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- Mt 7:24-28

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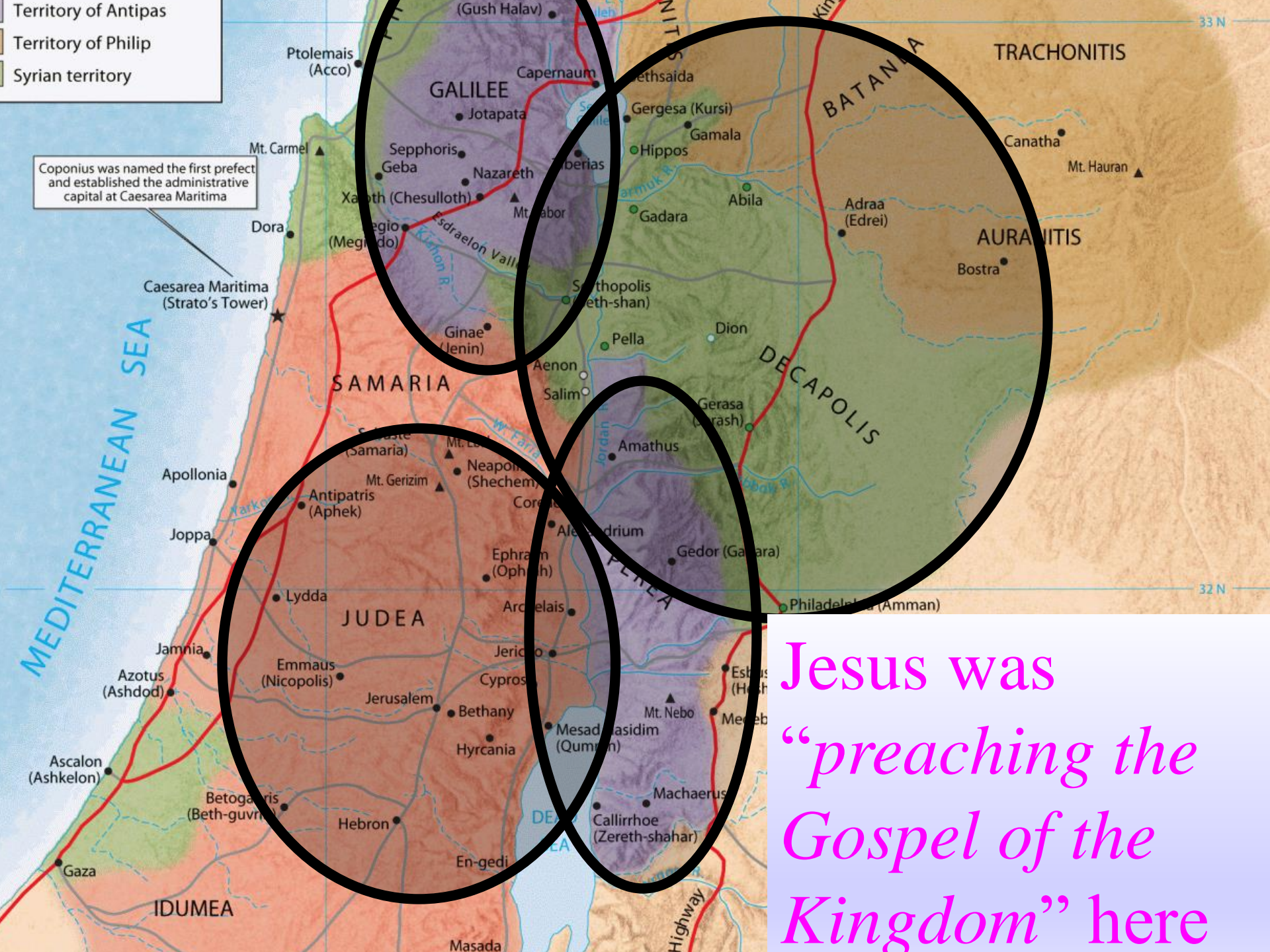
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Which Sayings?

