

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 10B: THE ORGANIZATION JESUS BUILT

In this second message on the organization Jesus built, we will use the four Gospels to collect information that will give us a glimpse of how Jesus operated during the time he personally walked on this earth. Having this knowledge is crucial to understanding the events recorded in the Book of Acts.

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF JESUS' MINISTRY

Most of the three and a half years of Jesus' ministry was spent in the province called Galilee, named after Lake Galilee. This was the northern part of Palestine and was basically populated by Jewish people. South of Galilee was the province called Samaria which was populated by a mixture of the remnants of the ten northern tribes and Gentiles. In the south was Judea, with its capitol Jerusalem. The Jews living in Galilee and Judea despised and hated the Samaritans, who hated the Jews in return.

The Gospels tell us that Jesus also ministered in a province called Decapolis, which was a province located east of the River Jordan in what is known today as the "West Bank." Jesus also reached out north to the area of the city of Tyre, which today is known as Southern Lebanon.

[To reference the locations mentioned, please see the attached map at the back of the outline.]

It is estimated that during the time Jesus traveled in the province of Galilee that some 30,000 persons followed Him on a daily basis. Once He moved south into Judea, the crowd was much smaller and it was in Judea that His earthly ministry ended on the cross at Calvary.

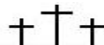
Joseph and Mary lived and worked in Galilee. They traveled to Bethlehem in Judea to register for the Roman IRS, with Jesus being born there, but He was raised in the small city of Nazareth in Galilee.

THE PEOPLE AROUND JESUS

Jesus had a core group of 120 people that traveled with him on His last trip to Jerusalem and stayed in that city until the day of Pentecost. **Acts 1: 4-15**

The core group was divided up into four parts:

1. The Apostles – **Matthew 10:1**
2. The inner core of the Apostles – **Matthew 17:1-10; Mark 9:1-9; 14:32-41; Luke 8:49-56**
3. The 70 others – **Luke 10:1-20**
4. 39 women – **Matthew 27:55-56; Luke 8:1-3; 24:1-11**



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