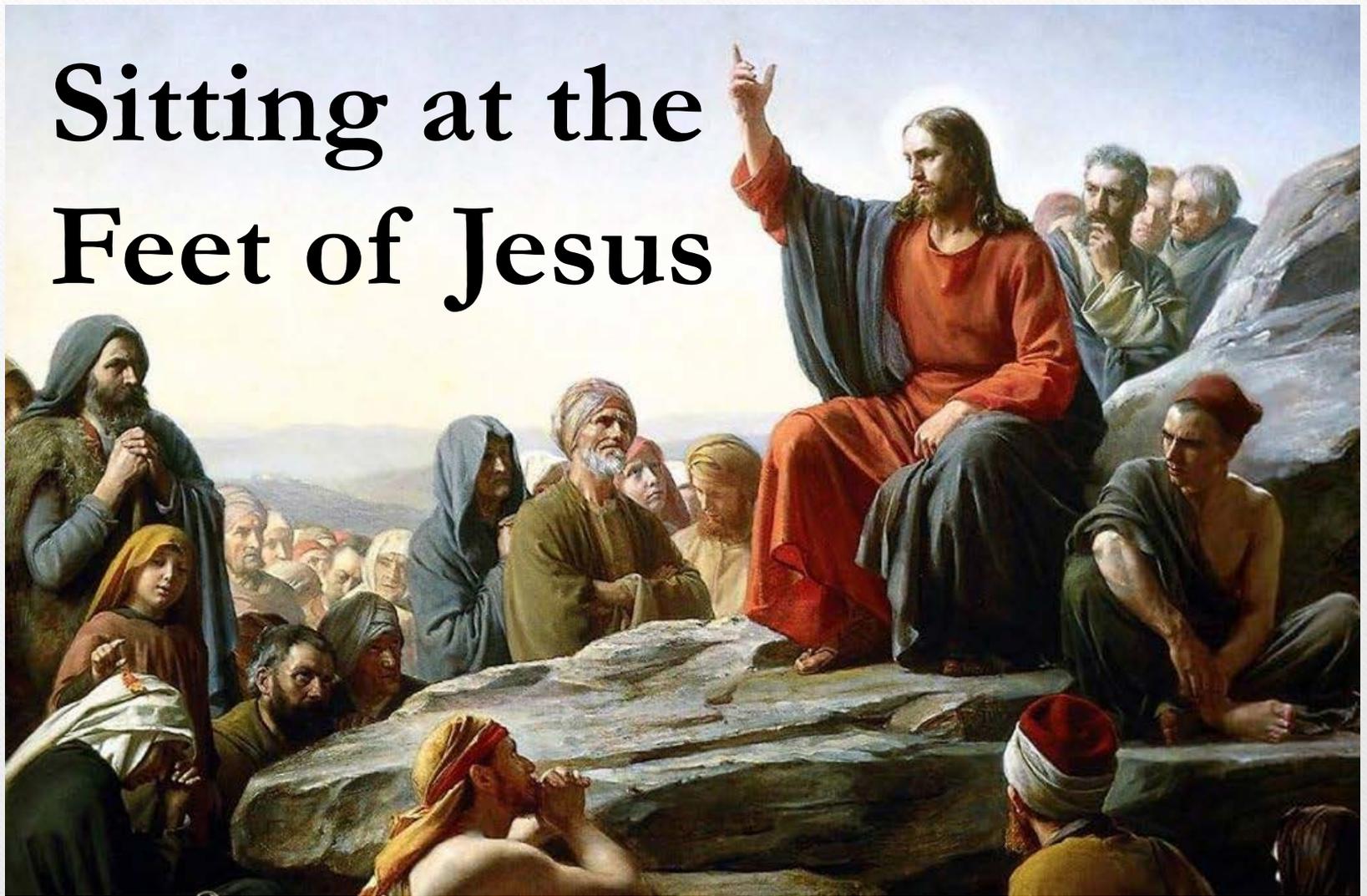


Sitting at the Feet of Jesus



Living Water

John 4:1-26

John 4: 1-2

Therefore when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John (although Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples were)

Question

Why was Jesus not baptizing?

