

Walk Across the Holy Land



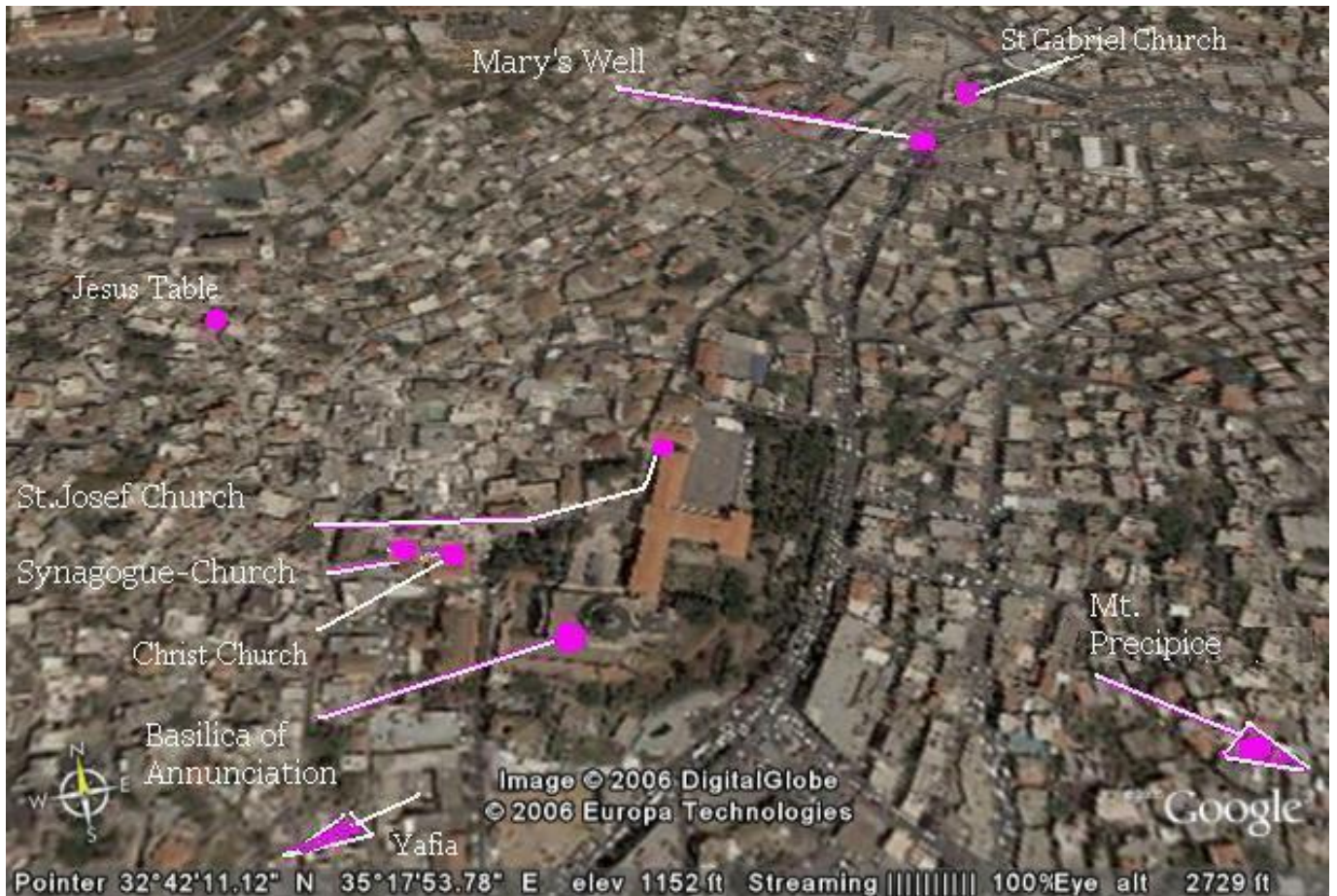
4th Destination Nazareth:

You have now traveled with Jesus 10 miles to Nazareth, his boyhood home. On the Sabbath, he went to the synagogue where he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah to read to the crowd gathered there.



The Modern City of Nazareth

Nazareth is located in the hills in the center of the Galilee in Northern Israel. The modern city of Nazareth was built over the old village, and few archaeological remains are left from the times of Jesus. Nazareth today is a big city, populated by Christians and Muslims (in lower Nazareth) and Jews (in upper Nazareth).



Aerial View of Nazareth, Note the Synagogue-Church

The Synagogue Church is a 12 C AD Church built by the Crusaders. According to tradition, the Synagogue Church was built above the original location of the Synagogue where Jesus read the Scroll of the Prophet Isaiah. Inside the Synagogue Church is a large picture with the scene of Jesus preaching in the Synagogue.



This is a close up of the picture.



Biblical References:

Luke 4:16-22

16He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. 17The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18"The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to release the oppressed,

19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

20Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, 21and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

22All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

Mark 6:1-6

A Prophet Without Honor

1Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

"Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! 3Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph,^[a] Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

4Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." 5He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. 6And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

Next Destination Capernaum:

The people of Nazareth were not able to accept Jesus as the Messiah, and became angry at his words. Jesus passed through the threatening crowd and walked 20 miles to Capernaum, which became the center of his teaching and healing ministry around the Sea of Galilee. During the ministry of Jesus, he performed many healings. People were healed of fevers, blindness, paralysis and the "demons" of mental illness. Jesus healed Simon Peter's mother in law of fever and her strength was restored. Following the witness of this miracle, many others came to Jesus for help. Walk with Jesus 20 miles then click on your 5th destination to receive your next packet.