

**It Is Time For Jesus to Be  
Baptized – *But Why?*  
Matthew 3: 13-17**

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**GET SERIOUS!!**

The battle between the *“fleshly”*  
you and *“spirit”* you is ongoing  
and huge!!

**Spirit**

**Flesh**



**FOR THE FLESH LUSTS AGAINST  
THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT  
AGAINST THE FLESH;**



**AND THESE ARE CONTRARY TO  
ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT YOU DO  
NOT DO THE THINGS THAT YOU  
WISH. GALATIANS 5:17**

The battle between the Flesh and the Spirit



Who will win? The one you feed.

## Verse 13

***It is time* - for Jesus to leave  
home to start His ministry**

**Nothing is accidental with God!**

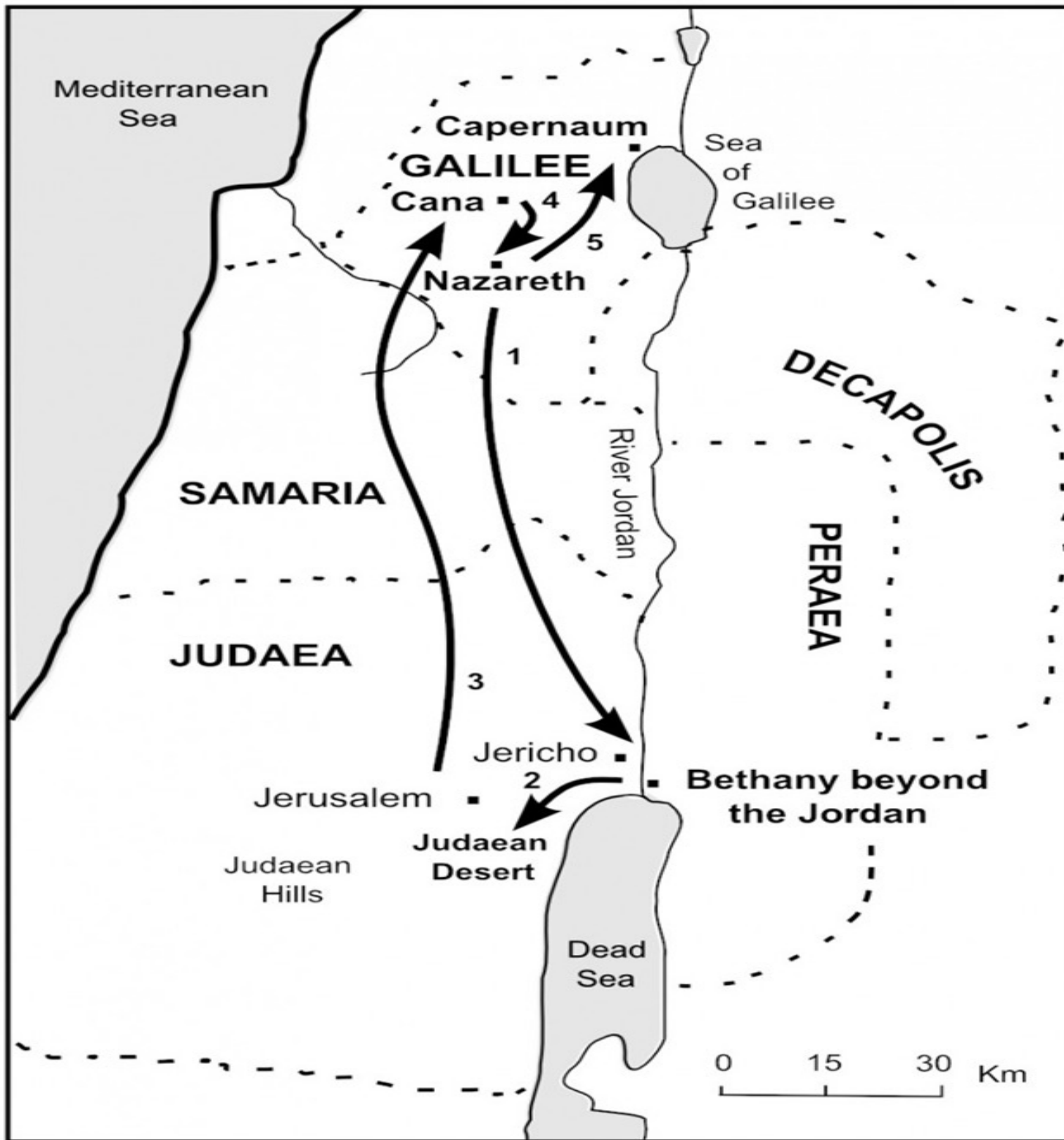
**Nothing is happenstance – *all things are planned!***

