


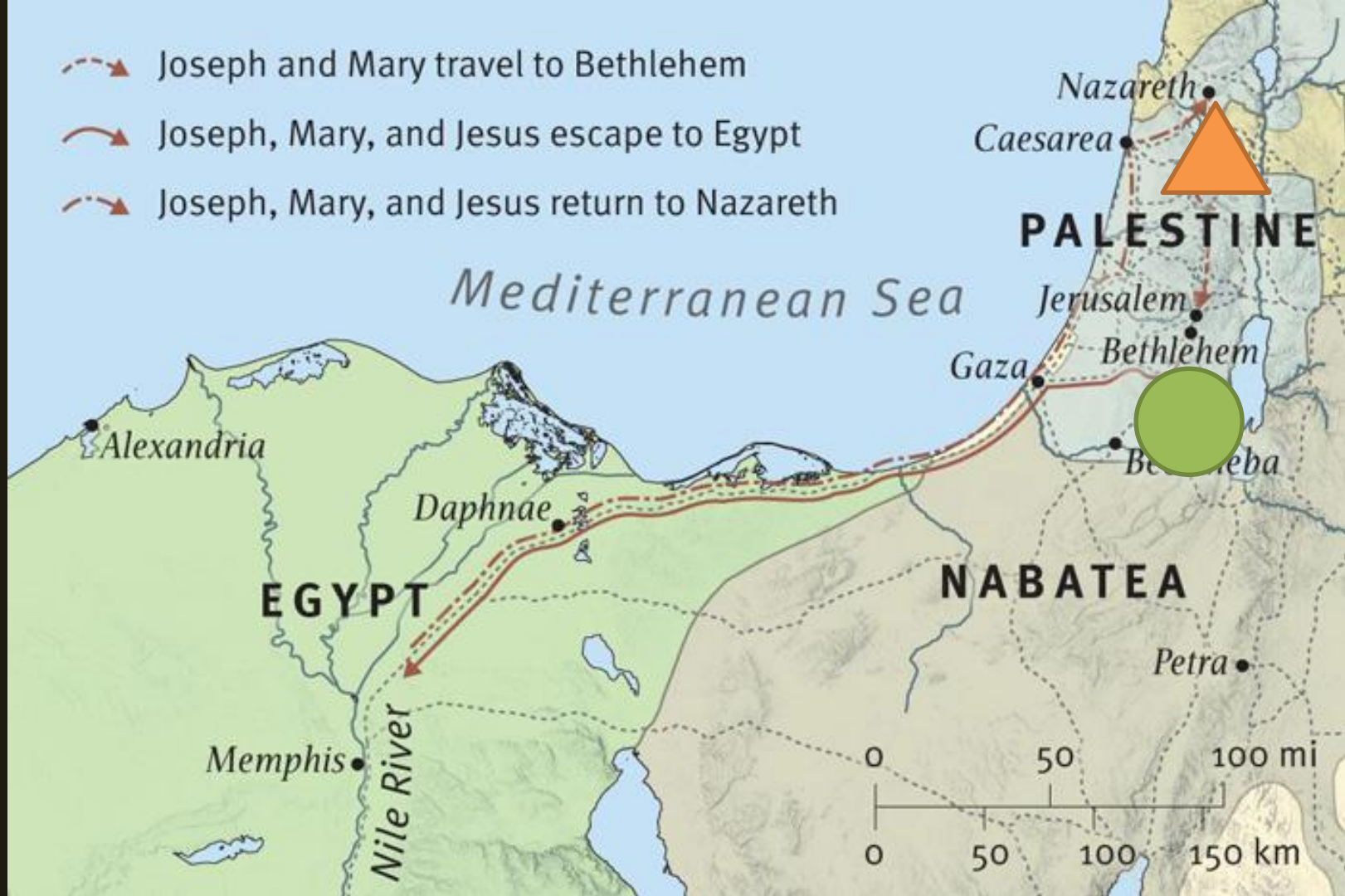


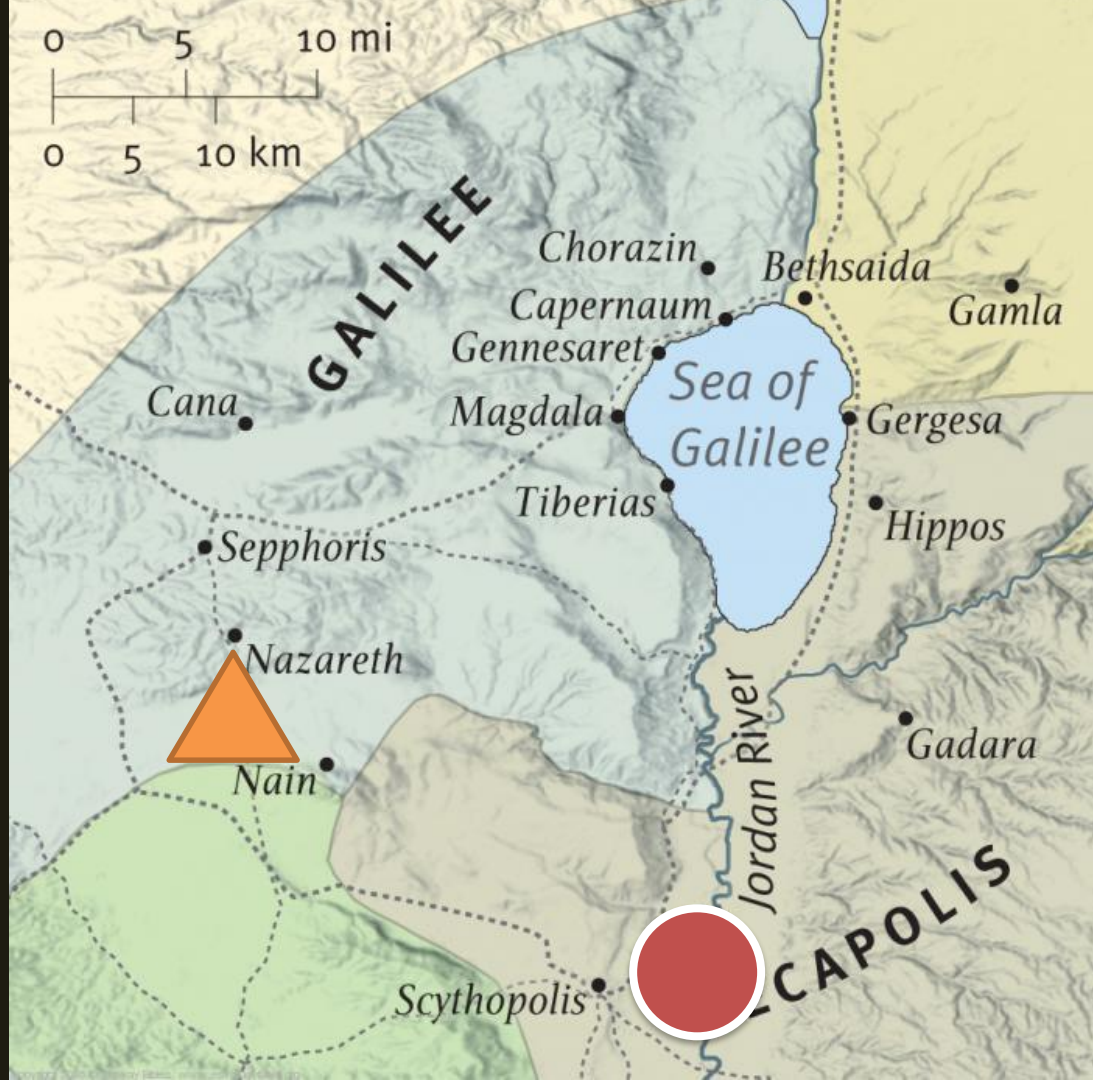
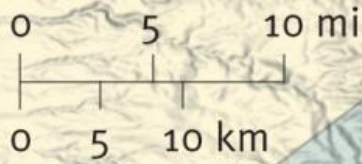
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THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Mark's Gospel Account

-  Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem
-  Joseph, Mary, and Jesus escape to Egypt
-  Joseph, Mary, and Jesus return to Nazareth





Timeline:

6 BC - John the Baptist is born

5 BC - Jesus is born

7 AD - Jesus talks w/ teachers in the temple

8-29 AD - Jesus works as a carpenter in Nazareth

29/30 AD – Jesus begins his ministry and
Peter becomes a disciple

33 AD - Jesus is crucified and resurrected

50-54 AD - Mark meets with Peter in Rome

53-55 AD – Mark writes down Peter's testimony

Key Verse:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45

Mark 1:1-15

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, ² as it is written in Isaiah the prophet: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” — ³ “a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

Mark 1:1-15

⁴ And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

Mark 1:1-15

⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mark 1:1-15

⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Mark 1:1-15

¹² At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³ and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

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¹⁵ “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

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- 4) Remembering our mission.

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