1 Corinthians 1: 11-15

For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "I am of Paul," and "I of Apollos," and "I of Cephas," and "I of Christ."

1 Corinthians 1: 11-15

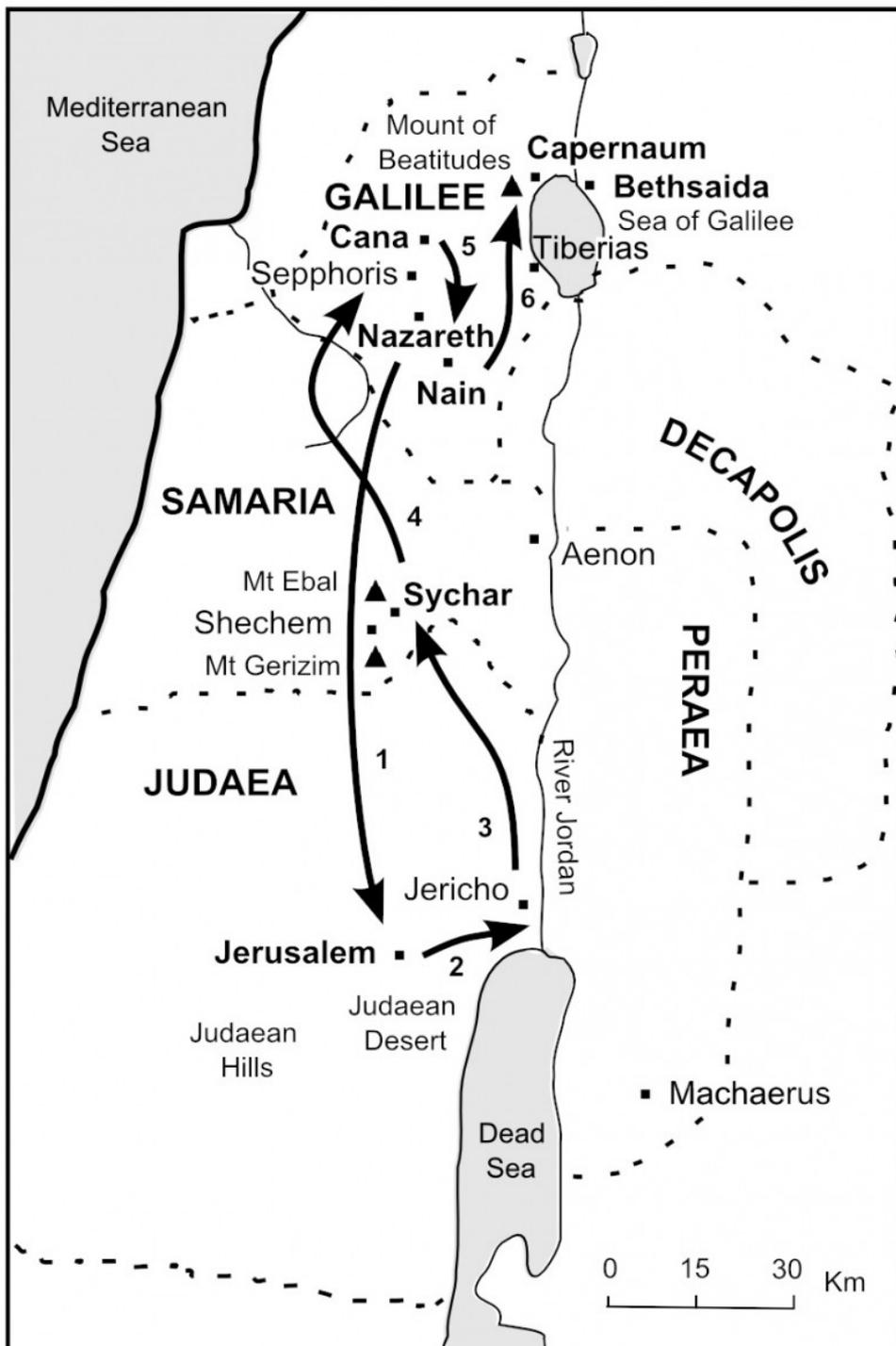
Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one would say you were baptized in my name.

