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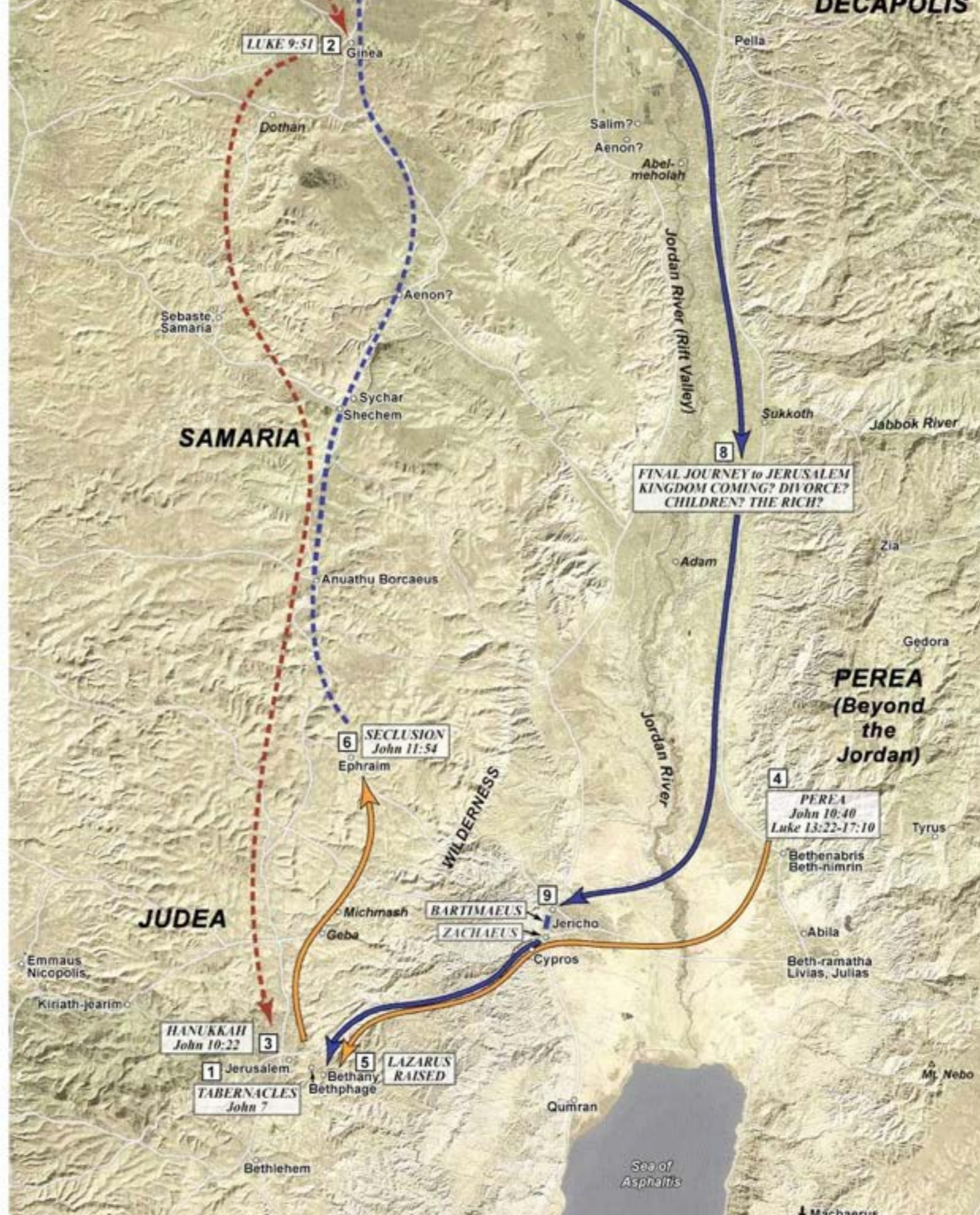
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# MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

