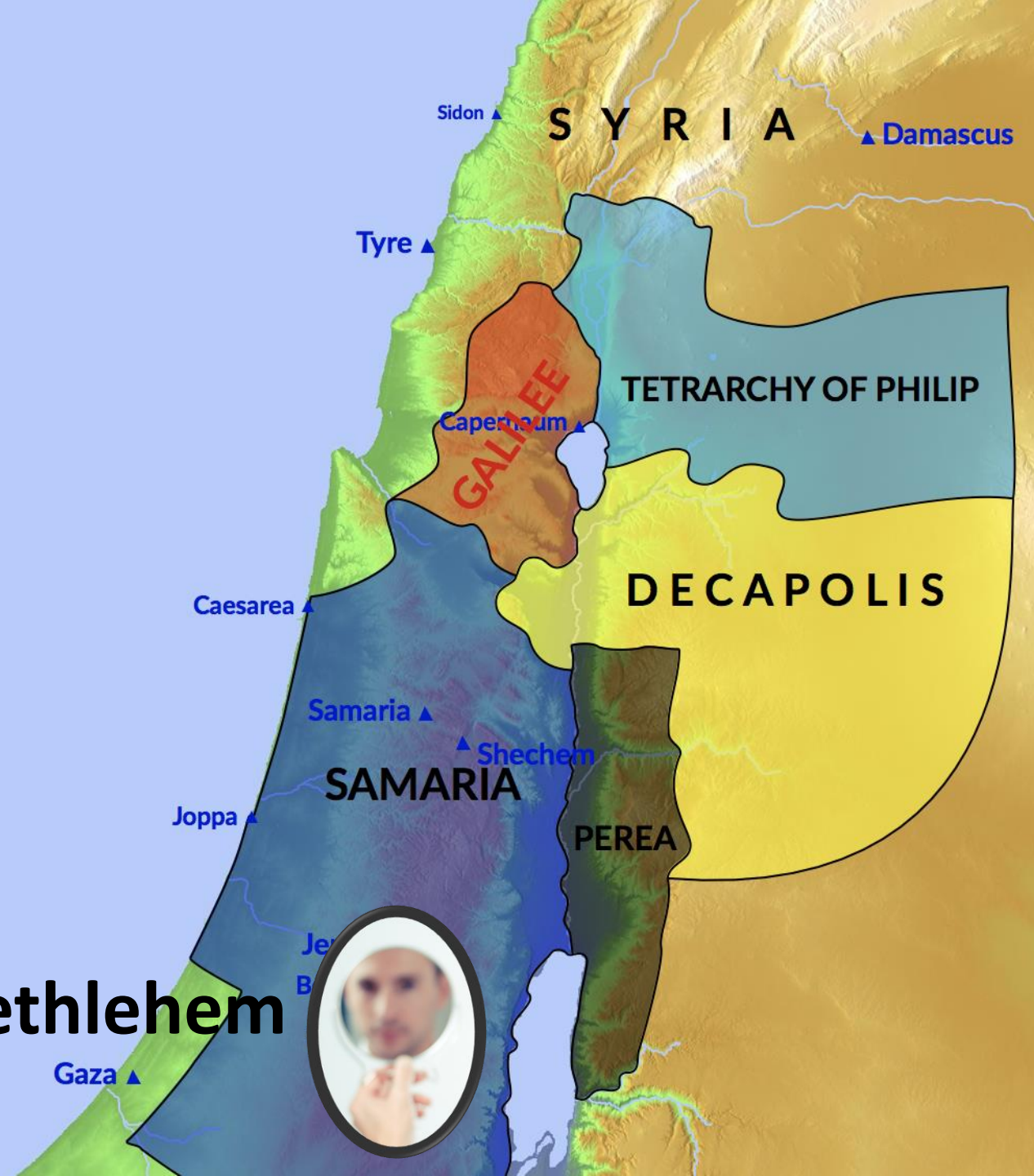
**Our world is
not at peace
... but I am**