John 4: 3-4

He left Judea and went
away again into Galilee.
And He had to pass
through Samaria.

John 3: 22-26

It is the summer of 27AD and Jesus and his disciples are traveling through the Judaeian countryside and his disciples are baptizing in the Jordan river. John is also baptizing in the same river at Aenon.



Question

What is the history of Samaria?

Samaria

The Kingdom of Israel was split into two halves. The southern half was called Judah and the northern half was called Israel. Israel had designated Samaria as their capitol city.

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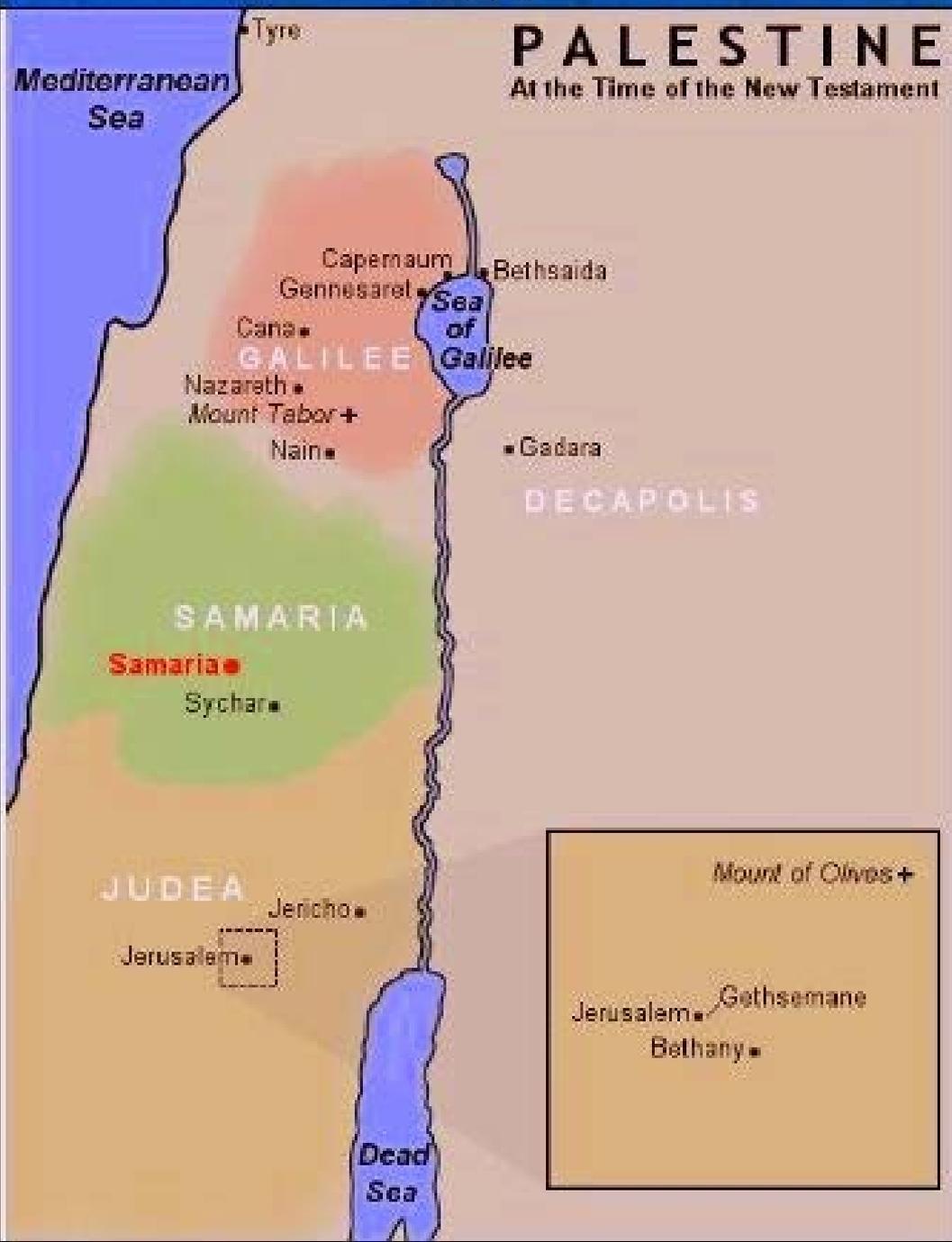
Samaria

