

Treasure Hunt

- The location of Capernaum explains the presence of two people there. Who were they, and why were they there?
- How does Matthew's account of the healing of the centurion's servant differ from Luke's, and why?
- What two things does this healing have in common with the healing of the daughter of the Syro-Phoenician woman in Matt. 15?
- Can you suggest why centurions in the NT are, in general, so supportive of believers?
- What two things evoke a sense of marvel from the Lord Jesus?
- Was it a novel revelation when the Lord said that Gentiles would sit down with the patriarchs in the kingdom of God?
- Was it a novel revelation when he taught that the children of the kingdom would be cast out?

Structure of Matt 8-9

Healings and Miracles

8:2-4, Leper
8:5-13, Centurion's Servant
8:14-17, Peter's Mother-in-law
(and others)

8:23-27, Calming the Sea
8:28-34, Gadarene Demoniacs
9:2-8, Palsied Man

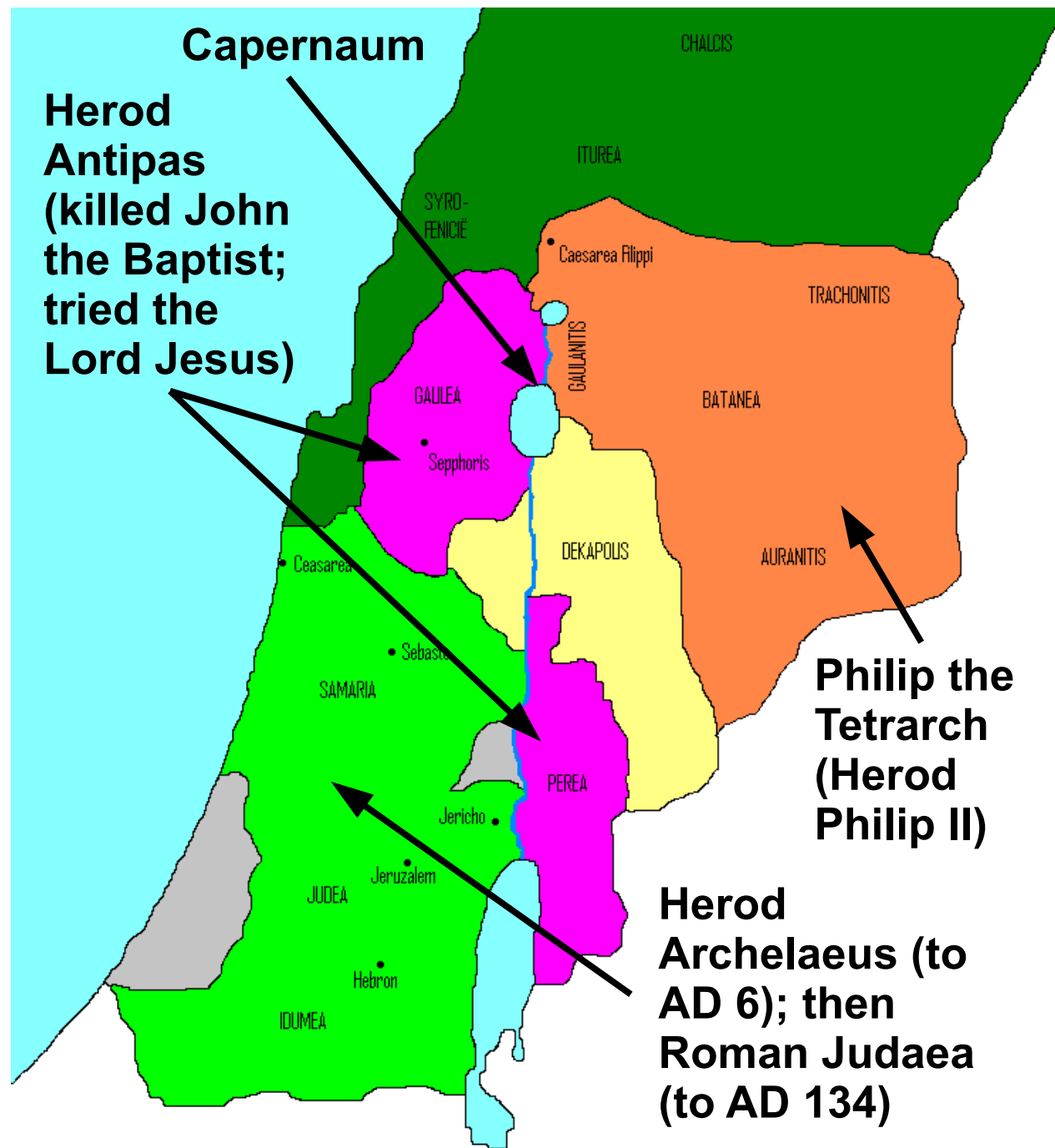
9:18-26, Ruler's Daughter &
Woman with Issue
9:27-31, Two Blind Men
9:32-34, Dumb Man