**John came** for such a time

**Jesus came** at such a time

**The disciples were placed** for such a time

**You are placed here, *where God wants you,*** for such a time





When you feel alone, abandoned  
and not understanding, ***PAUSE*** and  
realize, ***JESUS KNOWS!***

Our God is close!

***Our God knows!***



*Jesus came so we  
would never again  
be alone.*

Matthew 1:23

Immanuel,  
God with  
us



***“IT IS TIME”***

To be a ***FOLLOWER***

not a ***Fan!***

Verse 14 - 15

*It is time* – for John to baptize  
Messiah

**Omnipotent, omniscient,  
omnipresent, transcendent,  
immutable, everlasting,  
*all mighty God!***

## **Why baptized?**

- 1) Jesus was validating John as the forerunner**
- 2) Jesus is identifying with those He would save in the future**

# Why baptized?

- 3) Jesus' immersion was a symbol of His coming immersion into death
- 4) Jesus is demonstrating His taking the nature of man  
Philippians 2: 6-7

## Verse 16 - 17

**It is time – resurrection to life**



**Jesus is victorious over death!**

**Shout it loud and clear!**

***“HE IS RISEN!”***

***“HE IS RISEN INDEED!!”***

**Jesus' resurrection is our future hope**

**John 14: 19**

**John 11: 25-26**

**The moment you breathe your last you  
will be in the presence of God!**

**2 Corinthians 5: 8**

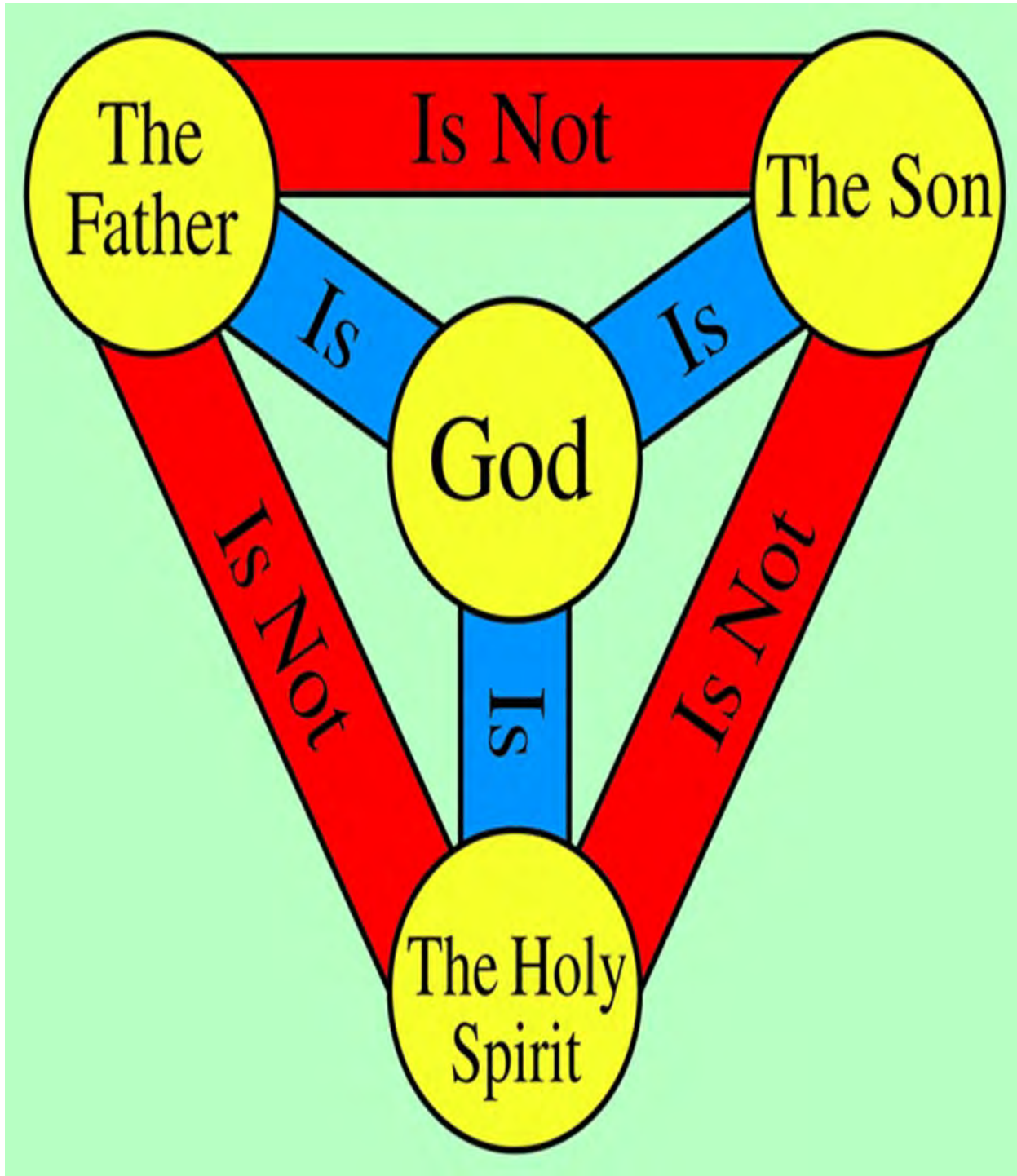


**What a trip that will be!**

These verses demonstrate the **"TRINITY"**

Father, Son and

Holy Spirit are present



**There is a deeper meaning to Jesus' baptism and, I believe, our baptism**

**Jesus, as a man, was accepting His calling to be beaten, humiliated, and to die for our sins**

**Jesus' calling – John 6: 38:**

***“For I have come down from heaven,  
not to do My own will,  