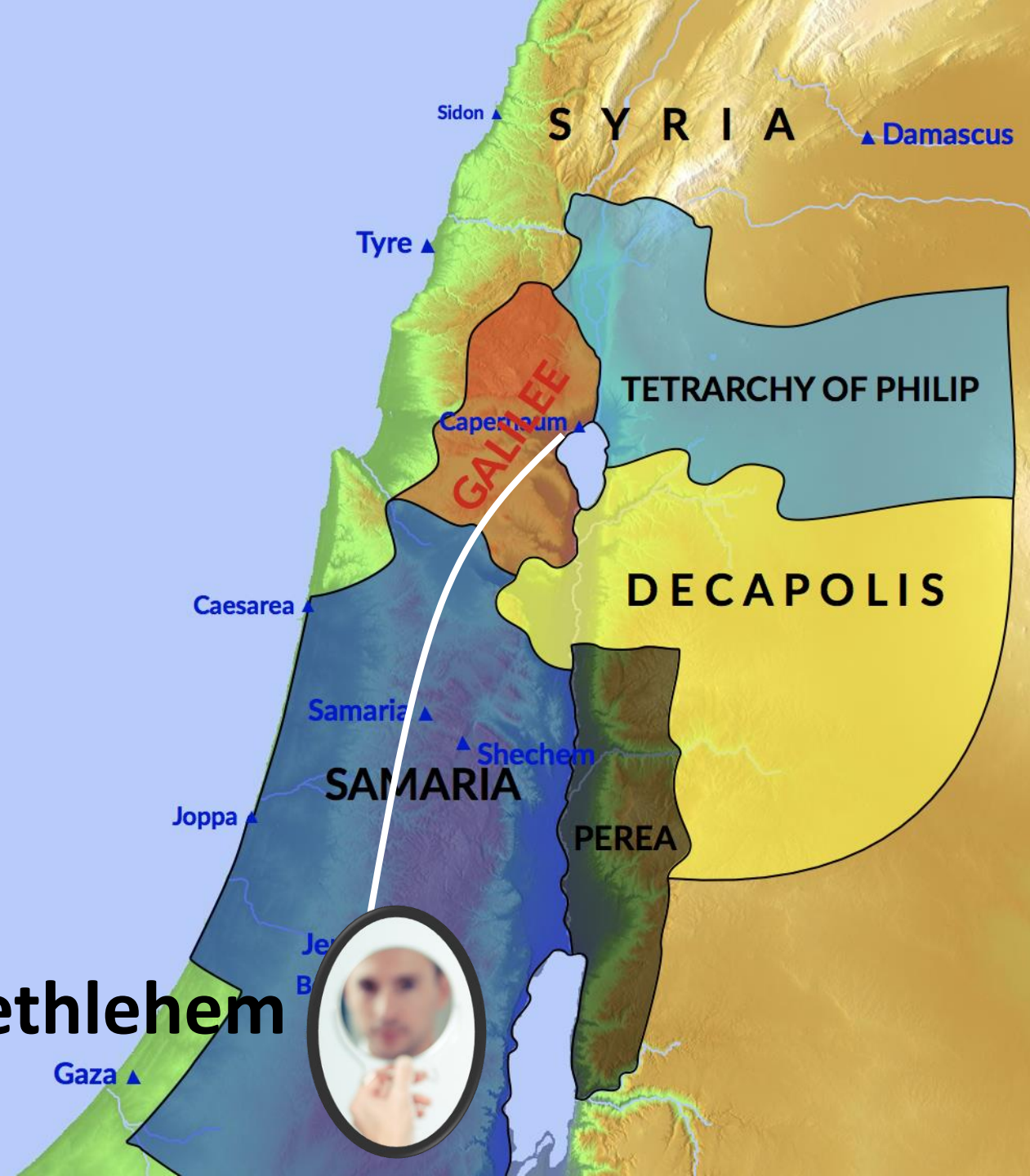


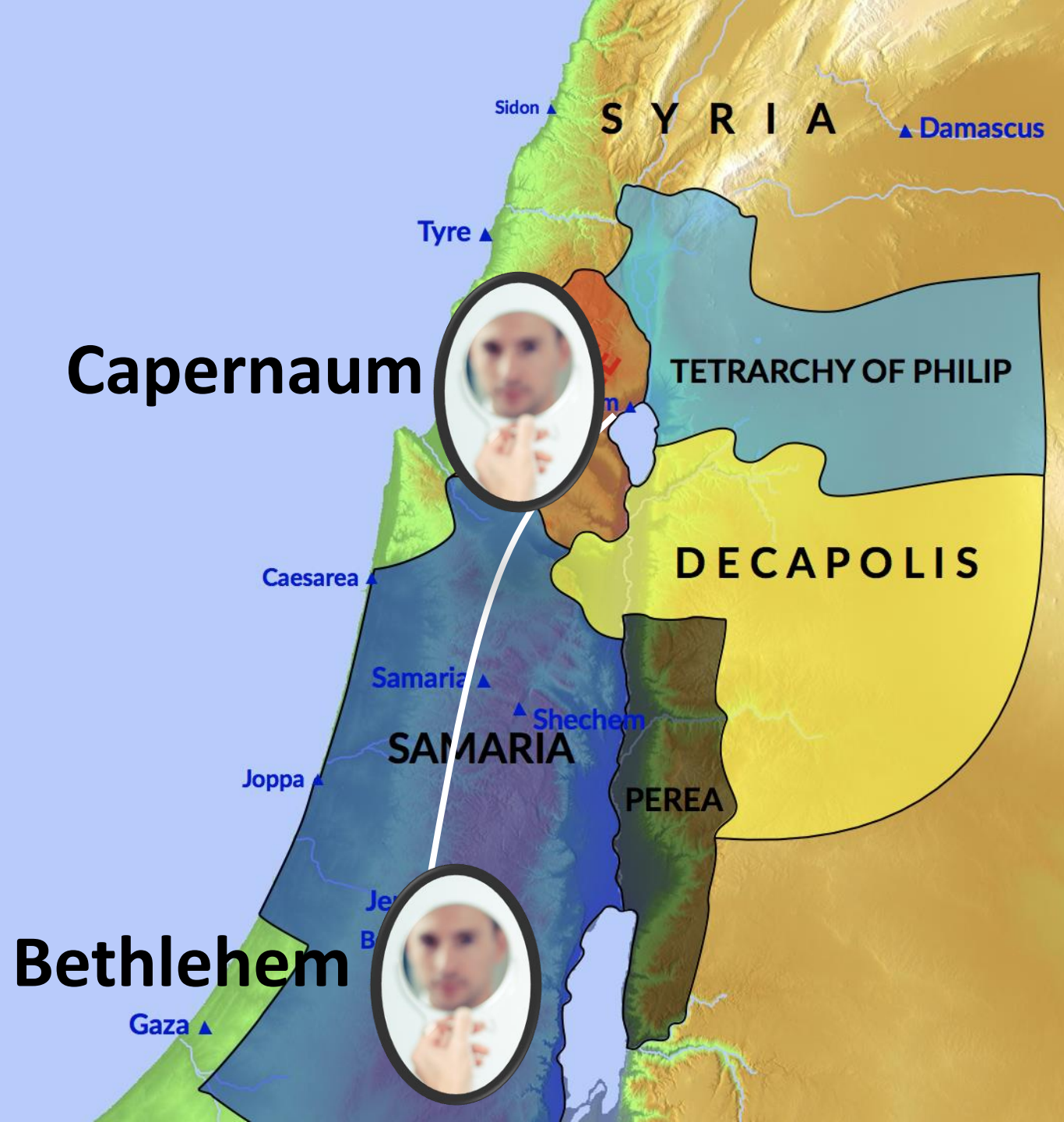
Peace I Leave With You;
My Peace I Give Unto You
Not As The World Gives Do I Give To You
Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled
And Do Not Be Afraid.
John 14:27

Bethlehem



Bethlehem





Capernaum



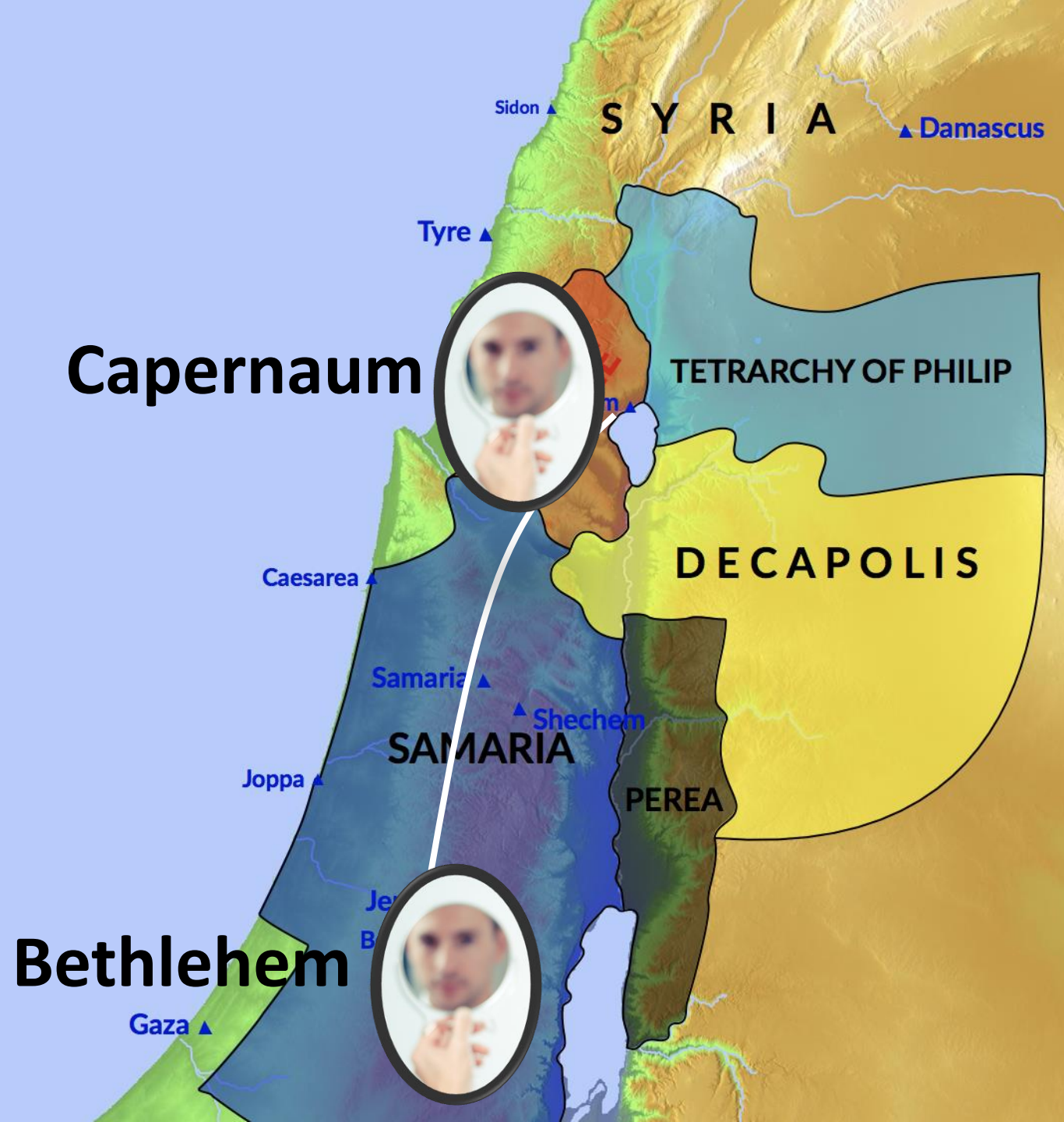
When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.” And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.” But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed (Mt. 8:5-8)

