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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**Snapshots of Jesus' Messianic
Credentials**

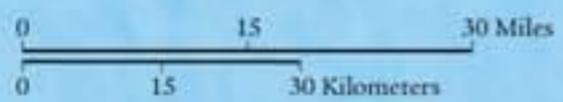
Matthew 4:12–25

Matt. 4:12, “Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.

Matt. 4:13, “And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,”

KINGDOM OF HEROD THE GREAT

- City
- Site of Herodian fortress
- ⊙ Decapolis city
- ⊙ Cities Salome gave to his sister
- ▭ Boundary of Herod the Great's Kingdom
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Archelaus, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Herod Antipas, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Boundary of domain given to Herod Philip, son of Herod, by Augustus Caesar in (4 BC), when Herod died
- ▭ Semi-independent municipality
- ▭ Syrian Province





CAPHARNAUM
THE TOWN OF
JESUS



Church of the
Beatitudes



Capernaum
synagogue



Greek Orthodox
church



Peter's
house



modern pier





Peter's house

Capernaum synagogue

Greek Orthodox church

Peter's house



Capernaum synagogue









Matt. 4:14, “that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

Matt. 4:15, “ *‘The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:*

Matt. 4:16, “ *‘The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.’ ”*

1. Light is one of the few attributes of God which is attributed wholly to Him. God is Light, God is Holy, God is love.

1 John 1:5, “This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.”

1 Tim. 6:16, “who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.”

James 1:17, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

Psa. 27:1, “The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?”

2. Light is used to depict two aspects of God: pure righteousness and illumination of truth.

Psa. 37:6, “He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.”

Psa. 36:9, “For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.”

Psa. 43:3, “Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.”

Psa. 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

Psa. 119:130, “The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple.”

3. Jesus, the *Logos*, of John 1, is by virtue of being the source of life the light of the world.

John 1:4, “In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

John 1:5, “And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.”

John 1:7, “This man [John the Baptist] came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.”

John 1:8, “He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

John 1:9, “That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.”

John 3:19, “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

John 3:20, “For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

John 3:21, “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

**4. Jesus therefore referred to Himself as
the Light of the World.**

John 8:12,

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.’ ”



John 9:5, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

John 11:9, “Jesus answered, ‘Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.’ ”

5. The light of Divine revelation provides direction, guidance, and knowledge.

Rom. 2:19, “and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,”

2 Cor. 4:6, “For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

John 1:18, “No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.”

6. Christ is the one who gives us light.

Eph. 5:13, “But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Eph. 5:14, “Therefore He says: ‘Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.’ ”

7. Believers are called sons of light.

Luke 16:8, “So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.”

John 12:36, “ ‘While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.’ These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.”

**1 Thess. 5:5, “You are all sons of light
and sons of the day. We are not of the
night nor of darkness.”**

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

8. Christians, by virtue of their position as receptors of revelation are also the Light.

Matt. 5:14, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

Matt. 5:16, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

9. Believers are to put on the armor of light. That is the armor or protection that comes from Divine revelation.

Rom. 13:12, “The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

10. Satan seeks to counterfeit this light, and masquerades as an angel or messenger of light.

2 Cor. 11:14, “And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”