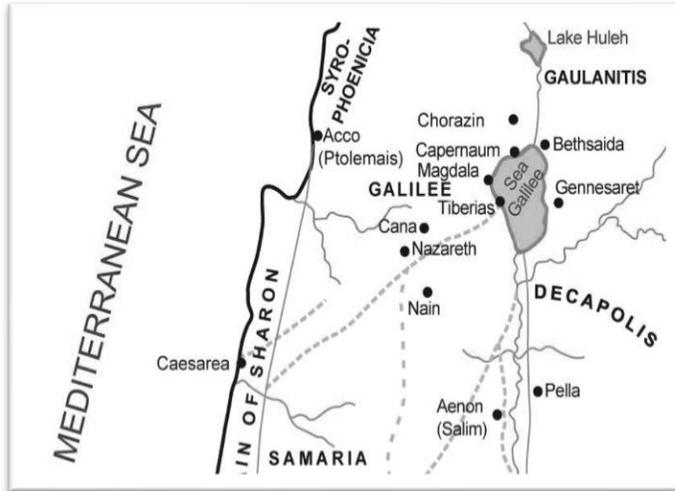


'THE REALLY GOOD LIFE'

(The Life of Christ Series)
Studies in Luke's Gospel

Synopsis



The Lord Jesus Christ was probably baptized in the spring of AD 27. After His 40-day testing in the wilderness He called His first four disciples from John's disciples and traveled to Cana in Galilee where He performed His first miracle. From there Christ went to Capernaum, hometown of His first five disciples.

Matthew 5-8 records Jesus' *Sermon on the Mount* and first two miracles in Capernaum.

The Gospel of Mark and the *Gospel of Luke* record Jesus' first Sabbath Day

miracles of the *Great Galilean Ministry* (AD 28-29) in Capernaum.

Personal Application

Christ's early ministry model is what can be expected by modern day believers today who truly know and want to follow Jesus. After someone has been 'saved', dedicated, discipled, baptized, connected with a church family and passed the tests of temptation, public ministry with its blessings and challenges will a natural experience spiritual maturity.

- *How similar would a brief synopsis of your Christian life compare with that of Christ's thus far?*
- *Are lives of people being touched by Him through you?*
- *In the spiritual realm do you suppose that the demonic spirits fear and flee because of what God's Spirit is doing through you?*
- *Are the daily quiet times with the heavenly Father more special than ever before?*
- *And, are you ascertaining God's clear direction of your life in spreading the good news of the gospel to others?*

The life of Jesus is not just for observation; it is the lifestyle for all true Christians. The Spirit of God wants to tailor the lifestyle of Jesus for you to wear in everyday life. If this is your earnest desire pray that the Lord will speak to your heart and change you more into His image today.

‘Get Well Soon!’

(The Messianic ‘Healing Ministry’ of Jesus)

The Great Galilean Ministry – A.D. 27-28

Luke 4:31-39

Review: The ‘Great Galilean Ministry’ of Jesus followed His baptism (probably the spring / A.D. 27) and His wilderness testing (*probably summer / A.D. 27*). Leaving Judea, Jesus went north to Galilee fulfilling the biblical prophecy of **Isaiah 9:1-2** (**Matthew 4:12-17**). After summoning four of the first disciples He had already called after His baptism (**Matt. 4:18-22 / John 1:35-51**), Jesus taught and healed many in the synagogues, towns and regions around Galilee (**Matt. 4:23-8:1**) starting with His first miracle in Cana (**John 2:1-12**). Eventually, the Lord came to His hometown of Nazareth where He taught in the synagogue and was met with hostile rejection (**Luke 4:14-40**). Leaving Nazareth He returned to His home-base of ministry operations, Capernaum by the sea in Galilee (**Luke 4:31-32**). From there Jesus continued to minister in the region for the duration of His approximately 1½ year ‘Great Galilean Ministry’. Throughout this section of Luke’s Gospel it’s clear that His Bible teaching was the power source behind everything He said and did (**Luke 4:14-15 & Luke 4:43-44**). Miracles were never the primary thing, but accessories to the proclamation of God’s Word in every instance.

The Power of Bible Teaching to Evict Dead Religious Routine

(Jesus’ Great Galilean Ministry – AD 27-28)

(Mark 1:21-39, Matthew 8:14-17, **Luke 4:31-44**)

“Then (Jesus) went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.” **4:31-32**

The Power of God’s Word to Evict Demons

(Jesus’ Authority Over Spiritual Wickedness)

Luke 4:33-37 & Mark 1:21-28

“Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice saying, “Let us alone! What do we have to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come here to destroy us? I know Who You are – the Holy One of God!” **4:33-34**

But Jesus rebuked him saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him in their midst it came out of him and did not hurt him. Then they were all amazed and spoke among themselves, saying, “What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out.” And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region.” **4:35-37**

The Presence of God’s Word to Evict Disease

(Jesus’ Authority Over Physical Weaknesses)

Luke 4:38-39 & Matthew 8:14-17, Mark 1:29-31

“Now (Jesus) arose from the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. But Simon’s wife’s mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them.” **4:38-39**