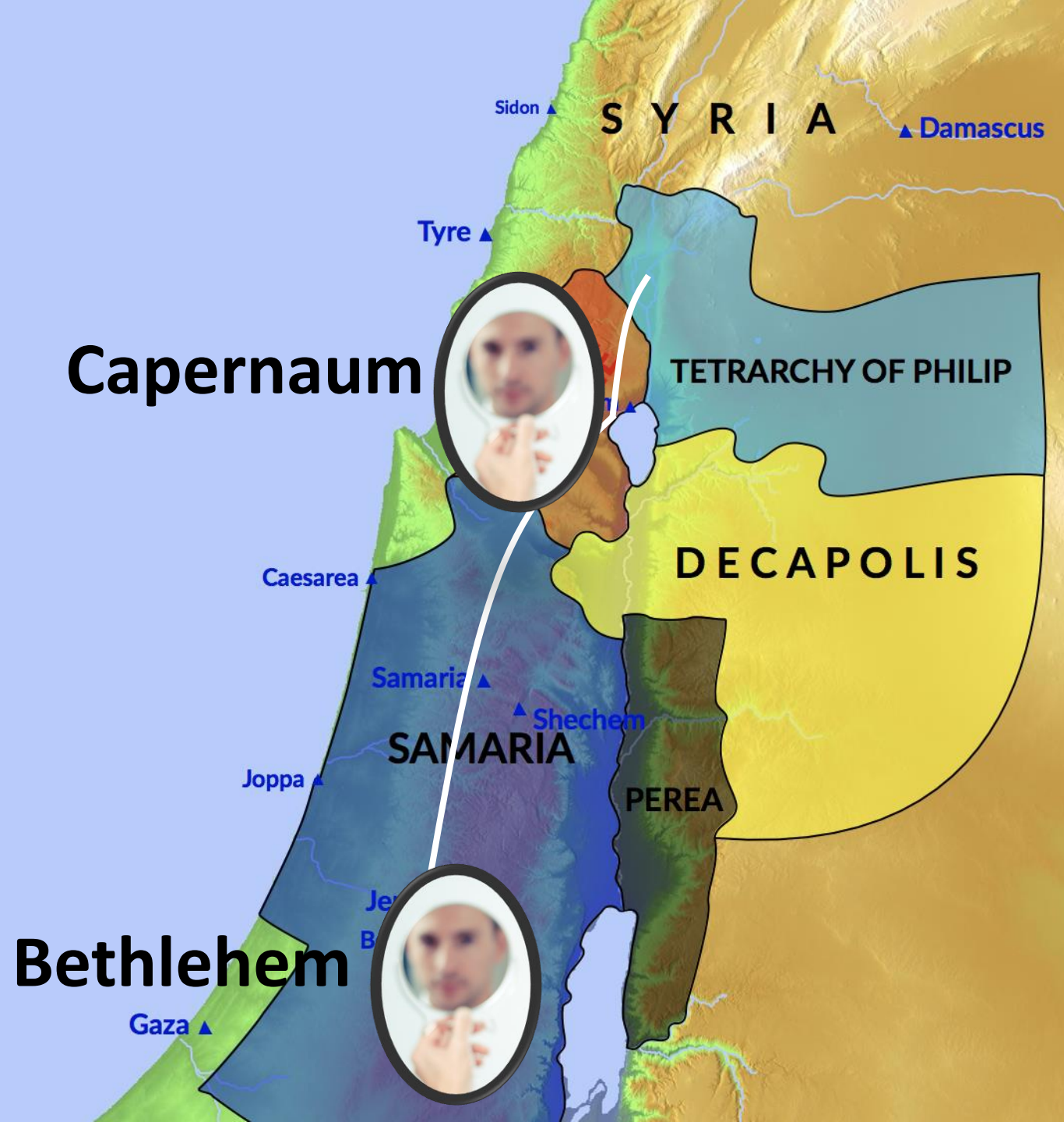
Capernaum



**I am unclean,
but I still
need Jesus.**









Caesarea Philippi



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” (Mt. 16:13-16)

Caesarea Philippi



**How does
 $1 + 1 + 1 = 1$?**

$$4 + 3 =$$

$$5 - 2 =$$

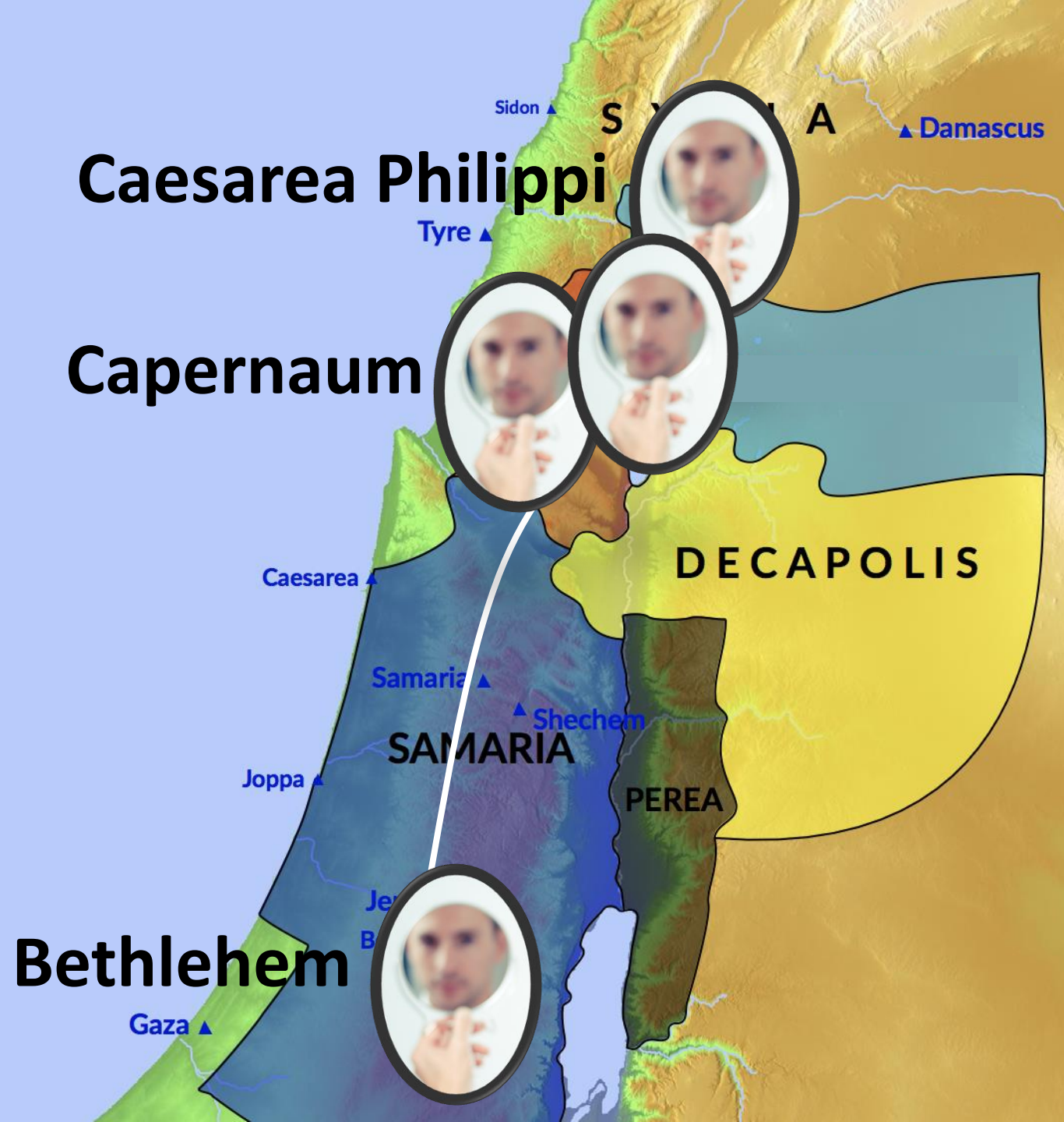
$$2 + 2 =$$

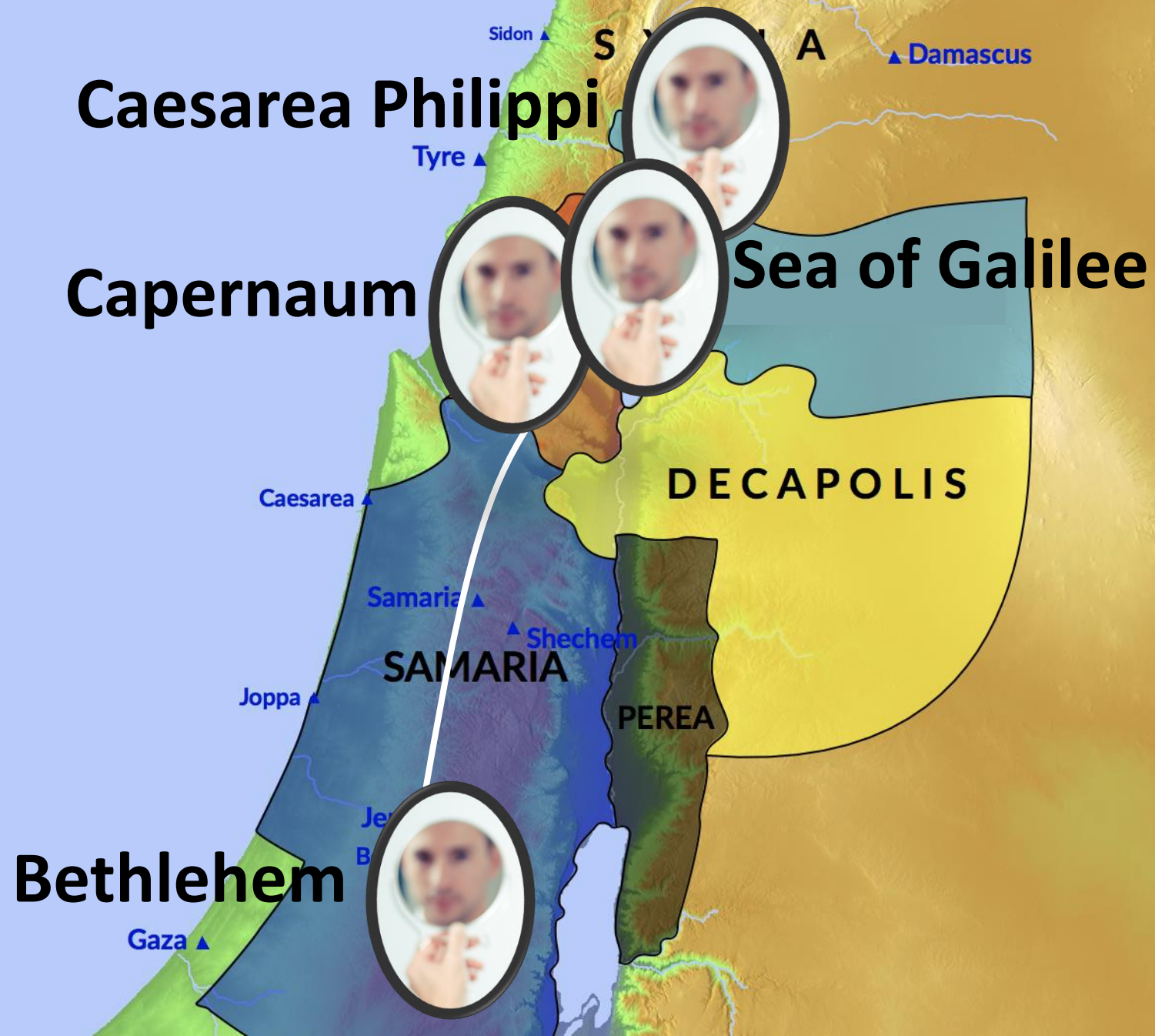


How does
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Sea of Galilee



And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?”
(Mt. 14:28-31)

