

# The Gospel of Luke

“Context  
and Content”





*“Luke, the beloved physician,  
sends you his greetings, and also  
Demas.” – Colossians 4:14 (60 A.D.)*

*“Only Luke is with me. Pick up  
Mark and bring him with you”  
– 2 Timothy 4:11 (68 A.D.)*

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*Mark*: “*The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*”

*Identifies the Person and Official Status*

*Calls His story the “Good News”*

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*Luke*: “...investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order...”



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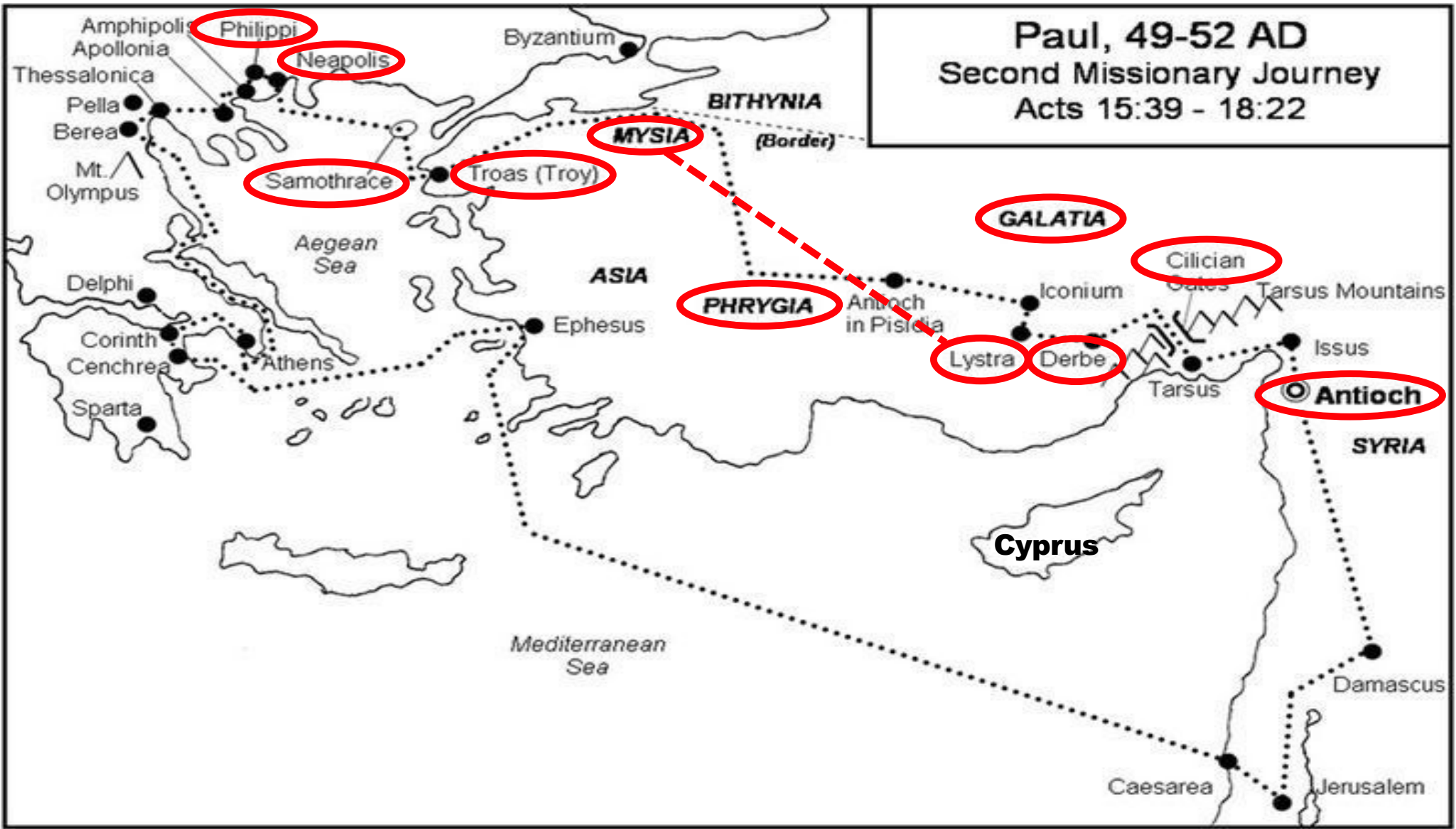
*Acts 15:35ff - “They” to “We”*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey - c. 50 A.D.*

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*27:1-8, 15-18, 27-29; 28:1-end*

**Paul, 49-52 AD**  
**Second Missionary Journey**  
**Acts 15:39 - 18:22**



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*a First-hand account of Paul’s Journeys*

