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Context, Context, Context

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ISRAEL AT THE TIME OF JESUS

1ST CENTURY AD



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¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
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He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,

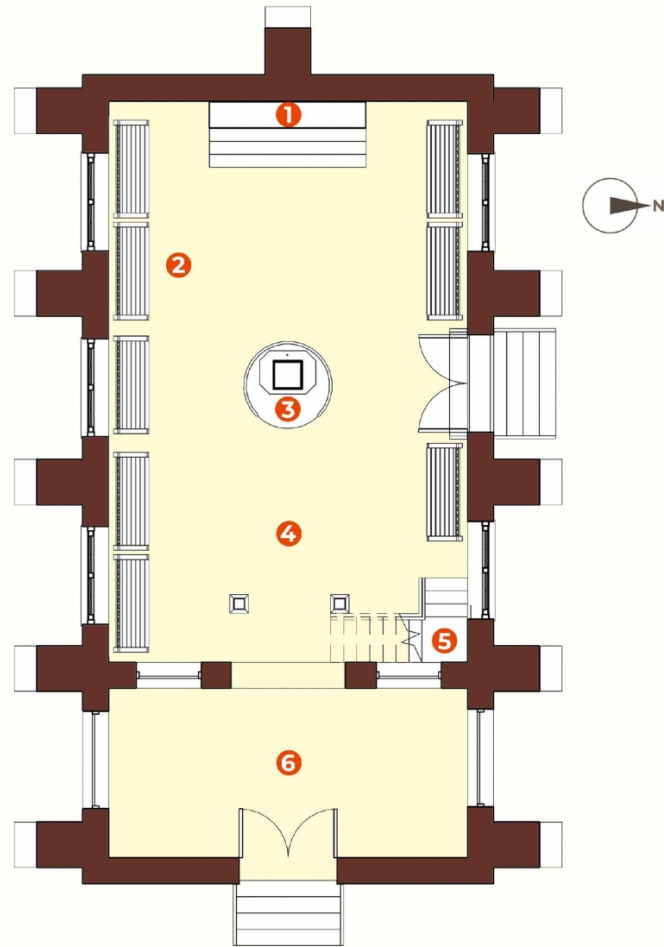
¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

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²⁰ Then 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. ²¹ He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

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TYPICAL FLOOR PLAN OF A KERALA SYNAGOGUE



1 Altar 2 Main Hall 3 Central Area 4 Main Hall 5 Staircase 6 Vestibule

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²³ Jesus said to them, “Surely you will quote this proverb to me: ‘Physician, heal yourself!’ And you will tell me, ‘Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.’ ”

The
Story of the



Widow and the Commander

This Week's Sermon:
Widow and Commander
Luke 14:24-30

“Amen, I tell you: the locution is peculiar to Jesus. The term ‘amen’ would ordinarily respond to the speech of another (‘so be it,’ ‘yes’), and come at the end. The Gospels show Jesus validating his own speech beforehand; ‘I assure you.’ would be more idiosyncratic, but since the Greek carries over the Hebrew as a recognition of Jesus’ distinctive speech, so can the English. “

~ Luke Johnson, *The Gospel of Luke* (p. 80).

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²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown. ²⁵ I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah’s time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. ²⁶ Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon.

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1 Kings 17:7-16

⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹ “Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

1 Kings 17:7-16

¹² “As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it – and die.”

¹³ Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son.”

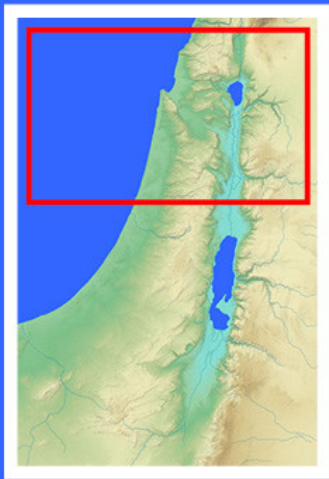
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¹⁴ For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.' "

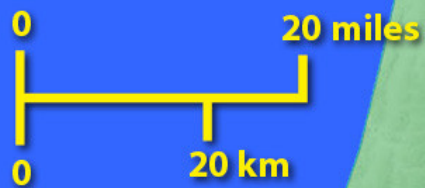
¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

Luke 14:24-30

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Scale



Luke 14:24-30

²⁷ And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed – only Naaman the Syrian.”

2 Kings 5:10-14

¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, “Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed.”

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, “I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?” So he turned and went off in a rage.

2 Kings 5:10-14

¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.



Naaman lived
in Syria

Maid from Israel

Elisha lived in
Samaria

Jordan River

Luke 14:24-30

²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

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- 1. Would we listen to Jesus if he were here?**
- 2. Does your familiarity with Jesus lead us to contempt or more affection and appreciation?**

Gospel Application

Jesus died for everyone