Sea of Galilee



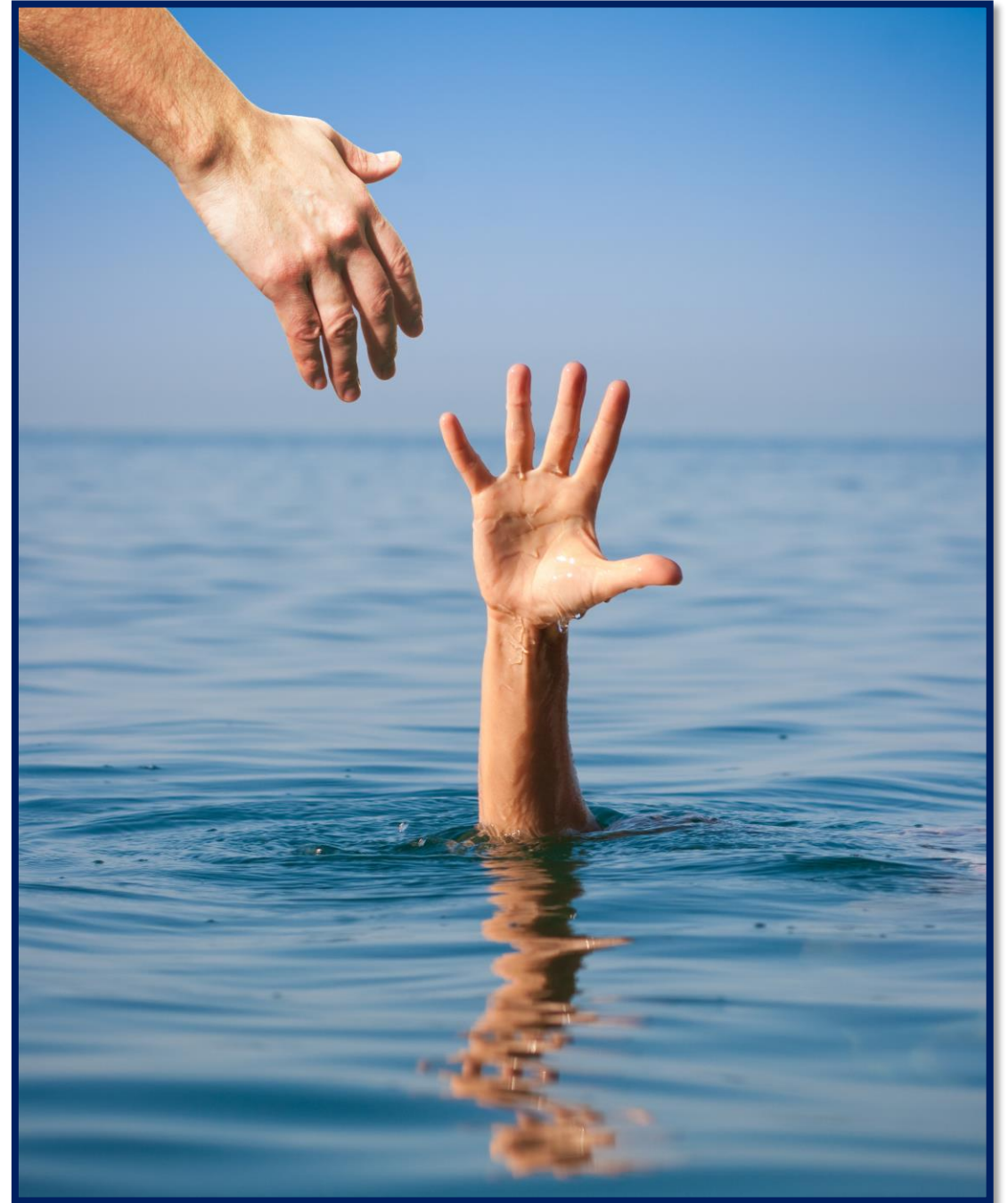
**In the midst of
storms, I can be
of two minds**