**The Last Shall be First**  
**Matthew 20:17–19, 27–28**



**Matt. 20:17, “Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them,**

**Matt. 20:18, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death,**

**Matt. 20:19, “and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.”**

**Matt. 20:27, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—**

**Matt. 20:28, “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”**

**Matt. 19:30, “But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”**

**Matt. 20:8, “So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ ”**

**Matt. 20:10, “But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius.”**

**Matt. 20:16, “So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”**

**Matt. 20:27, “And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—”**

**Phil 2:5, “Have this attitude in yourselves  
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**φρονέω *phroneō***

**present active**

**imperative 2P**

**“to think, reason,  
mental attitude”**



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**ὑπάρχω *huparchō***

**present active**

**participle**

**anarthrous**

**adverbial**

**concessive**

**participle,**

**“although He**

**existed eternally”**

**μορφή *morphē***

**“form, outward**

**appearance, shape**

**or expression;**

**used of the nature**

**or essence of**

**something”**

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**ἡγέομαι *hēgeomai***

**aorist middle**

**indicative deponent**

**3S**

**“to engage in an intellectual process, think, consider, regard”**

**WHO (Lord Jesus Christ) although He eternally existed with identical essence to God did NOT think**

***Is this thinking, this mental attitude, part of His Deity ... or His humanity?***

**Phil 2:6, “who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,”**

**ἄρπαγμός *harpagmos***

**accusative masculine singular**

**“grasp, seize, snatched”**

**1. a violent seizure of property, robbery**

**2. equivalent to *harpagma*, someth. to which one can claim or assert title by gripping or grasping**

**WHO (Lord Jesus Christ) although He eternally existed with identical essence to God did NOT think EQUALITY WITH GOD A CLAIM TO BE SELFISHLY GRASPED AFTER**

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**ἀλλά; *alla*,  
“But,”  
strong contrastive  
conjunction**



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**κενόω *kenoō*,  
aorist active  
indicative 3S  
“to make empty, to  
empty, to render void”**

**Christ performed the  
action on Himself**

**ἑαυτοῦ; *heautou*,  
reflexive pron.  
accusative  
masculine 3S  
“Himself”**

**Phil 2:7, “but emptied Himself, [by] taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”**

**λαμβάνω *lambanō***

**Aor act part masc sing nom  
to take, receive, choose;  
an adverbial ptcp of means.  
“By MEANS of receiving...”**

**HE EMPTIED HIMSELF BY RECEIVING THE  
FORM OF A SERVANT**

**Philippians 2:7, “but emptied Himself, [by] taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.”**

**μορφή *morphē***  
**“form, outward appearance, shape or expression; used of the nature, essence of something” cf. vs. 6**

**δοῦλος *doulos***  
**Noun gen masc sing**  
**slave; slavish, servile**

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**γίνομαι *ginomai***

**aorist middle participle;**

**“To come into being, to come into existence.”**

**“... And by means of coming into existence”**

**Contrast with His Deity which**

**“existed” eternally vs. 6**

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**ὁμοίωμα *homoionōma*  
dat neut sing  
likeness, the essence  
of humanity**

**HE EMPTIED HIMSELF**

**BY TAKING THE FORM (NATURE)  
OF A SERVANT**

**AND**

**BY COMING INTO EXISTENCE**

**IN**

**THE ESSENCE  
OF A MAN.**



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**εὕρισκω *heuriskō*  
aor pass part masc sing  
nom  
to find**

***“by being found ...”***

**σχῆμα *schēma*  
dat neut sing  
form, outward form  
“the generally  
recognized state or  
form in which  
someth. appears”**

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**ταπεινῶ *tapeinoō***

**aor act indic 3 sing**

**“to humble, to see oneself in proper relation to reality, to place under authority.”**

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**γίνομαι *ginomai***

**participle aorist middle  
deponent nominative  
masculine singular**

**“he humbled himself *by becoming obedient*”**

**Phil 2:9, “For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,”**

**1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:**

**1 Pet. 2:22, “Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth;**

**1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;**

**1 Pet. 2:24, “who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”**

**1 Pet. 4:1, “Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,**

**1 Pet. 4:2, “that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God.”**

**2 Cor. 12:7, “And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.**

**2 Cor. 12:8, “Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.**

**2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”**