Discipleship

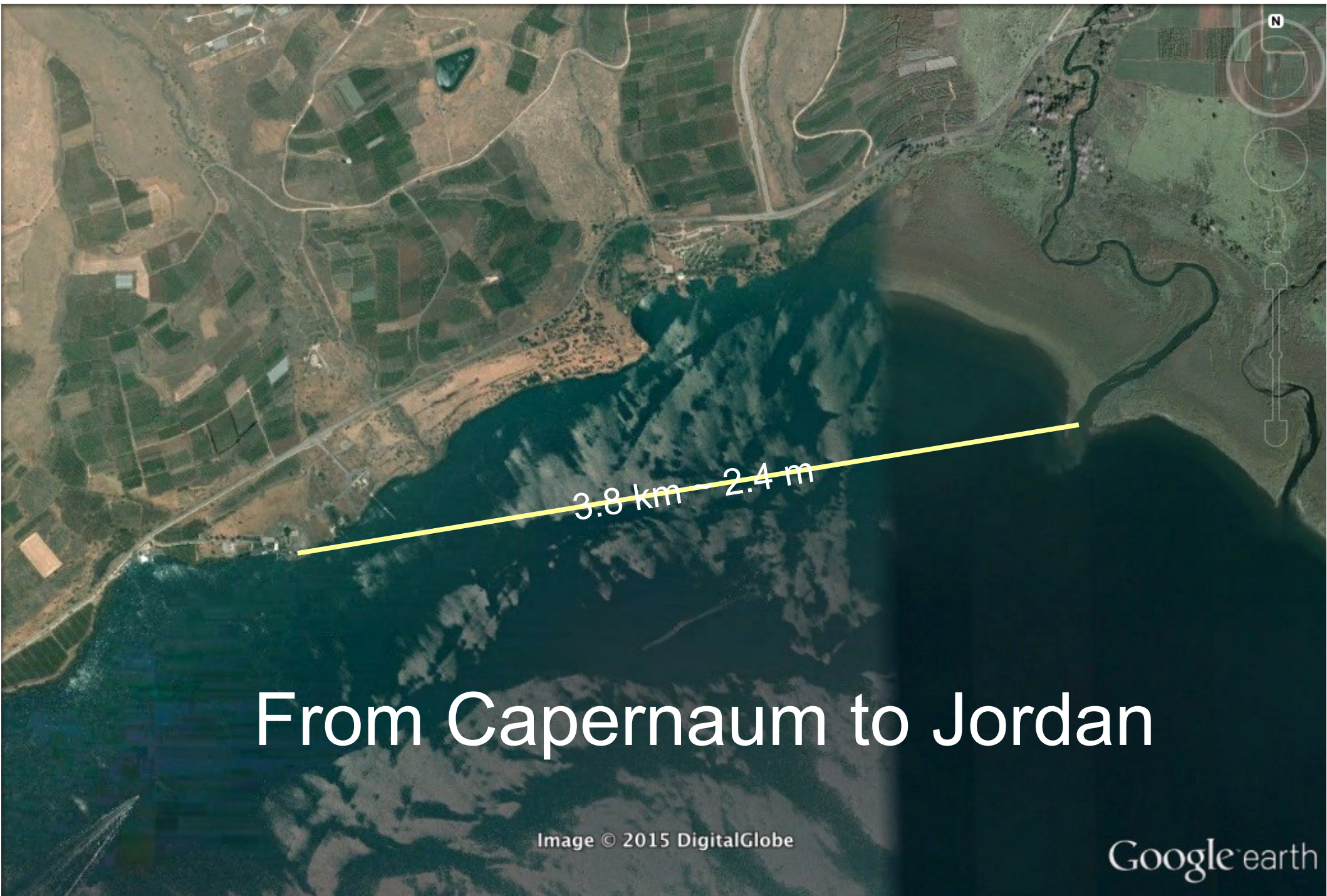
8:18-22, The Reluctant Scribe

9:9-13, Call of Matthew
9:14-17, Disciples of John

Divisions of Palestine 4 BC – AD 34



Map: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herodian_Tetrarchy#mediaviewer/File:Palestine_after_Herod.png



From Capernaum to Jordan

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Matthew and Luke

What are the differences?

- Matthew *omits*
 - The role of the Jewish elders
 - The centurion and the synagogue
- Luke *omits*
 - vv. 11-12, the inclusion of Gentiles and exclusion of Jews in the kingdom

Why are they different? Matthew wants to emphasize

- The Lord's acceptance of the Gentile as a Gentile, regardless of any Jewish connection
- The jeopardy of the Jews

Compare:

Mat 15:26 But he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* to dogs. 27 And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great *is* thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt.

Centurions in the NT

v.8 “Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof”

- Compare Act 10:28: And [Peter] said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation;

Other centurions in the NT:

- At the cross (Matt 27:54; Mark 15:39; Luke 23:47), recognized Jesus as the Son of God;
- Cornelius, the first Gentile convert (Acts 10);
- At the temple, delivered Paul from the Jewish mob (Acts 21:32), and from scourging (22:25-26);
- Warned of the plot to ambush Paul in the council (23:17);
- Guarded Paul en route to Caesarea (23:23);
- Guarded Paul in Caesarea (24:23);
- Julius, in charge of Paul during the voyage to Rome (Acts 27), made decisions in Paul’s favor (v. 43)

Jesus “marvelled” θαυμάζω 2x

How does 8:10 relate to

Joh 2:24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.

Compare

Mar 6:6 And he **marvelled** because of their unbelief.

Promises of Gentile Salvation

Psa 22:27 **All the ends of the world** shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and **all the kindreds of the nations** shall worship before thee.

Amo 9:12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the **heathen**, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

Isa 2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and **all nations** shall flow unto it.

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the **Gentiles** seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

Isa 52:10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of **all the nations**; and **all the ends of the earth** shall see the salvation of our God.

Zec 8:22 Yea, **many people[s]** and **strong nations** shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

Mal 1:11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be **great among the Gentiles**; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the **heathen**, saith the LORD of hosts.

Warnings of Jewish Rejection

Mat 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore **every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.**

Isa 5:5 I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and **it shall be eaten up**; *and* break down the wall thereof, and **it shall be trodden down**: 6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts *is* the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant:

Mat 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: **depart from me**, ye that work iniquity.

Mat 21:43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be **taken from you**, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.