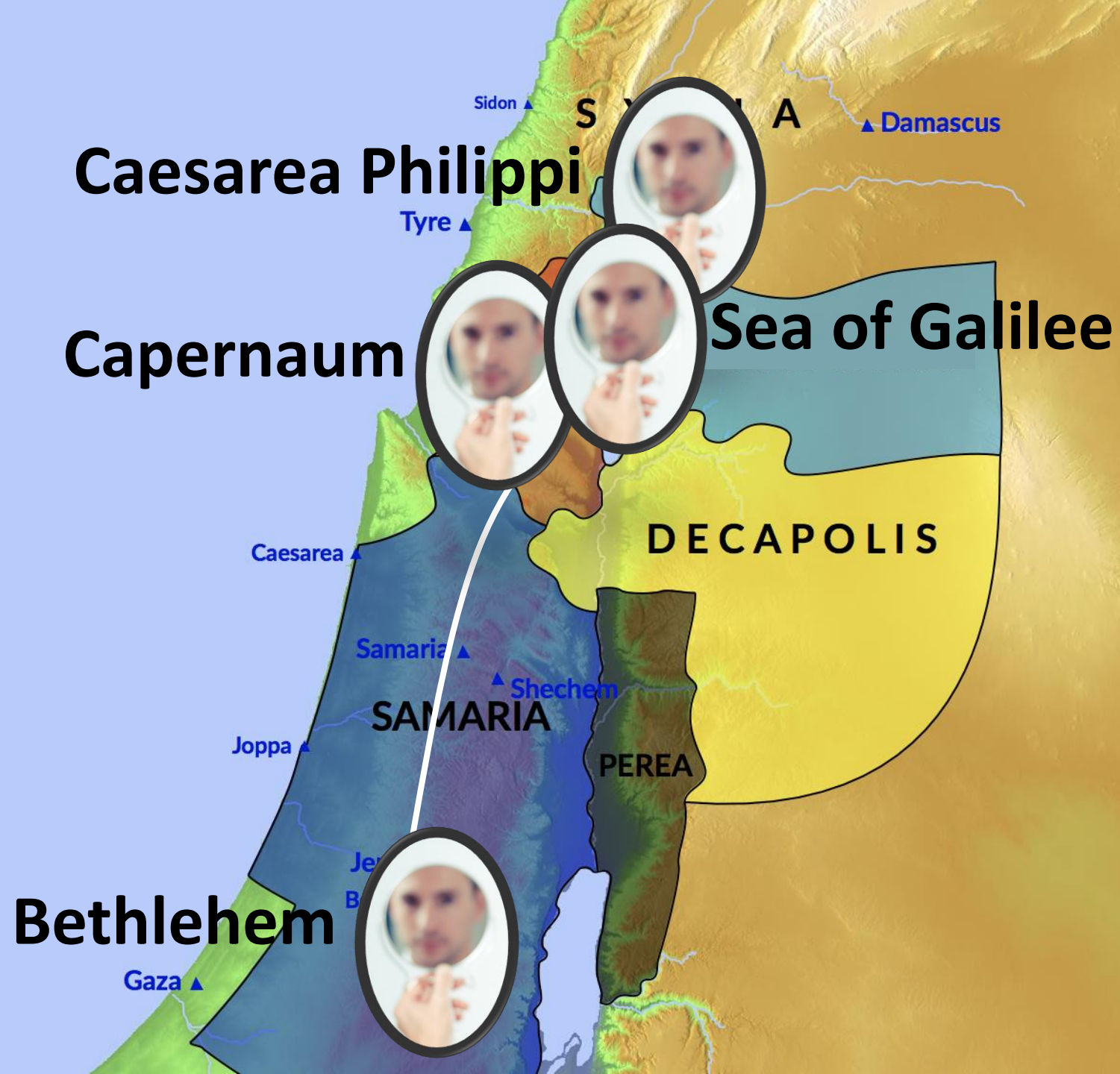


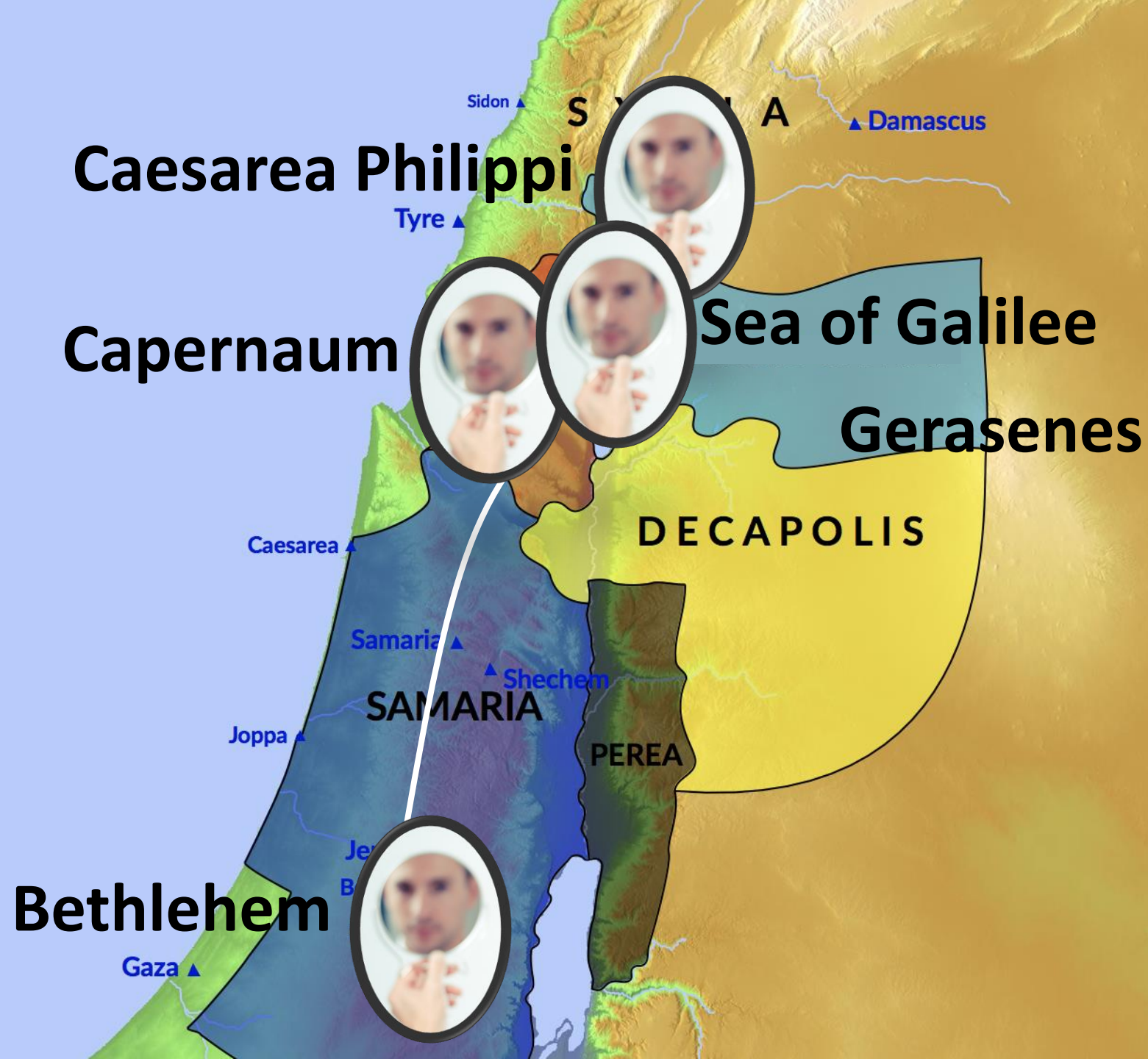
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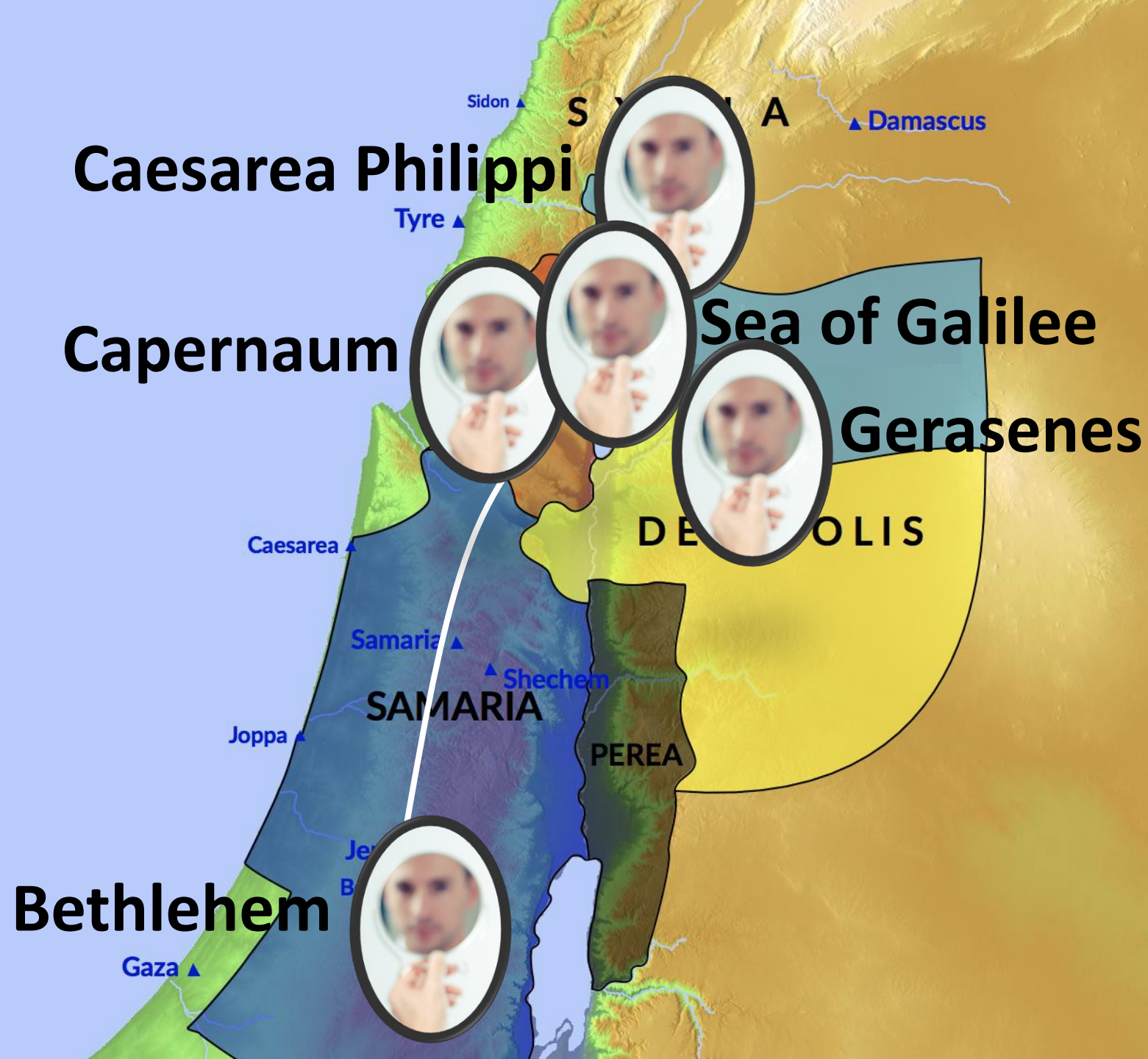


**I need the help of
Jesus to obey Jesus**









Gerasenes



They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs.

(Mk. 5:1-3)

Gerasenes



**Have you
ever been
sick as a dog?**



Gerasenes



Man of the tombs

He lives in a place where no one goes

And he tears at himself



And lives with a pain that no one knows

He counts himself dead among the living

He knows no mercy and no forgiving

Deep in the night he's driven to cry out loud

Can you hear him cry out loud?