*Was this when Luke wrote?*

*Luke = Not an Apostle or even listed among Followers*

*Tells of many things not seen in any other Gospel.*

*Every chapter - unique info*

*250+ Greek words only in Luke*

*7 of 9 prayers in Luke - only*

# Subject or theme covered in each paragraph of Luke 1.

*vs. 1-4*

*vs. 5-7*

*vs. 8-23*

*vs. 24-25*

*vs. 26-38*

*vs. 39-45*

*vs. 46-56*

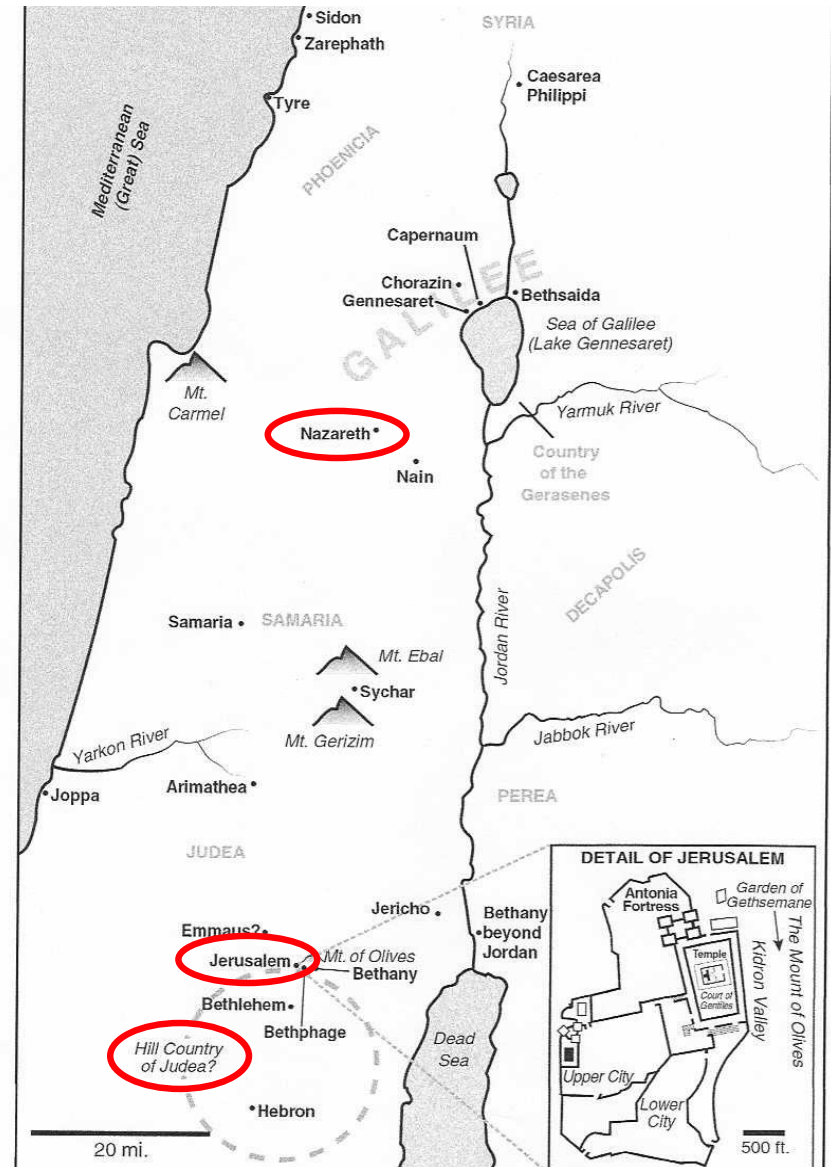
*vs. 57-66*

*vs. 67-79*

*vs. 80*

# Key information about persons.

- *Zacharias*
- *Elizabeth*
- *John*
- *Mary*
- *Jesus*



When do these events happen?

*In the days of Herod, the Great  
who died c. 4 B.C.*

*He had been king of Judea  
for 33 years.*



# Focus on just the first 4 verses.

- *to compile a carefully investigated account in consecutive order, of the things written or told by eyewitnesses about the life and work of Jesus.*
- *Likely written by Luke to a “Theophilus”*
- *The only Gospel written in consecutive order as reported by eyewitnesses.*

## Definition of “Consecutive Order” (v. 3)

- **kathexes** (καθεξῆς, 2517) - **kata**, “according to,” + **hexes** (ἐξῆς, 1836) “afterward,” or “in order”
- **Luke 7:9-11; 8:1; 9:36-37; Acts 3:24; 11:3-4; 18:22-23; 21:1; 25:17; 27:18.**
- **Importance to our faith?**

*What is most memorable of  
what you've learned?*

*What truth most impacted  
your life?*

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