



E P I P H A N Y

Have you ever wanted a new start?



Luke 3



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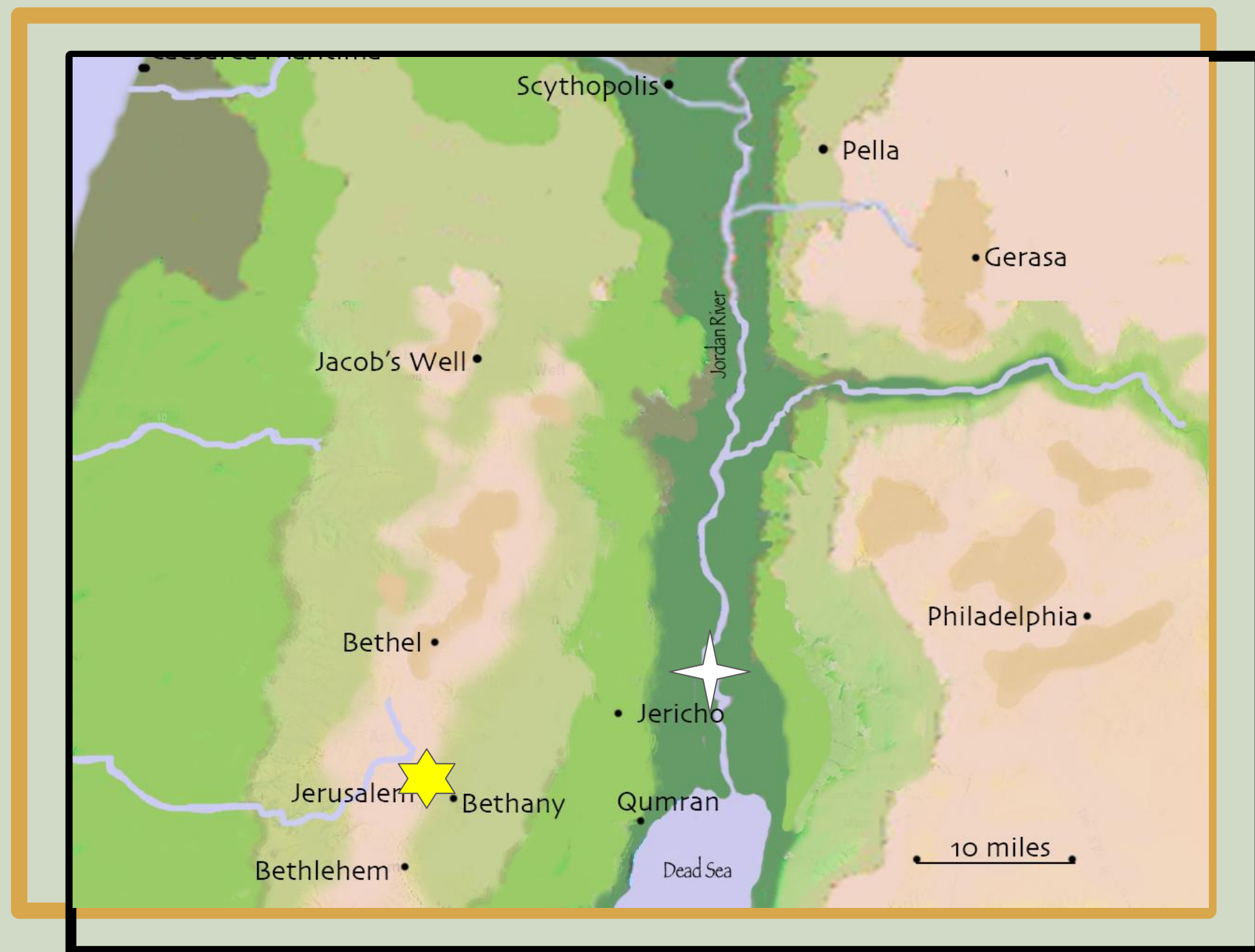
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The world is ruled by evil men.

Israel is still in a type of exile.

God seems far away.



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Luke 3:2-4 NIV



John the Baptist

Son of Elizabeth and Zechariah **(1:5-24; 57-80)**

Relative of Mary **(1:36)**

A Prophet full of the Spirit **(1:15-17)**

Lived in the Wild **(1:80)**

Forerunner for the Messiah **(1:76)**



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⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God’s salvation.”