- *And seeing the multitudes, **He went up on a mountain** Then **He opened His mouth and taught them, saying** Mt 5:1*
- *when **Jesus had ended these sayings**, the people were astonished at **His teaching**,*
- *When He had come down from the mountain, **great multitudes followed Him.** Mt 8:1*
- ***These sayings** = Sermon on the Mount Mt 5-7*
- *If we hear and do – spiritual foundation on Rock*
- *If we hear & ignore; rationalize; rebel – on sand*

Context of “These Sayings”

• And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. 24 Then His **fame went throughout all Syria**; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. 25 **Great multitudes followed Him**—from **Galilee**, and from **Decapolis**, **Jerusalem**, **Judea**, and **beyond the Jordan**. 1 And seeing the multitudes, **He went up on a mountain** Then **He opened His mouth and taught them, saying** Mt. 4:25-5:2



- Territory of Antipas
- Territory of Philip
- Syrian territory

Coponius was named the first prefect and established the administrative capital at Caesarea Maritima

Jesus was
“preaching the
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Sermon on Mount is Gospel

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- There can be no doubt that the sermon on the Mount is the gospel of the kingdom Jesus was preaching. Jesus made no distinction in “before” and “after”
- *And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world** as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. Matt 24:14*

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- Have we taken this to heart?
- *“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ... everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. (Mt. 7:24, 26).”*
- What are we doing to make sure that Jesus considers us to be wise on the final day?
- Have we learned the vocabulary to the point where we have a good working knowledge of “these words of mine?”

Sermon on Mount = These sayings of Mine

- A summary: How many can we remember?
- Blessed are(8).... Mt 5:3-12
- You are Salt and Light 5:12-16
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- Don't do righteousness before men(3) 6:1-18
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- Judge not lest you be judged. 7:1-5
- Do unto Others . . . 7:6
- Ask Seek & Knock 7:7-11
- Choices: 2 Gates; 2 Ways; 2 Prophets; 2 Disciples; & 2 Foundations 7:13-27

Blessed Are ...

- Poor in Spirit Kingdom of Heaven
- Mourn Comforted
- Meek Inherit the Earth
- Hunger & Thirst for Righteousness Filled
- Merciful Obtain Mercy
- Pure in Heart See God
- Peacemakers Called Sons of God
- Persecuted/Righteousness Great Reward
- **Hear these sayings and do them are wise**

You have heard...but I Say...

- Murder Anger
- Commit Adultery Don't Look with Lust
- Divorce with Certificate Only for Adultery
- Don't Swear Falsely Don't Swear at All
- Eye for an Eye Turn other Cheek
- Love neighbor & Hate Enemy Love Enemy
- Hears & Does: Wise Man - Rock
- Hears & Does Not Act: Foolish Man- Sand

Our Righteousness before Men

- Take Heed else you have No Reward with your Father in Heaven.
 - When you do **good deeds**.
 - When you **Pray**.
 - When you **Fast**
- To be seen of men or of God?

Treasures on Earth or in Heaven?

- Where our treasures is is where our heart is!
- If we see this with a single eye(no double vision) we are full of light.
- Can't serve two masters without holding to one or despising the other.
- Don't be anxious for life, clothing, food / drink
- Birds do not sow or reap and they are fed.
- Your Father knows you need these things.
- Seek first God's Kingdom & Righteousness.
- Do not be anxious for tomorrow.

Judge not lest you be judged

- With judgment you judge you will be judged.
- The measure you mete will be meted back.
- Find your own faults before pointing out those you see in others
- If we see and remove our own faults we can see clearly to help others remove theirs.

Asking Seeking Knocking

- Those who ask **Receive**
- Those who seek **Find**
- Those who knock will have **doors opened**.
- Did you notice he repeats this more strongly?
- Every one who asks **receives**
- He who seeks **finds**.
- To him that knocks it shall be **opened**.
- If our child asks for something we give it.
- If we being evil act like this... How much more will God as our Father bless us?

Do unto Others

- THEREFORE
- (connecting obedience to promise)
- Ask, Seek & Knock - Given, Find, Be Opened are contingent on this command.
- All that you want others to do to you
- Do to them
- This is the Law and the prophets.
- All law hangs on...Loving neighbor as self . . . Mt 22:36-40

Strive to make the Right Choices!

- Wide Gate & Broad path lead to destruction. Narrow Gate to straitened way to eternal life.
- True prophets revealed by Word.
- False Prophets in sheep's clothing revealed by fruits.
- True Disciples call Jesus Lord/do Father's will.
- Many Disciples will hear "*Depart I never knew you!*" because of not doing Father's will.
- We build on rock if we hear and Do
- We build on sand if we hear and do not!

What about our Foundation?

- Using Jesus own words regarding this sermon, most of us have all heard them at some time in our life.
 - Are we truly building on them?
 - Can we see growth and maturity?
 - Are we striving to do them?
- Our answer will prove whether we are building our life on rock or sand.
- Only *“he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. (Jas. 1:25)*

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Conclusion

- As we look at the summary of the sermon are we a “**forgetful hearer,**” or a “**working doer?**”
- These words form the foundation of our discipleship.
- By hearing and doing we show our wisdom with a foundation of solid rock.
- If we are not doing them, we prove ourselves foolish with no foundation at all.