“Man of the Tombs”



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



Man of the tombs

Possessed by an unseen enemy

He breaks every chain



And mistakes his freedom for being free

Shame and shamelessness equally there

Like a random toss of a coin in the air

Man of the tombs, he's driven to cry out loud

“Man of the Tombs”



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



Underneath this thing that I've become
A fading memory of flesh and blood
I curse the womb, I bless the grave
I've lost my heart, I cannot be saved
Like those who fear me, I'm afraid
Like those I've hurt, I can feel pain
Naked now before my sin
And these stones that cut against my skin
Some try to touch me, but no one can
For man of the tombs I am

"Man of the Tombs"



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



Down at the shoreline
Two sets of footprints meet
One voice is screaming



Other voice begins to speak

In only a moment and only a word
The evil departs like a thundering herd
Man of the tombs, he hears this cry out loud

“Man of the Tombs”



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



“Man of the Tombs”

Underneath this thing that you've become
I see a man of flesh and blood
I give you life beyond the grave
I heal your heart, I come to save
No need to fear, be not afraid
This Man of Sorrows knows your pain
I come to take away your sin
And bear it's marks upon My skin
When no one can touch you, still I can
For Son of God I am



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



Dressed now and seated
Clean in spirit and healthy of mind
Man of the tombs



He begs to follow, but must stay behind
He'll return to his family with stories to tell
Of mercy and madness, of heaven and hell
Man of the tombs, soon he will cry out loud

"Man of the Tombs"



Bob Bennett

Gerasenes



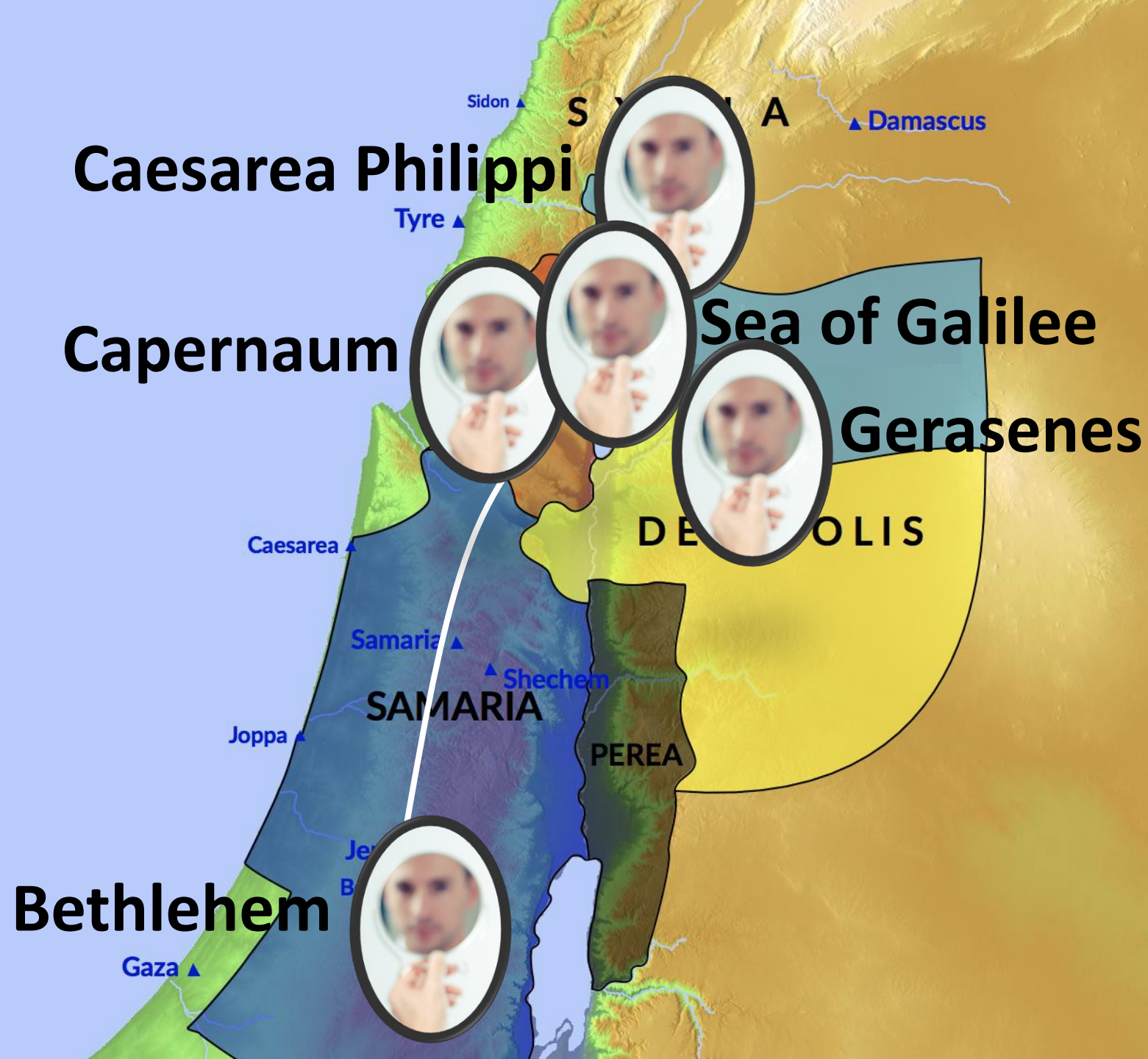
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And bear it's marks upon His skin
I'm telling you this story because
Man of the tombs I was

