

WHAT IS SIN?
WHO CAN SAVE US?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?
WHERE DO WE COME FROM?
GOD THE FATHER?

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3 TESTS OF TRUTH

- Logical Consistency - Reason
- Empirical Adequacy - Research
- Experiential Relevance - Relate

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God is...

- Creator
- Father
- Holy
- Almighty
- Savior

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YOU TALK

What is the most unbelievable news
that you have ever heard?

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Jesus said
"I AM GOD"

If True

If False

Jesus is God,
i.e. **"LORD"**

If Insincere

If Sincere

Jesus is a
"LIAR"

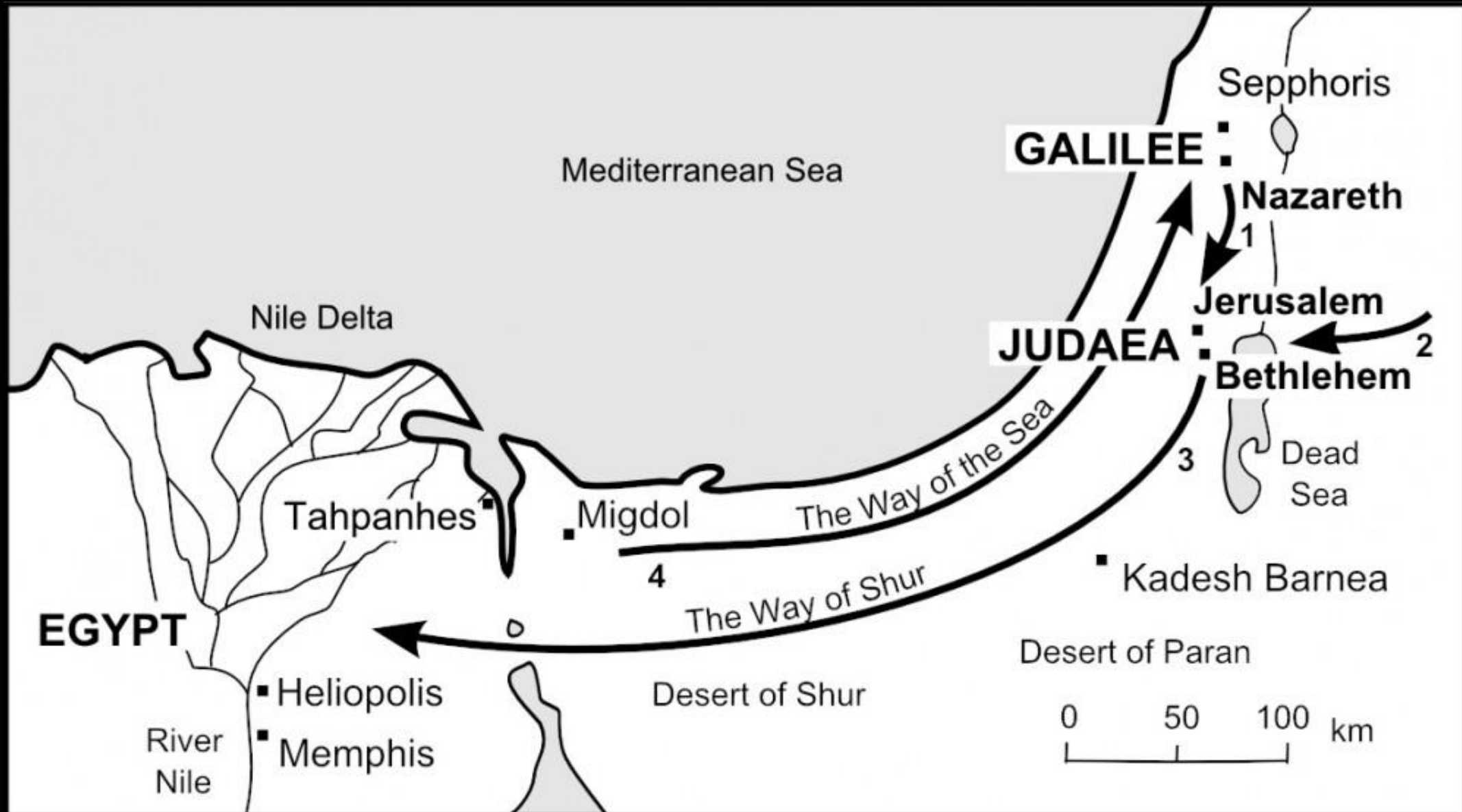
Jesus is a
"LUNATIC"

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JESUS

- Birth
- Life
- Death
- Resurrection

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LIFE

- Words / Teachings
- Miracles / Healings
- Mission

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Matthew 1:21

And she will bring forth a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for He will *save His people from their sins*

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God is...

- Creator
- Father – He wants to redeem us
- Holy – He hates sin and has to punish it
- Almighty – He can do something about it
- Savior – He sent his son Jesus to die for our sins

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What are some characteristics about Jesus
that you have captured so far?

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DEATH & RESURRECTION

And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God

1 Corinthians 15:14-15

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If it is proven that Jesus did not die on the cross and resurrect after 3 days, Christianity has been disproved.

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MINIMUM FACT HYPOTHESIS

1. The Death of Jesus by Crucifixion
2. The Empty Tomb
3. The Post-Resurrection Appearances
4. The Origin of the Christian Faith

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ALTERNATE THEORIES

1. The Swoon Theory – Jesus did not actually die
2. The Theft Theory – Jesus body was stolen
3. The Hallucination Theory – The witnesses were hallucinating
4. The Imposter Theory – Someone acted as Jesus

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- Which theory makes the most sense and why?
 - 1. How much of the evidence does it explain?
 - 2. How likely is it compared to other theories?
 - 3. How many new beliefs do we have to adopt that we have no evidence for?

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Alternate Theories

1. The Swoon Theory
2. The Theft Theory
3. The Hallucination Theory
4. The Imposter Theory
- 5. The Resurrection Theory**

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Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God

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A vibrant blue nebula or galaxy structure against a dark starry background. The nebula is composed of intricate, glowing filaments and a bright, central core that transitions from blue to white. The background is a deep black space filled with numerous small, distant stars.

WE TALK

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