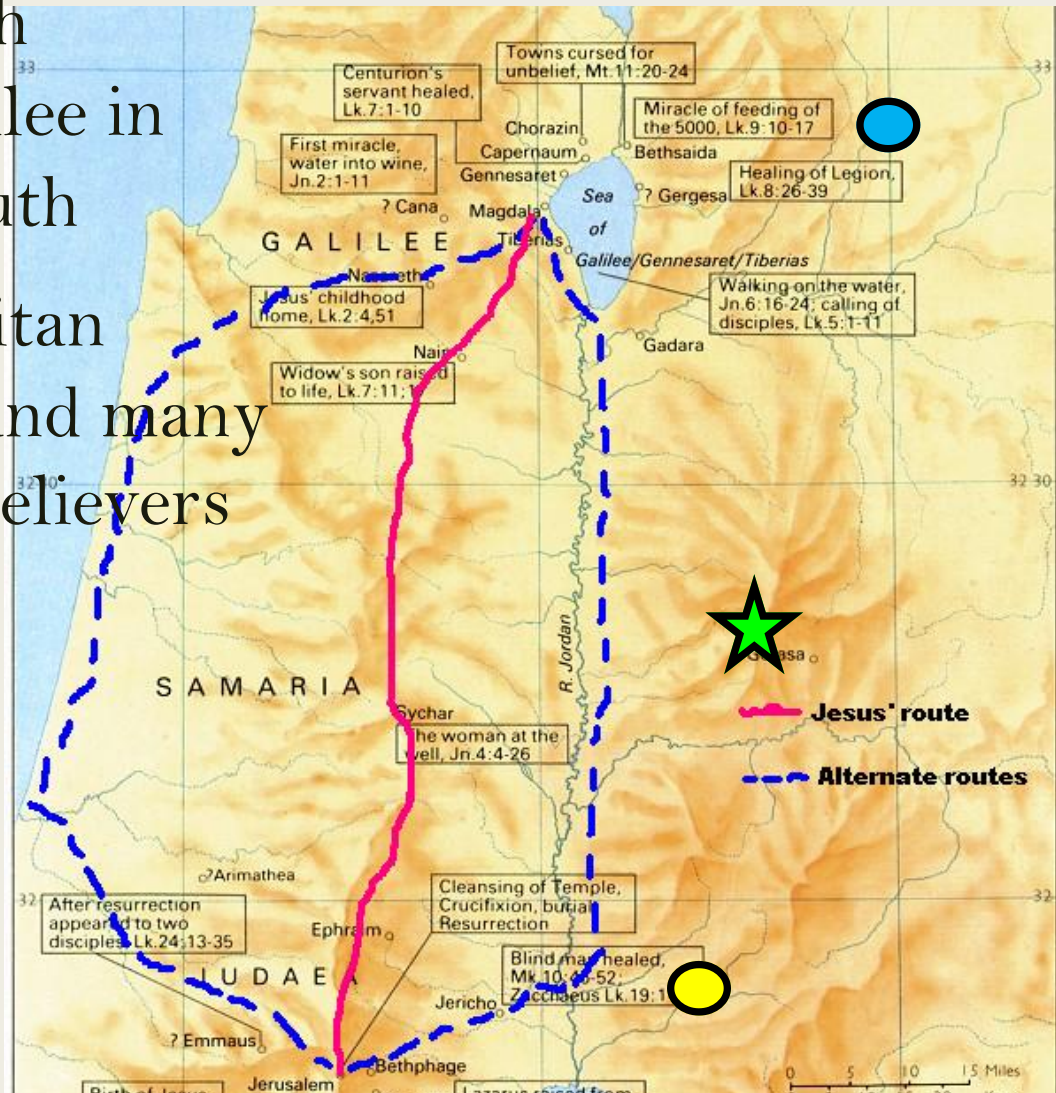


# Recap

- Jesus is passing through Samaria on way to Galilee in north from Judea in south
- Spends 2 days in Samaritan village of Sychar (★) and many of the people become believers



# A Prophet and His Hometown

★ Bethlehem – birthplace of Jesus

★ Nazareth – Jesus' hometown

**John 2.23-25:** Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.



★ **Capernaum** – hometown of royal official and his son

★ **Cana** – site of Jesus turning water to wine and location of conversation with royal official

★ **Nazareth** – Jesus' hometown



	<b>Water to Wine</b>	<b>Heals Official's Son</b>
<b>Set-up</b>	On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee...When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."	And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum...he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.
<b>Rebuke</b>	"Woman, why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come."	"Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will never believe."
<b>Response</b>	His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."	The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."
<b>Challenge to Believe</b>	"Fill the jars with water" so they filled them to the brim. "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.	"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live."
<b>Expression of Faith</b>	They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine.	The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living.
<b>Result</b>	and his disciples believed in him.	So he and his whole household believed.

# Ebenezers – thus far has the Lord helped me

- **In Jerusalem during Passover festival-** saw Jesus cleansing Temple and performing signs
- **At home in Capernaum-** when he decided to go to Jesus in Cana
- **In Cana-** when he took Jesus at His word and headed home without any visual assurance that his son was healed
- **On the road back to Capernaum-** when his servant told him his son had been healed at the exact moment Jesus had said



# Growing in Trust

## Process

- Daily life with Jesus
- Engaging in practices that keep you connected to Jesus
- Most of life is lived here
- Primary dangers are apathy and routine

## Breakthrough

- Moments when God works unmistakably in our circumstances
- Asking persistently
- Experience these occasionally
- Primary dangers are obsession and neglect