The city of Samaria is located on a hill about 35 miles north of Jerusalem.

Samaria

PALESTINE

At the Time of the New Testament



Mediterranean Sea

Tyre

Capernaum
Gennesaret

Bethsaida

Cana

Nazareth

Mount Tabor

Nain

Gadara

Sea of Galilee

DECAPOLIS

SAMARIA

Samaria

Sychar

JUDEA

Jericho

Jerusalem

Mount of Olives

Jerusalem

Gethsemane

Bethany

Dead Sea

Question

Why did Jesus have to pass through Samaria?

John 4: 3-4

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through Samaria.



NAZARETH

SAMARIA

JERUSALEM

JERICO

JUDEA

HILL
COUNTRY

John 4: 5-6

So He came to a city of Samaria called Sychar, near the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph; and Jacob's well was there.



Question

How far had Jesus traveled?

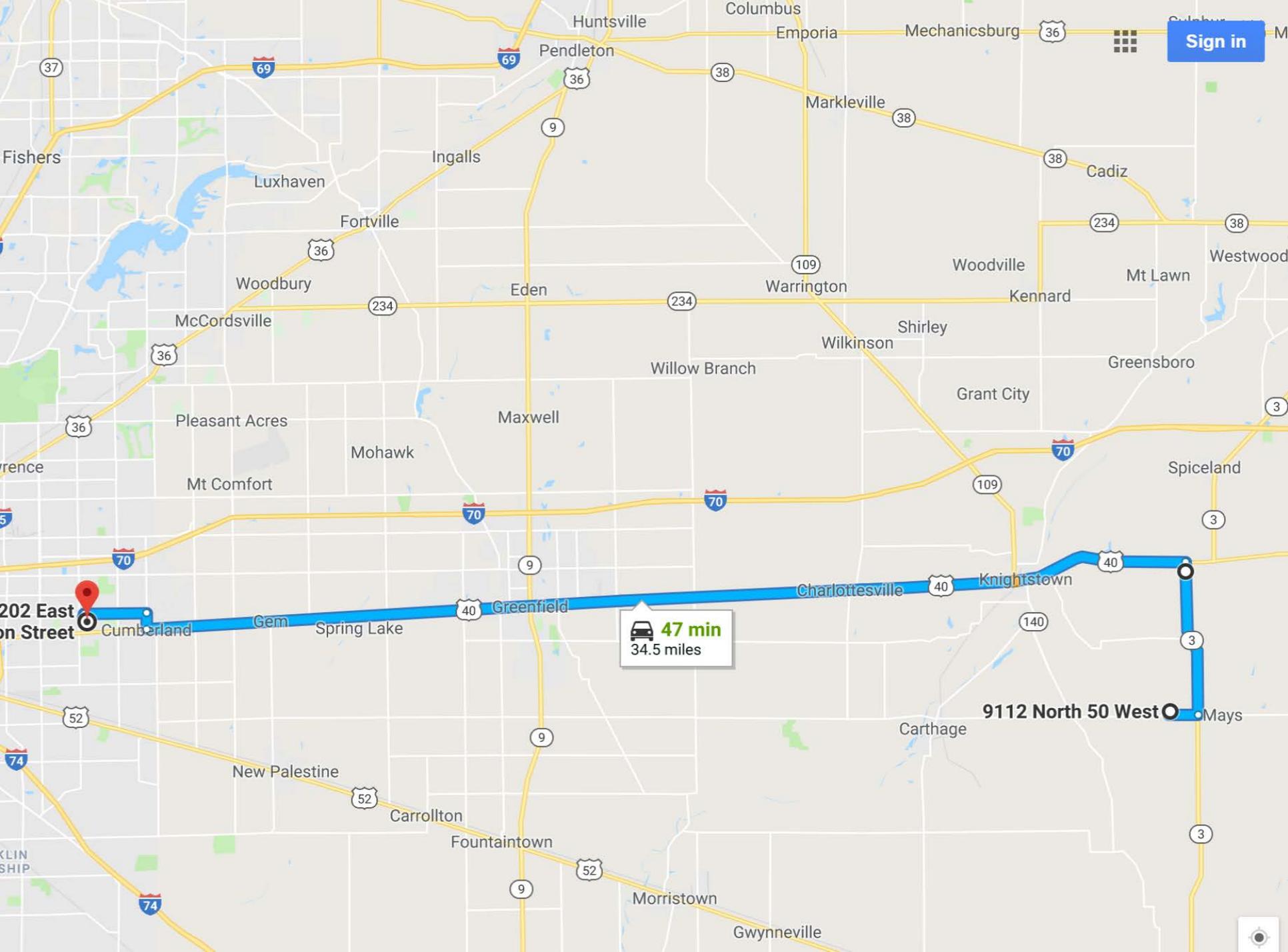
35-40 miles

Question

How did people travel during that era?

Walked

Sign in



202 East on Street

47 min
34.5 miles

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John 4: 5-6

So Jesus, being wearied from His journey, was sitting thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

Question

What time is the sixth hour?

Noon

John 4: 7-8

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Question

Do you think there is anything significant about this woman coming during the heat of the day to the well?

Question

What is a Samaritan

Samaritan

The Samaritans embraced a religion that was a mixture of Judaism and idolatry because they had intermarried with the foreigners when the Northern Kingdom was taken captive by the Assyrians and had combined their idolatrous religion with Judaism.

Samaritan

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The Samaritans willingly received Jewish criminals and refugees from justice. The violators of the Jewish laws, and those who had been excommunicated, found safety for themselves in Samaria.

Samaritan