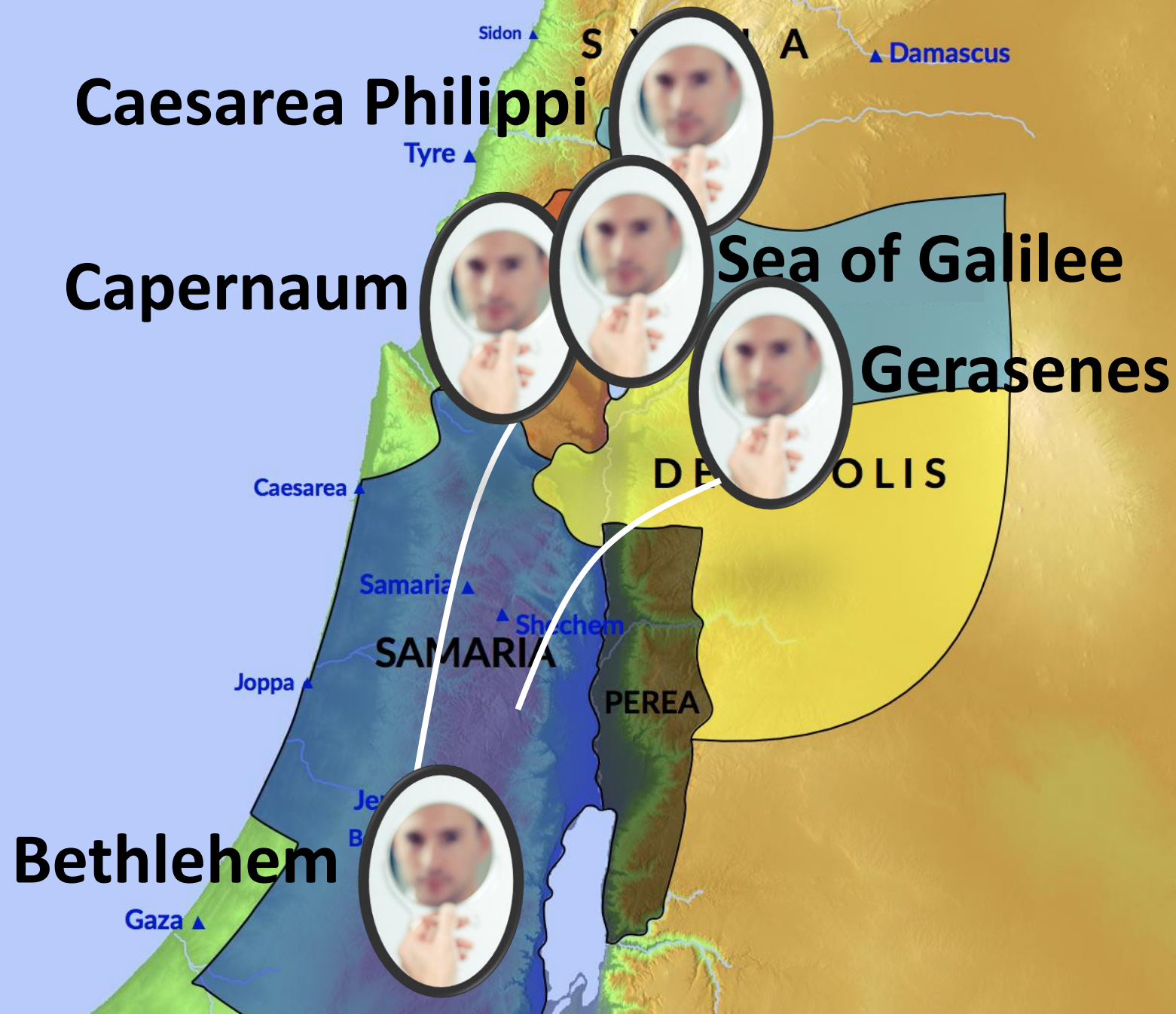


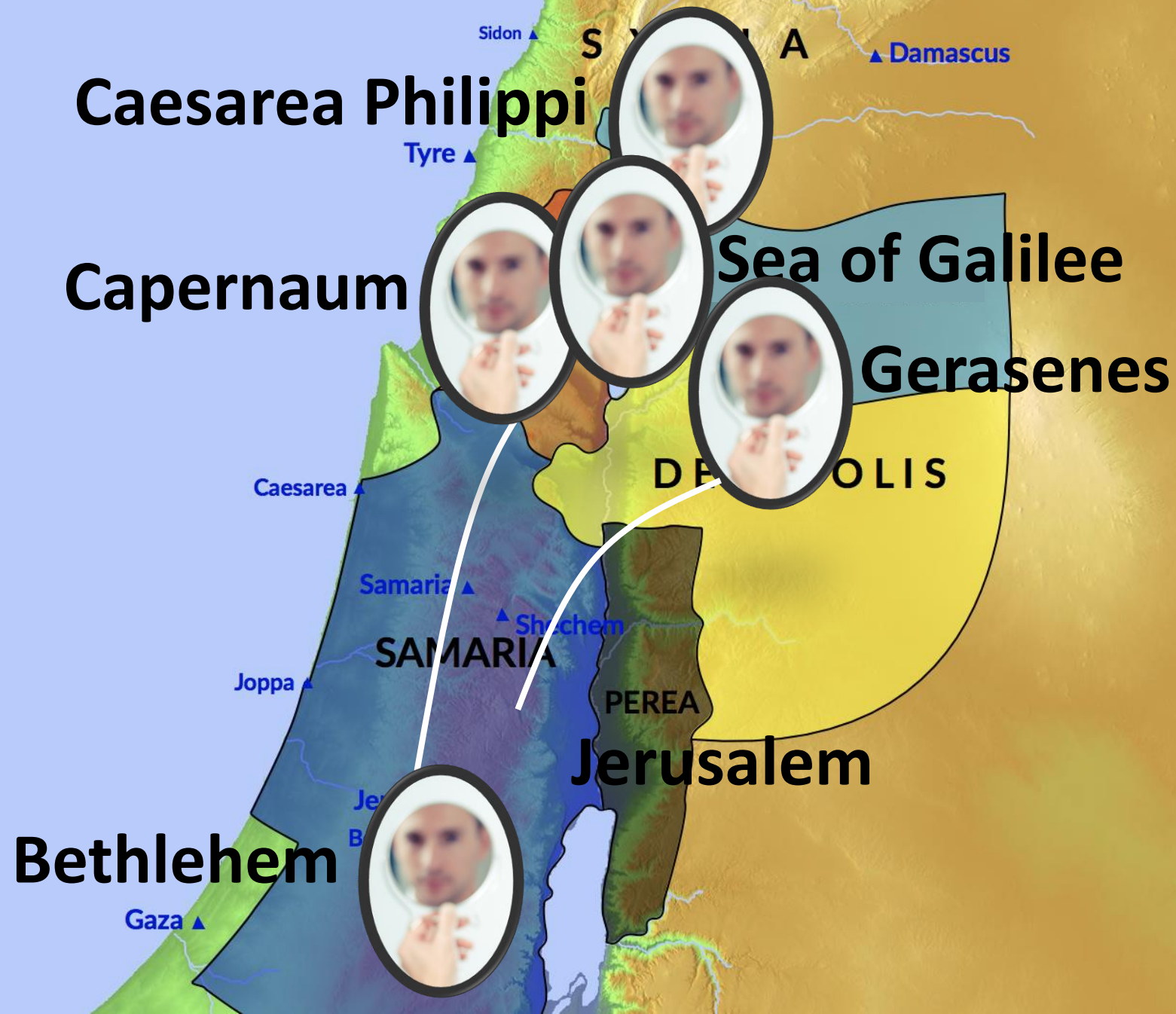
“Man of the Tombs”



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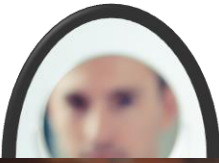


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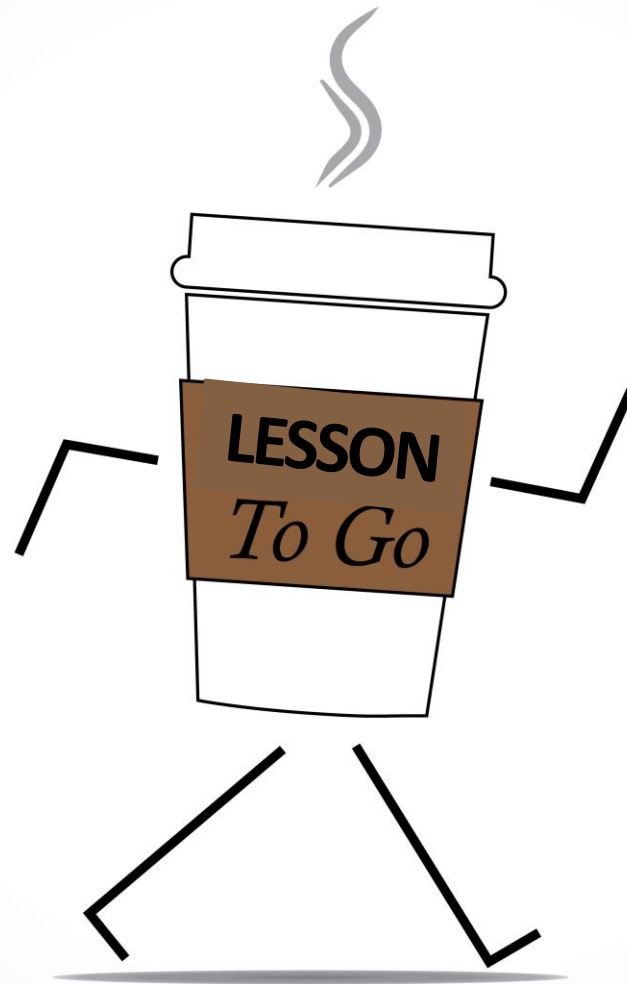


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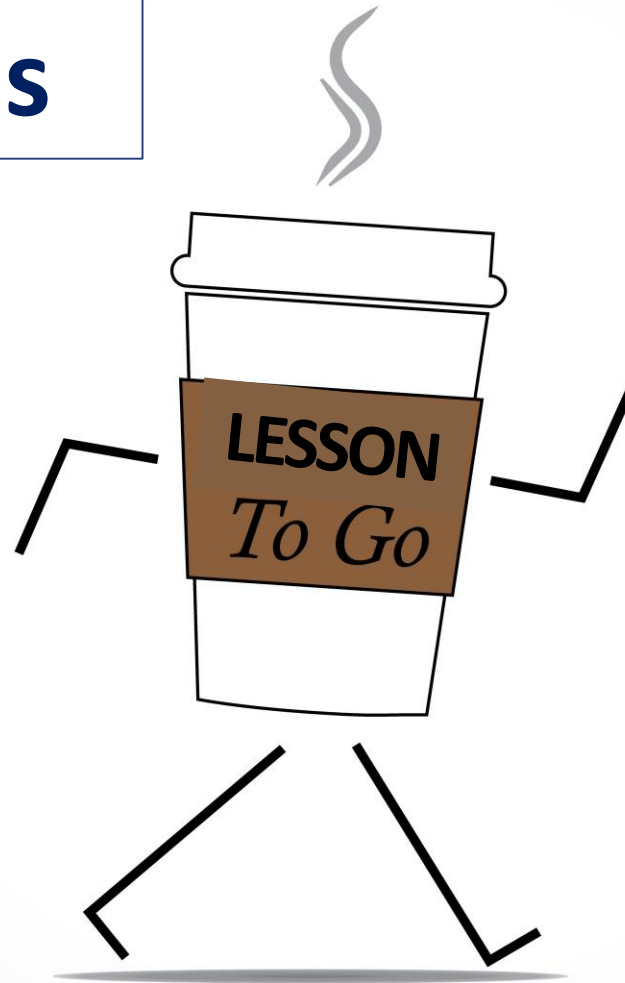






