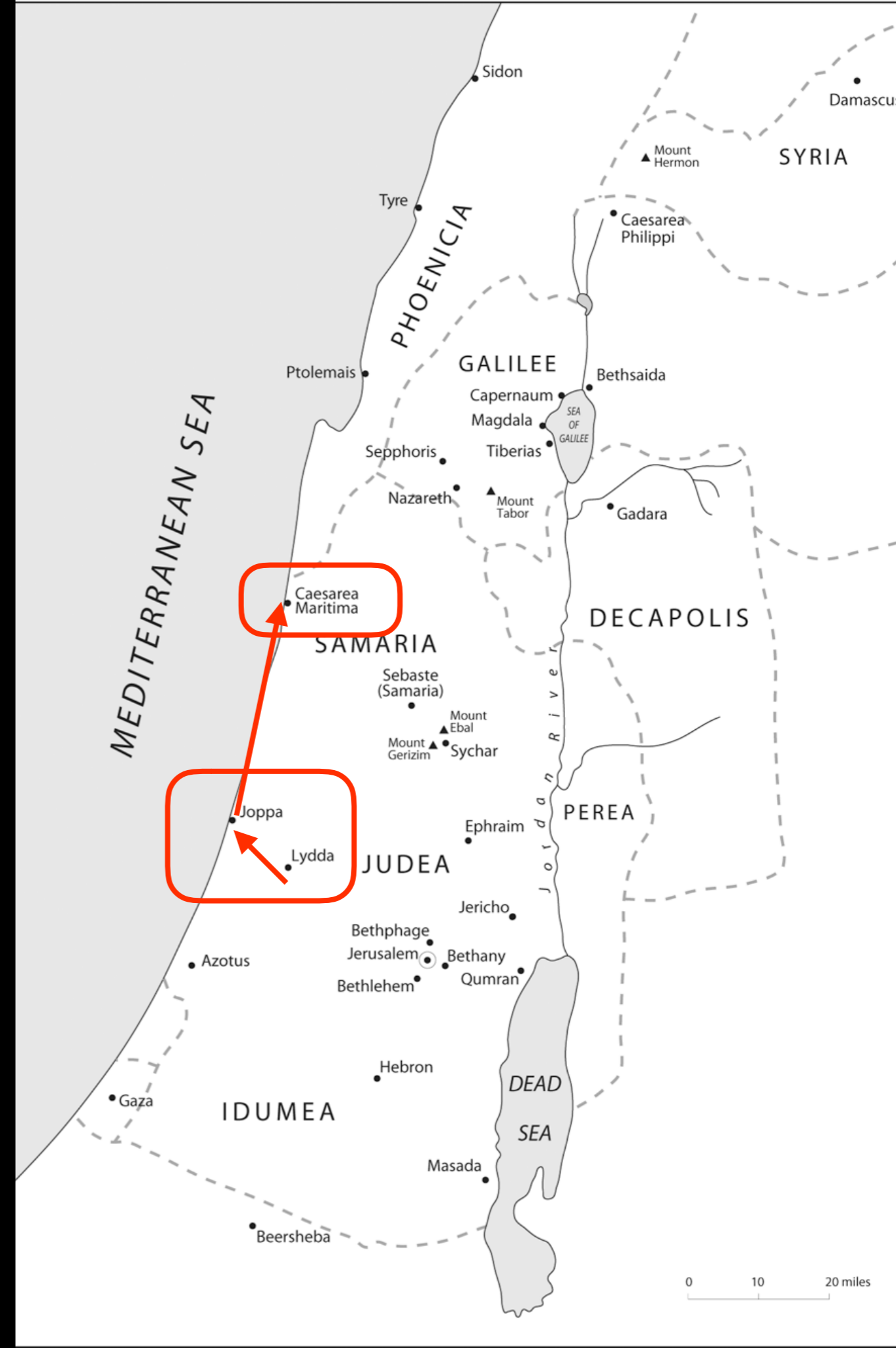


A SPEECH TO GENTILES

Acts 6 - Grecian Jews in
Jerusalem

Acts 8 - gospel moves to
Samaria

Acts 9 - gospel moves to
the west coast



Matt 9.2-8

Healing of paralysed man

Matt 9.10-12

Jesus eats with tax
collectors and 'sinners'

Matt 9.18ff

Raising of Jairus's daughter

Acts 9.32-35

Healing of paralysed man

Acts 10

I have never eaten anything
common or unclean

Acts 9.36-42

Raising of Dorcas

'All the animals which in this world are declared unclean, God will in the future [i.e., the days of the Messiah] declare clean'

Midrash on the Psalms 146 § 4

PATTERN PREACHING IN ACTS 10

Un-Jewishness of God's eternal purpose ('God shows no partiality')

Jewish ministry: What Jesus did in Israel

We are witnesses

Jewish reaction: What was done to Jesus in Israel

We are witnesses

Un-Jewishness of the Great Commission ('everyone who believes')

Un-Jewishness of God's eternal purpose (v34-36)

'God shows no partiality'

'every nation'

'Lord of all'

Un-Jewishness of the Great Commission (v42-43)

'the people'

'living and dead'

'whosoever believes'

Jewishness of Jesus' ministry **(v37-42)**

preaching of John

baptism of Jesus

miracles and healing

cross

resurrection

appearance to disciples

40 days after

USED BY MARK?

Mark 1.2	ministry of prophets	Acts 10.43
Mark 1.4ff	preaching of John	Acts 10.37
Mark 1.10	Spirit descends	Acts 10.38
Mark 1.14	Jesus' preaching	Acts 10.36

USED BY MARK?