but the will of Him who sent Me.”***

**Jesus submitted to the will of Father as our example**

**God's response:**

***“This is My beloved Son, in whom  
I am well pleased”***

**We please and glorify God when we  
accept our calling and obey Him**

**Jesus burst forth in resurrection!**

**So will you one day – *Jesus said so!***

***This you can count on!!***

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

**What is Christian baptism?**

*Christian baptism is an outward sign of an inward change*

## At my baptism:

- 1) I am telling the world I am a **“FOLLOWER”** of Messiah
- 2) I am identifying with Messiah’s death, burial, and resurrection
- 3) I am cut off from the old world of sin and death
- 4) I belong to a new world of life
- 5) I am making a conscious break from my old way of life

***“If one continues in his/her old ways, why be baptized?”***

**Watchman Nee**

**The western Church (*Laodiceans*), shun baptism – “*I don’t need that*”, “*It’s no big deal*”**

**For the rest of the world, *the persecuted Church*, it is a badge of honor; it displays **COURAGE!****



***Baptism is a big deal!***

**I am telling the world I belong to  
Jesus!**

**I am a *FOLLOWER*, not a *FAN* of  
Messiah!**

***MY LIFE BELONGS TO HIM!!***

Do you think ***“IT IS TIME”***  
to be an all-out **FOLLOWER**  
of Messiah?

***“IT IS TIME”,***  
***WHOM WILL YOU SERVE?***

**The battle is moment by moment!**



***GET SERIOUS!!***

**It's Time to  
FOLLOW  
JESUS**