The Samaritans received only the five books of Moses and rejected the writings of the prophets and all the Jewish traditions.

John 4: 7-8

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.

Question

Was Jesus asking a question of this Samaritan woman?

John 4: 9

Therefore the Samaritan woman said to Him, “How is it that You, being a Jew, ask me for a drink since I am a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

Question

How do you think the
tone of this response
was?

Was this woman seeking
Jesus?

John 4: 10

Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.”

Question

Just as Jesus had done with Nicodemus, what is He doing now?

John 4: 11

She said to Him, “Sir,
You have nothing to
draw with and the well is
deep; where then do You
get that living water?”

Question

What kind of an attitude does she sound like she is developing?

John 4: 12

You are not greater than our father Jacob, are You, who gave us the well, and drank of it himself and his sons and his cattle?”

Question

Notice who they call their father. Do you think this creates friction with the Jews?

John 4: 13

Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;

John 4: 14

but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”

Question

What lens is Jesus again trying to get this woman to look through?

John 4: 15

The woman said to Him,
“Sir, give me this water,
so I will not be thirsty
nor come all the way
here to draw.”

Question

Do you think she
understands yet?

Do you sense any
sarcasm?

John 4: 16

He said to her, “Go, call your husband and come here.”

Question

Was this a question
from Jesus?

How do you think she
feels now?

John 4: 17

The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’;

John 4: 18

for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”

Question

What is Jesus doing
now?

What do all of us have to
do when we come to
Jesus?

John 4: 19

The woman said to Him,
“Sir, I perceive that You
are a prophet.

