



# Forgotten PEOPLE

Heart vs. Narrative

(Race, Power, and Grace)

John 4: 1-42

*"...whatever you did for  
one of the least of these...  
you did for me."*

# Exodus 1:9-10

<sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us.

<sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.”

# John 4:1-10

**1** Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John

**2** (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples),

# John 4:1-10

<sup>3</sup> he left Judea and departed again for Galilee.

<sup>4</sup> And he had to pass through Samaria.

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

# John 4:1-10

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”

<sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.)

## John 4:1-10

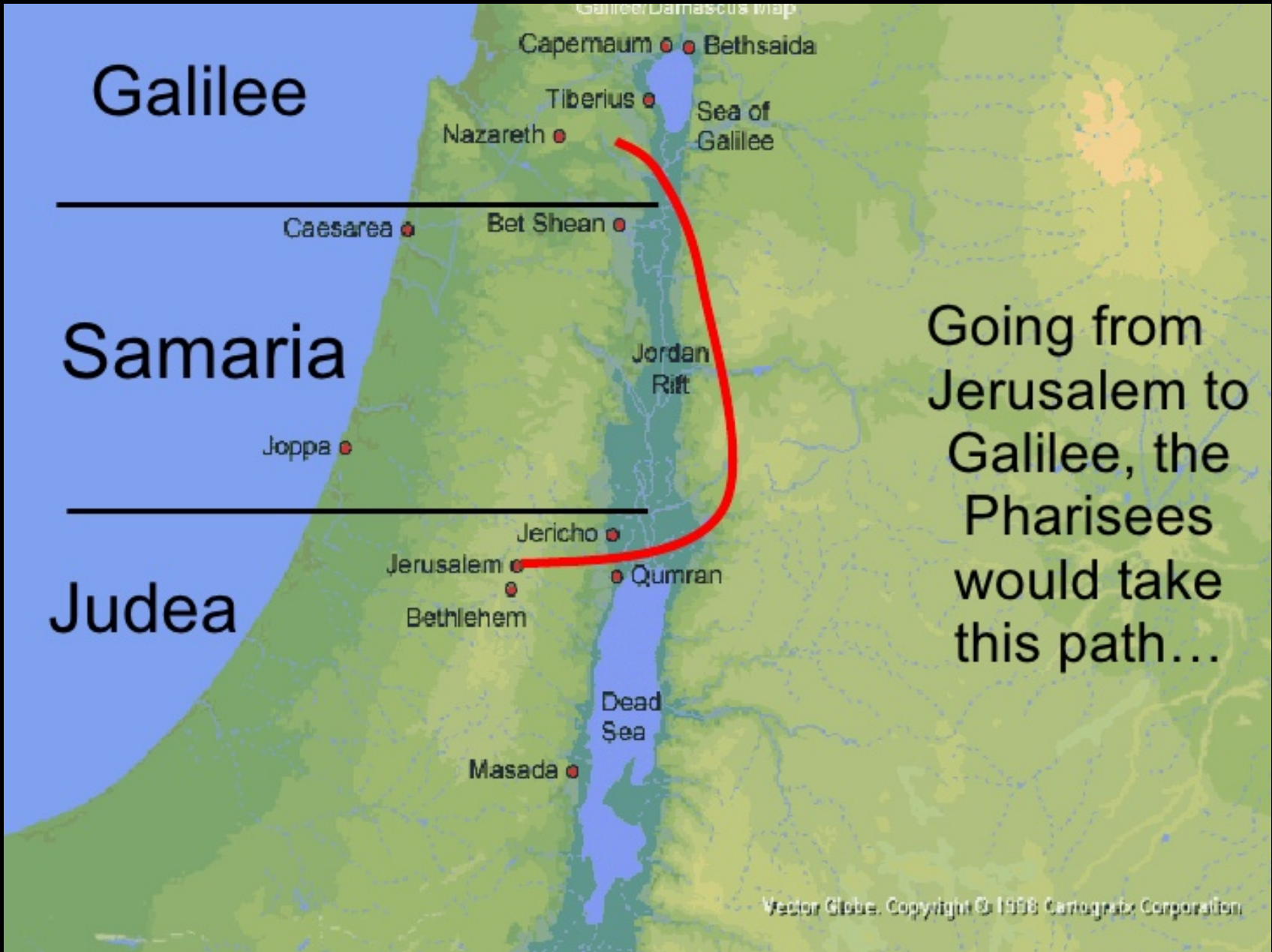
<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water".)

Racism is the oppression of one race for the preservation of the perceived superior race.

1. Jesus shows us the uncomfortableness, but necessity as believer's to invest into relationships with one another no matter our race or ethnicity.

- Jesus had to go to Samaria
- The Samaritan women could look at the physical characteristics of Jesus and see that He was a Jew. That He didn't look like her kind, and that His kind obviously didn't deal with her kind.





Galilee

Samaria

Judea

Capernaum • Bethsaida

Tiberius • Nazareth • Sea of Galilee

Caesarea • Bet Shean

Jordan Rift

Joppa

Jericho • Qumran

Jerusalem • Bethlehem

Dead Sea

Masada

Going from Jerusalem to Galilee, the Pharisees would take this path...

# John 4:20-26

**20** Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”

**21** Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.

# John 4:20-26

**22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

**23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

# John 4:20-26

**24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**25** The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”

**26** Jesus said to her, “**I who speak to you am he.**”

2. Jesus shows us the need to evaluate our traditions and culture in how we worship. We are to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

# John 4:28-30;39-42

**28** So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,

**29** “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”

**30** They went out of the town and were coming to him.

John 4:28-30;39-42

**39** Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."

**40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

# John 4:28-30;39-42

**41** And many more believed because of his word.

**42** They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”



3. We must take ownership of what God has given us to do, and go reach those who seem to be unreachable and forgotten.