

My Plan...

Preach through I Peter,
developing the main theme...

“Holy and Hopeful Christian Living
in a Hostile Culture”

BUT FIRST...

PETER...

Heart of Gold...

Feet of Clay!

PETER...

His Humble Beginnings...

- His Home Town
- His Family
- His Trade
- His religion

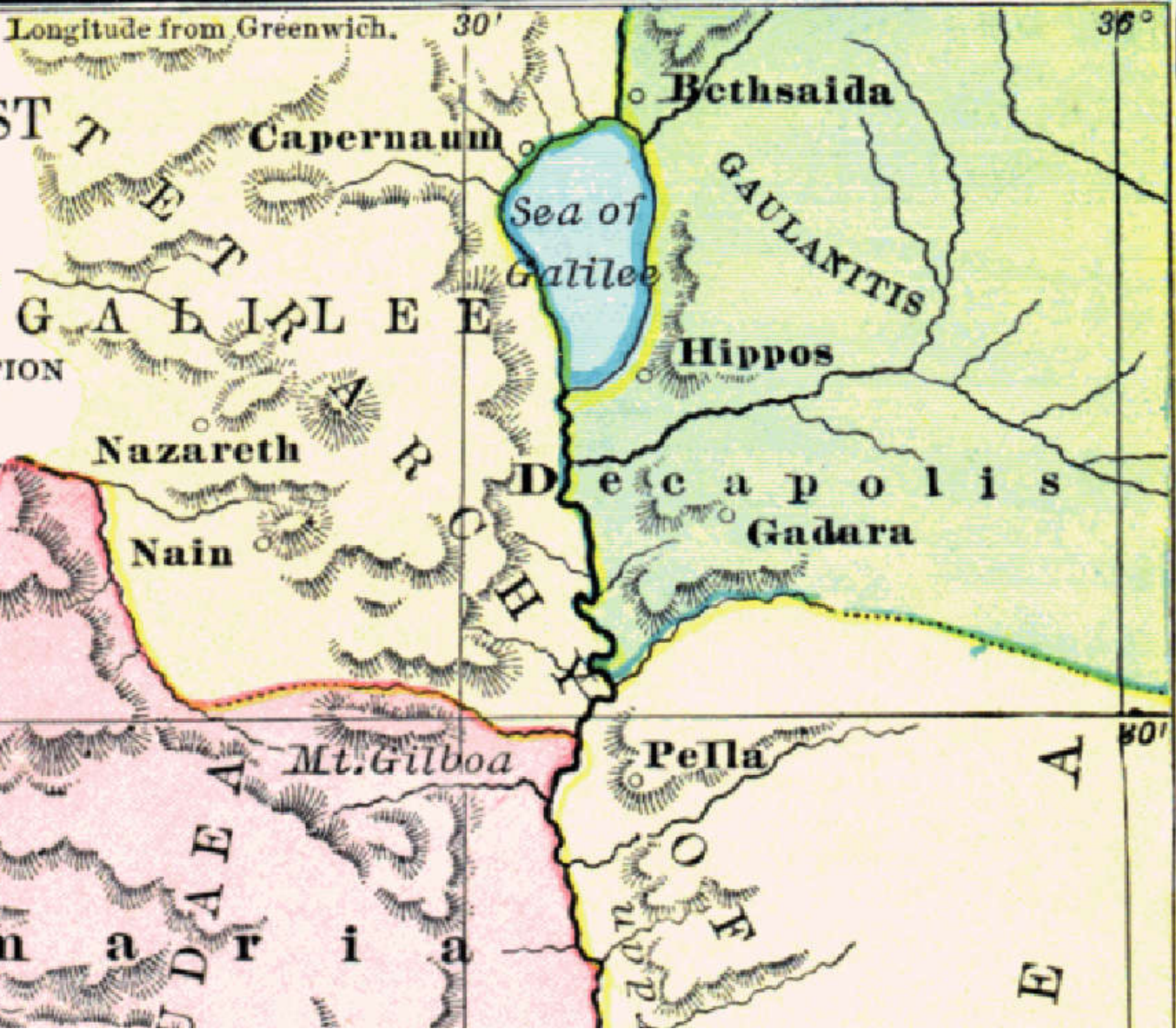
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THE LIFE OF CHRIST

MAP 7.

PERIOD OF PERÆAN MINISTRY,
A. D. 30.

FROM FEAST OF DEDICATION
TO ANOINTING AT BETHANY.



PETER...

His Mighty Ministry...

- Leader of the Apostles and believers
- Spokesman for the Apostles to the Crowd at Pentecost
- Leader of the early church.

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE?

What transformed
the obscure fisherman from Galilee
into the mighty Apostle Peter,
the leader of the early church?

The Transformation of Peter...Five Factors:

1. The Prayers of Jesus, Luke 22:31-32
2. The Resurrection of Jesus!
3. The Coming of The Holy Spirit!
John 14:16-17; Acts 1:4-5, 8; 2:1ff
4. He Spent Time With Jesus, Mark 3:13-14;
Acts 4:8-13.
5. Jesus' Charge to him, John 21:15-17.

The same mighty factors
that made Peter into the
powerful, bold Apostle
are available to us,
to make us powerful
Ambassadors
for Jesus Christ!

PETER'S CALLS

The First “Call”

The “Scene”: John 1:35-42

Jesus calls Simon “Peter” which means “Rock.”

MEANWHILE...

- ✓ Jesus performs the Miracle at Cana of changing the water into wine, John 2:1-11
- ✓ Jesus cleanses the Temple, John 2:12-22.
- ✓ Jesus seems to move His “headquarters,” from Nazareth to Capernaum, Matt. 4:12-13.
- ✓ Jesus is preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, Matt. 4:17, 23.

The Second “Call”

The “Scene”: Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus calls Peter and Andrew, 18-20.

Jesus calls James and John, 21-22.

Observations about God's Call To Peter...

- It was a “Sovereign” Call!
- It was a Gracious Call!
- It was a Radical Call!
- It was a Progressive Call!
- IT was a “Supra-Rational” Call!

Observations about God's Call To Peter...

Peter Responded to Jesus' Call!

God does not call the qualified...

He "qualifies" the called!

The primary "abilities God is looking for are...

Availability and

Dependability

The Final “Call”: Luke 5:1-11

Why is this important? Peter needs to see...

The Practical Wisdom of Jesus, 1-3.

The Supernatural Knowledge of Jesus, 4.

The Omnipotent power of Jesus, 5-7.

The Awesome Holiness of Jesus, 8.

When Jesus Told Peter...

“Put out a little way from the land.”

Peter obeyed when it was a “little thing.”

Peter obeyed when it “made sense.”

“Put out in the deep water and cast your nets.”

Peter obeyed when it was a “big thing.”

Peter obeyed, even when it “made NO sense!”

IS our Faith in Jesus,
and awareness of His Holiness and Deity
SO STRONG,
that we will obey,
whether it is a big thing
or a little thing,
and whether it makes sense to us,
or not?

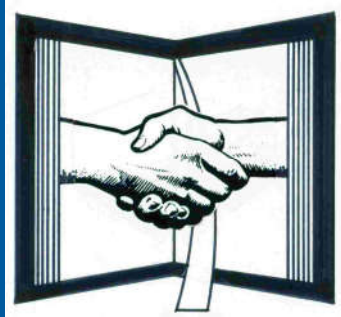
*Christianity, if false, is of no importance,
and, if true, of infinite importance.*

*The one thing it cannot be is
moderately important.*

C. S. Lewis



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