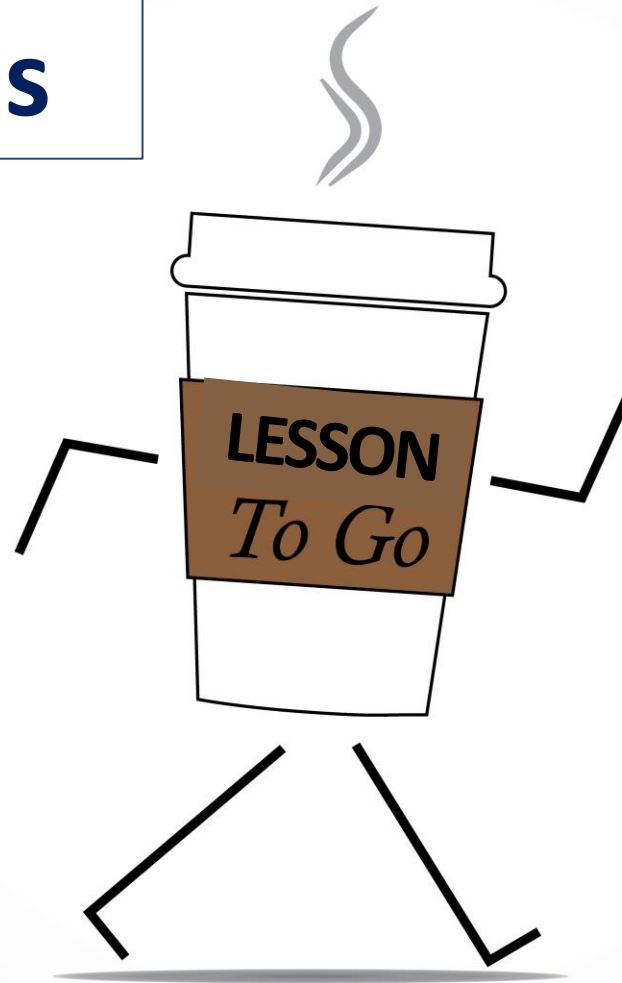


**Walk in the
peace of Jesus**



**Walk in the
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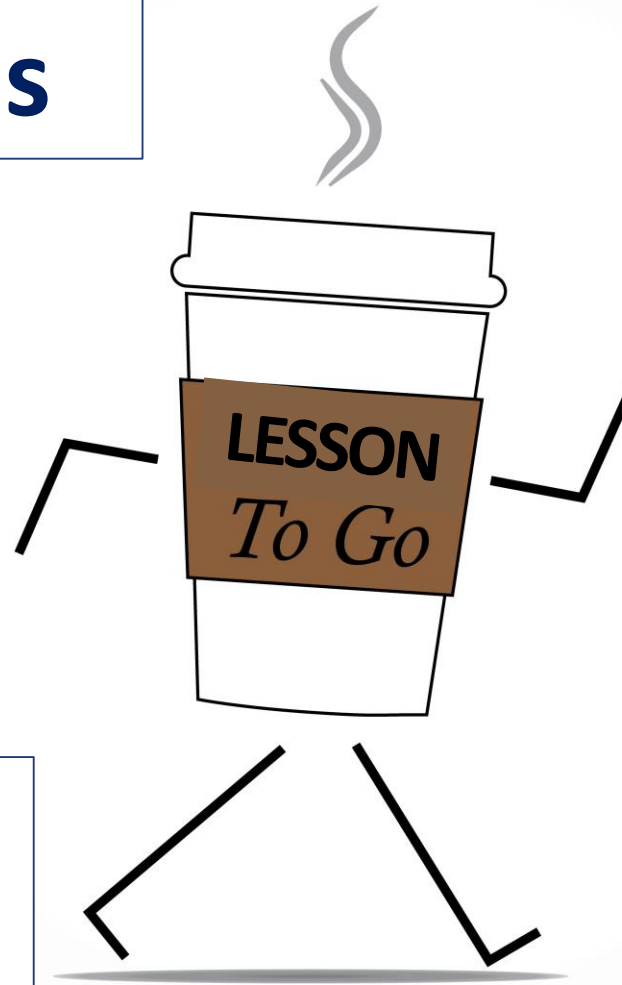
**See my need
for Jesus**



**Walk in the
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**See my need
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**Seek the help
of Jesus**

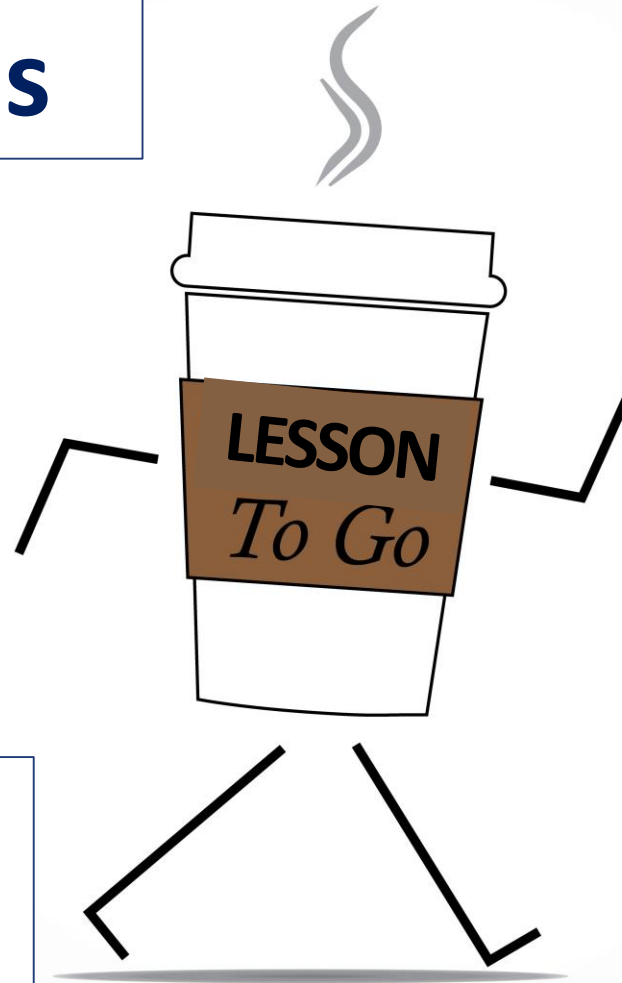


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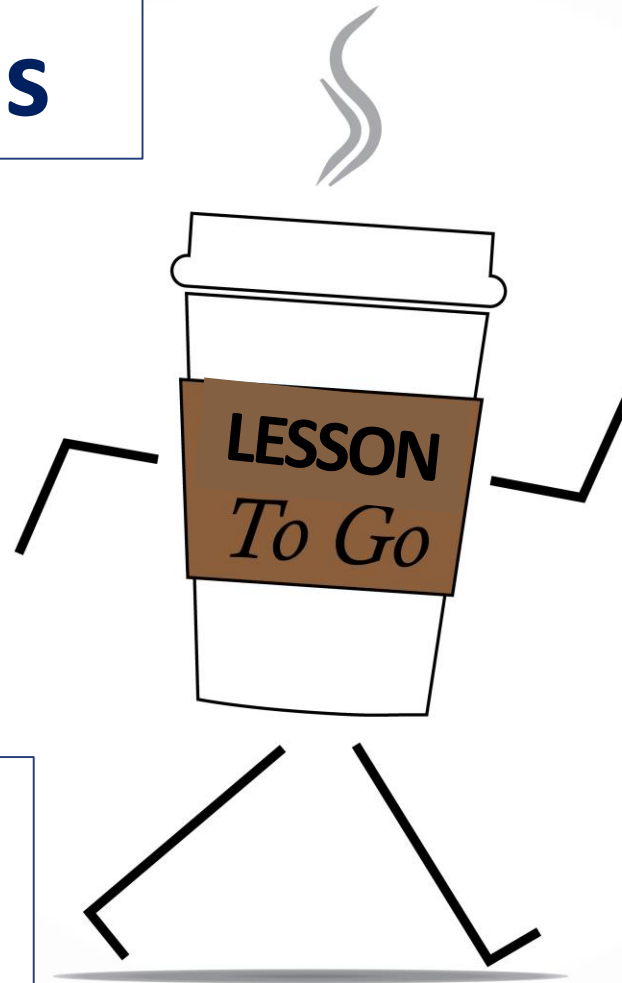
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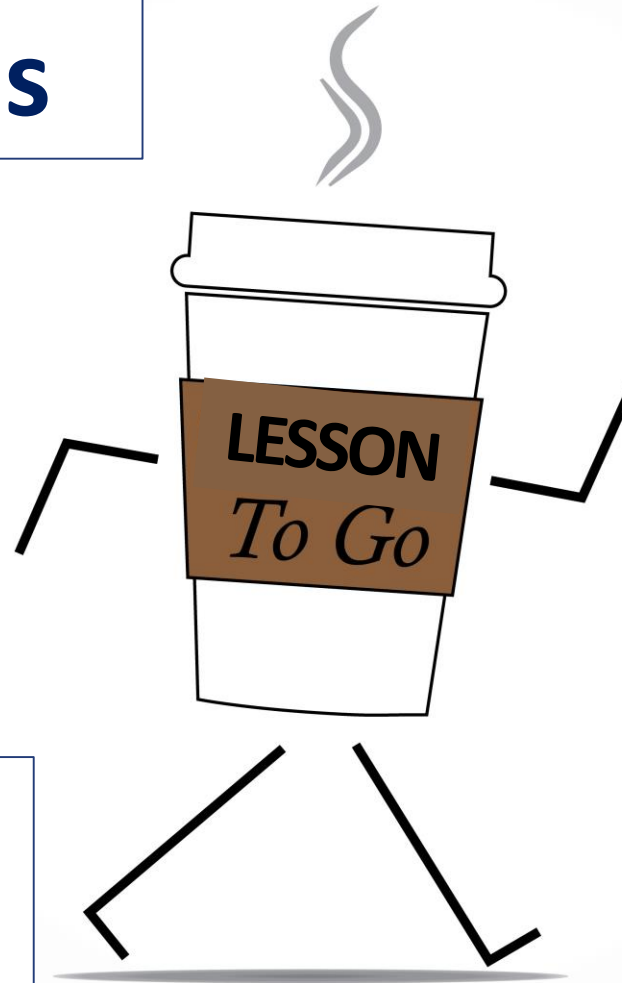
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**Walk under the
cross of Jesus**

**Walk in the
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**See my need
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**Seek the help
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**Be amazed
at Jesus**

**Take the
healing of Jesus**

**Walk under the
cross of Jesus**

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