Question

Why do you think the woman perceives Jesus to be a prophet?

John 4: 20

Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.”

Question

Why do you think she asks this question?

What do you perceive her tone to have been?



Looking west into the pass at Shechem
Mt. Gerizim (left) and Mt. Ebal (right)

Adapted from a photograph by Bible Lands (www.biblelands.com)

A Roman coin depicting Mount Gerizim and its Temple



John 4: 21

Jesus said to her,
“Woman, believe Me, an
hour is coming when
neither in this mountain
nor in Jerusalem will you
worship the Father.

Question

What is Jesus
referring to?

John 4: 22

You worship what
you do not know; we
worship what we
know, for salvation is
from the Jews.

Notice how Jesus is
confronting the false
teachings of the
Samaritans.

John 4: 23

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.

John 4: 24

God is spirit, and those who worship Him **must** worship in spirit and truth.”

Question

What does it mean to
worship in Spirit and
in Truth?

John 17:17

Sanctify them in the
truth;

Your word is truth.

John 4: 25

God is spirit, and those who worship Him **must** worship in spirit and truth.”

John 4: 24

The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us.”

Question

Does it sound like
this woman believes
what Jesus is telling
her?

Question

Why is it that those
who are not
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John 4: 25

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Question

How does this woman
know that the
Messiah is coming?

Question

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quote scripture?

1 Corinthians 2:14

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Matthew 13: 13-14

Therefore I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

Matthew 13: 13-14

In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says,

‘You will keep on hearing,
but will not understand;
You will keep on seeing,
but will not perceive;

John 4: 26

Jesus said to her, “I
who speak to you am
He.”

Question

What did Jesus just clarify?

Why is this so hard for the world to accept?

John 4: 27

At this point His disciples came, and they were amazed that He had been speaking with a woman, yet no one said, “What do You seek?” or, “Why do You speak with her?”

Question

What were the
disciples amazed by?

Why were they so
amazed?

John 4: 28-29

So the woman left her waterpot, and went into the city and said to the men, “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

Question

Do you think the
woman believed
Jesus was the Christ?

Why?

John 4: 28-29

So the woman **left her waterpot**, and went into the city and said to the men, “Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; this is not the Christ, is it?”

John 4: 30

They went out of the city,
and were coming to Him.

Question

Jesus was seeking
the Samaritan
woman, who is
seeking now?

Why?

John 4: 31-32

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, “Rabbi, eat.” But He said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”

John 4: 33

So the disciples were saying to one another, “No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?”

Question

What do you think about when you are hungry?

What point is the disciples missing?

John 4: 34-35

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. Do you not say, ‘There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest’?

John 4: 34-35

Behold, I say to you,
lift up your eyes and
look on the fields, that
they are white for
harvest.

Question

What food is Jesus
talking about
harvesting now?

John 4: 36

Already he who reaps
is receiving wages and
is gathering fruit for
life eternal; so that he
who sows and he who
reaps may rejoice
together.

John 4: 37-38

For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

Question

Who has done the sowing and who is doing the reaping in this passage?

John 4: 39

From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.”

Question

What does the fact that the woman was telling everyone “*He told me all the things that I have done.*” tell us about her?

What can we learn from her?

Question

Why did the people
believe?

John 4: 39

From that city many of **the Samaritans believed** **in Him because of the** **word of the woman** who testified, “He told me all the things that I have done.”

John 4: 40

So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they were asking Him to stay with them; and He stayed there two days.

John 4: 41

Many more believed
because of His word;

Question

Now why did the people believe?

What can we learn from these last few passages?

John 4: 42

and they were saying to the woman, **“It is no longer because of what you said that we believe,** for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world.”

Question

Why does God's word make the following statements that appears to change the importance of the woman's testimony?

Question

*the Samaritans
believed in Him
because of the word of
the woman*

*It is no longer because
of what you said that
we believe*

Question

Where do we hear the words of Jesus today?

Question

How do these last few passages apply to our actions today?