

Treasure Hunt

- Contrast the Lord's approach to the candidates in the two discipleship sections (8:18-22; 9:9-17).
- What cost of discipleship does each section emphasize?
- How does 9:10 anticipate the structure of 9:11-17?
- What principle of presentation does the Lord illustrate in 9:11-13?
- What is the common theme of the three parables in 9:15-17?
- Where does the Lord get this theme, and what is its significance?
- Where in the NT do we see the lesson of the wineskin extended and applied?

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

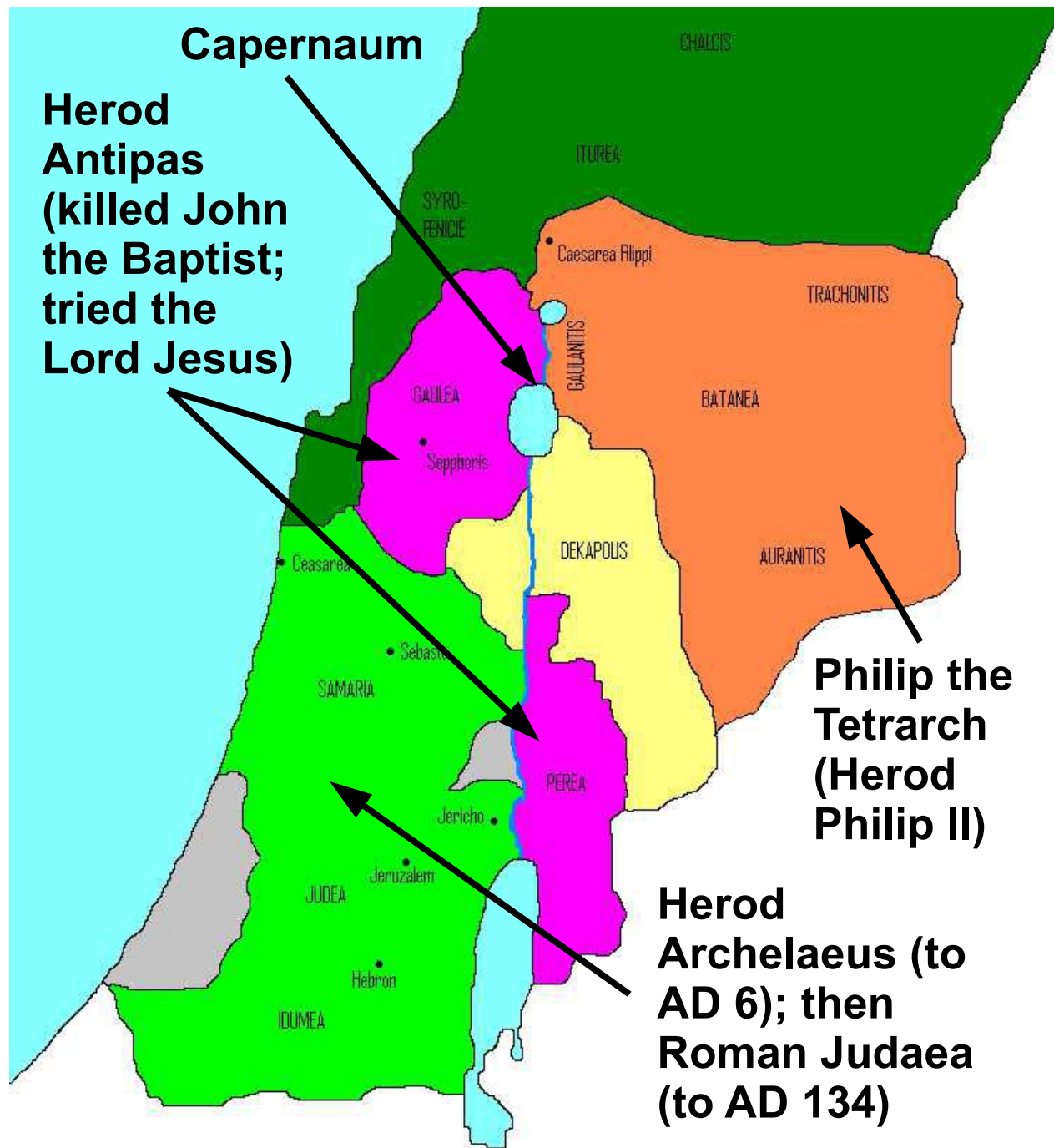
8:18-22, The Reluctant Scribe
and Disciple
Personal Cost: Deprivation

9:9, Call of Matthew
9:10-17, Pharisees and John's
Disciples
Social Cost: Rejection

Divisions of Palestine 4 BC – AD 34

Matthew's location:

Mar 2:13-14 And he went forth again **by the sea side**; and all the multitude resorted unto him, and he taught them. 14 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.



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

9:10-17, The Social Cost of Discipleship

Matt 9:10-17

10 And it came to pass,

as Jesus **sat at meat** in the house,

behold, many **publicans and sinners** came and sat down with him and his disciples.

11-13 (Objection to the Publicans and Sinners)

13 And when the **Pharisees** saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with **publicans and sinners**?

12 But when **Jesus** heard *that*, he said unto them,

- They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.
- 13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice:
- for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

14-17 (Objection to the meal)

14 Then came to him the **disciples of John**, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples **fast not**?

15 And **Jesus** said unto them,

- Can the children of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast.
- 16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

Achieving Understanding and Authority

	Matt 9:12-13	1 Cor 9:7-8
Example for Understanding	12 They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.	1Co 9:7 Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock?
Scripture for Authority	13 But go ye and learn what <i>that</i> meaneth [Hos 6:6], I will have mercy, and not sacrifice:	8 Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? 9 For it is written in the law of Moses [Deut 25:4], Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn.

9:15 Jesus as the Bridegroom

OT Roots:

Isa 62:4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the **bridegroom** rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

Hos 2:19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, **I will betroth thee unto me** in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

John's imagery:

Joh 3:28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the **bridegroom**: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

Fasting after the bridegroom departs:

Act 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers;... 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

Act 14:23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

9:17 “bottle” = wineskin



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Silenus riding a wineskin, replica of a statue from Pompei (before AD 79)
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