Mark 1.14-8.30

beginning in Galilee
doing good and doing
healing

Acts 10.37-38

Mark 8.31-16.20

climax in Jerusalem
cross, resurrection

Acts 10.39-40

Mark, the interpreter of Peter, wrote down carefully what he remembered, both the sayings and the deeds of Christ ... [He] made no mistake in writing the individual discourses in the order in which he recalled them.

His one concern was not to omit a single thing he had heard and to leave out any untruth in this account.

FRAGMENTS OF PAPIAS 2.15-16,
IN EUSEBIUS, HIST. ECCL. III.39

KEY PREACHING THEMES?

- 1) God is one - He does not discriminate.
- 2) Jesus is Lord of all, not only one nation or culture.
- 3) The message of God is, ultimately, one of peace.
- 4) Jesus has authority from God to do good and to heal.
- 5) Eye-witnesses have proof of what happened (both death and resurrection) — i.e. gospels records can be trusted.

A SPEECH TO SHEPHERDS

You, my only one, dearest, in isolation we are waiting for darkness.

We considered the possibility of hiding but decided not to do it since we felt it would be hopeless.

The famous trucks are already here and we are waiting for it to begin.

You — my only and dearest one, do not blame yourself for what happened, it was our destiny.

We did what we could. Stay healthy and remember my words that time will heal — if not completely — then — at least partially.

Take care of the little golden boy and don't spoil him too much with your love. Stay healthy, my dear ones. I will be thinking of you and Misa.

Have a fabulous life, we must board the trucks.

Into eternity, Vilma.

A SPEECH FROM HISTORY

CHOOSING THE SEVEN

Acts 6.1-6

disciples multiplied ... murmuring

7 men chosen: honest, spiritual, wise

Deut. 1.9-15

people multiplied ... murmuring

'captains' chosen: wise, understanding, experienced

Exod. 18.21

God-fearing, men of truth, hating covetousness

1

Temple

2

Mosaic law

WHAT DOES STEPHEN NEED TO SHOW?

God spoke to people *outside* the borders of land

God's promises were made *before* the Law

God's tabernacle was built *outside* the land

God helped OT characters *outside* the land

The prophets were persecuted *inside* the land

ABRAHAM

Where did God appear to Abraham?	Mesopotamia
Where did Abraham initially settle?	Haran
Which part of the promised land did he own?	None
Where would they come and worship God?	Sinai

JOSEPH

Where was God with Joseph?

Egypt (6x)

Where did Jacob die?

Egypt

Where did the family go for
salvation?

Egypt

MOSES

Where did Moses grow up?

Egypt

Where did Moses flee?

Midian

Where did God appear to
Moses?

Wilderness

Where did God send Moses to
bring salvation?

Egypt

Where were the people to go?

Wilderness

THE LAW AND THE TABERNACLE

Where did Israel receive the law?

In the wilderness

Where was the tabernacle built
and erected?

In the wilderness

THE LAW AND THE TABERNACLE

What was Israel's original response to the law?

Refused to obey (v39)

What was Israel's current response to the law?

Not obeyed (v53)

What were Israel originally told about the tabernacle/temple?

God does not dwell in temples made with hands (v49-50)

What was the current response?

Temple became an idol ('this holy place': 6.13)

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What manner of house
will you build me?

The first charge
against Stephen

He speaks against the
temple

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What was Stephen's
response?

He speaks against the
temple

You've turned the
temple into an idol

The second charge
against Stephen

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law

You don't keep the law
anyway!

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NT reaction to Messiah
and the message

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What manner of life will you build me?

SPEECHES FROM PRISON

before crowd — 22.1-21

before Sanhedrin — 23.1-6

before Felix — 24.10-21

before Festus — 25.8-11

before Agrippa — 26.2-27

before Jews in Rome — 28.25-28

Luke 1-3
Most excellent Theophilus
The Roman census
Augustus and Tiberius

Luke 9
Jesus set his face to go to
Jerusalem

Luke 23-24
Crucifixion and
resurrection in Jerusalem

Acts 28
Hired house in Rome

Acts 23
You must testify of me in
Rome

Acts 1
Theophilus
'Beginning at Jerusalem'

1

Public order

2

Heresy

3

Temple

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as for the law, a Pharisee (Phil. 3.4-6)

I lived as a strict Pharisee (Acts 26.4-5)

I count all things loss ... that I may know the power of his resurrection (Phil. 3.8-12)

Touched the resurrection of the dead I am on trial before you (Acts 24.21)

Gifts and visitors (Phil. 4.14-18)

Visitors allowed (Acts 24.23)

HOW HAS ROME TREATED PAUL?

Respect of citizenship
— 22.27-29

Protection against violence
— 23.17-22

No expense spared to
guarantee fair trial
— 23.23

HOW HAS ROME TREATED PAUL?

BUT

State is not 'competent' to
judge religious matters

Justice administered by
personal preference

Human judges are fallible

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA

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Paul's background

I was obedient to the Jewish
scriptures

Paul's persecution of disciples

I was being a good Jew

Paul's conversion

I found a higher authority

ACTS 26.16-18

Get up now, and stand on your feet [Ezek 2:1]

I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as
a servant [Isa 42.1, 49.3]

I shall deliver you [Jer 1:8] from this people [Isa 49.5] and
from the Gentiles to whom I send you [Jer 1:7, Isa 49.6] ...

... to open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to
light [Isa 42:6-7] and from the power of Satan to God.

IF JESUS DIED

- death must be a reality —
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IF JESUS WAS RAISED

- the power of death can be
broken
- everyone has the same
'hope of Israel' because
Jesus is the firstfruits
- the promise of the Kingdom
is anchored in the OT
- forgiveness of sins by grace
is real now