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They did so, 9 and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not know where it was from, but the servants who had drawn the water knew.

Then he called the bridegroom aside 10 and said, “Everyone serves the fine wine first, and then the cheap wine after the guests have drunk freely.

But you have saved the fine wine until now!”

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He thus revealed His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

Why Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

To show that He was God.

To show He was the Messiah.

To authenticate His teaching.

To show His compassion.

To briefly restore God's perfect order;

- or point to God's future new order.

So that, by reading about them, we can have saving faith.

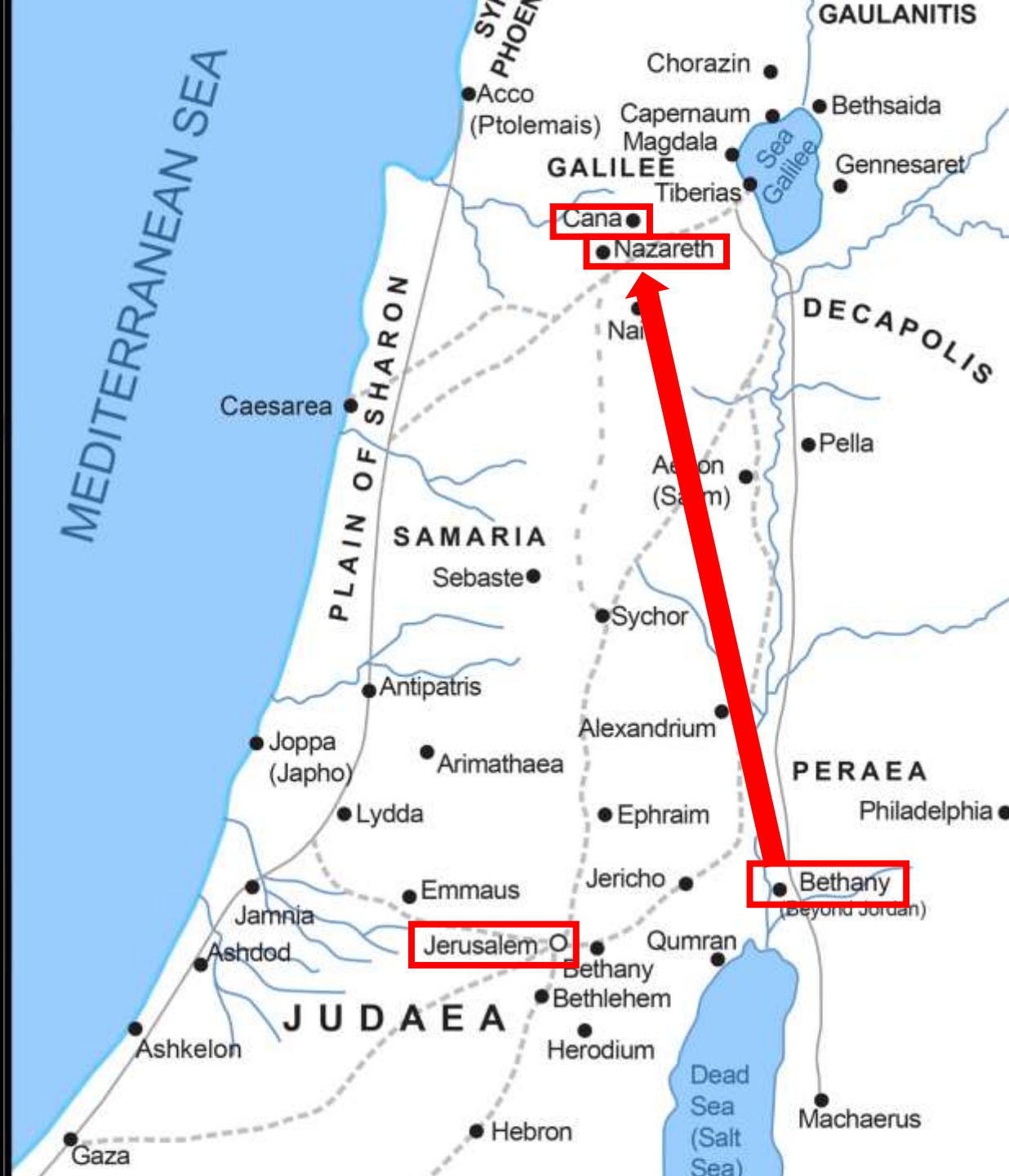
John 20

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book.

31 But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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Matthew 26

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, spoke a blessing and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body.”

27 Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

28 This is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

29 I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom.”

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1 Corinthians 10

11 Now these things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

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2 Corinthians 4

7 Now we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this surpassingly great power is from God and not from us.

8 We are hard pressed on all sides, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.

10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

11 For we who are alive are always consigned to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our mortal body.

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16 Therefore we do not lose heart.

Though our outer self is wasting away,

yet our inner self is being renewed day by day.

17 For our light and momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal glory that is far beyond comparison.

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To reveal God's ultimate restoration of all things

- this miracle points forward to God's new creation
- the wine is the grace of God and the joy of restoration

Isaiah 25

6 On this mountain the LORD of Hosts will prepare a banquet for all the peoples, a feast of aged wine, of choice meat, of finely aged wine.

7 On this mountain He will swallow up the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

8 He will swallow up death forever. [1 Corinthians 15:54]

The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face

[Cited in Revelation 7:17 and Revelation 21:4]

and remove the disgrace of His people from the whole earth. For the LORD has spoken.

Isaiah 25

9 And in that day it will be said,

“Surely this is our God;
we have waited for Him,
and He has saved us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited.
Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.”

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- Jesus' miracles restored God's perfect order
- the wine is the grace of God and the joy of restoration
- the best is saved for last – the last wedding

Revelation 21

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

2 I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying:
“Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man,
and He will dwell with them.

They will be His people,
and God Himself will be with them as their God.

Revelation 21

4 'He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,' [Isaiah 25:8]

and there will be no more death

or mourning or crying or pain,

for the former things have passed away."

5 And the One seated on the throne said,

"Behold, I make all things new."



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