Luke 3:4-6 NIV

John's Message



7-9 — Calls out Corruption in the Religious Leadership

10-14 — Calls the People to Repent Radically

15-17 — Calls the People to be Ready for the King

19-20 — Calls out Corruption in the Political Leadership

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“euagglizo” : evangelize

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God is coming as King to make all things new.

How did people respond to John's message?



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To make a radical turn from one way of life to another. A personal, absolute and unconditional surrender to God as King.





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Before Christ, it was performed at the temple to purify someone or initiate converts to Judaism.

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Rage

To lash out at challenges to one's control. Motivated by a fear of losing power, seeks to destroy opponent.



What did Jesus think about John's Ministry?



Jesus Affirmed John's Message



²¹ When all the people were being baptized,
Jesus was baptized too.

Luke 3:21 NIV

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My Son - Psalm 2:7

Whom I Love - Genesis 22:2

Well Pleased - Isaiah 42:1

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¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

Genesis 1:1-2 NIV



Jesus is the King
who makes all things new.


How will we **respond** to
the King who makes all things new?





¹ What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:1-4



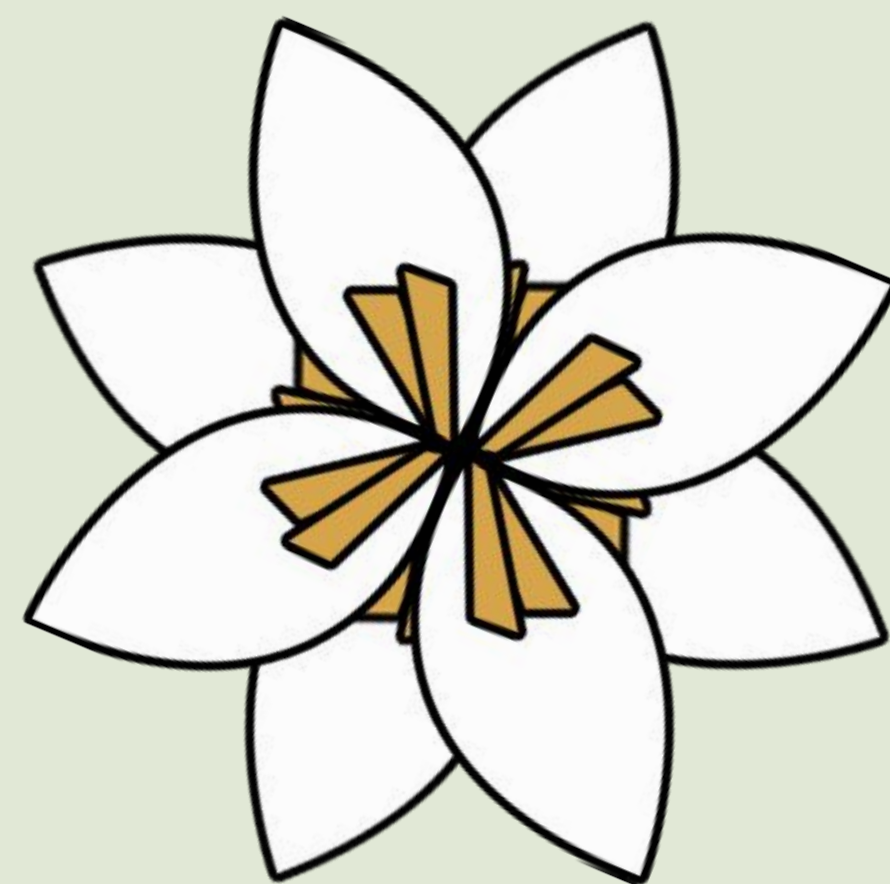
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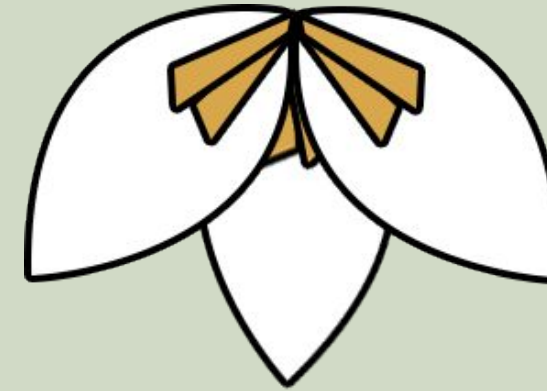


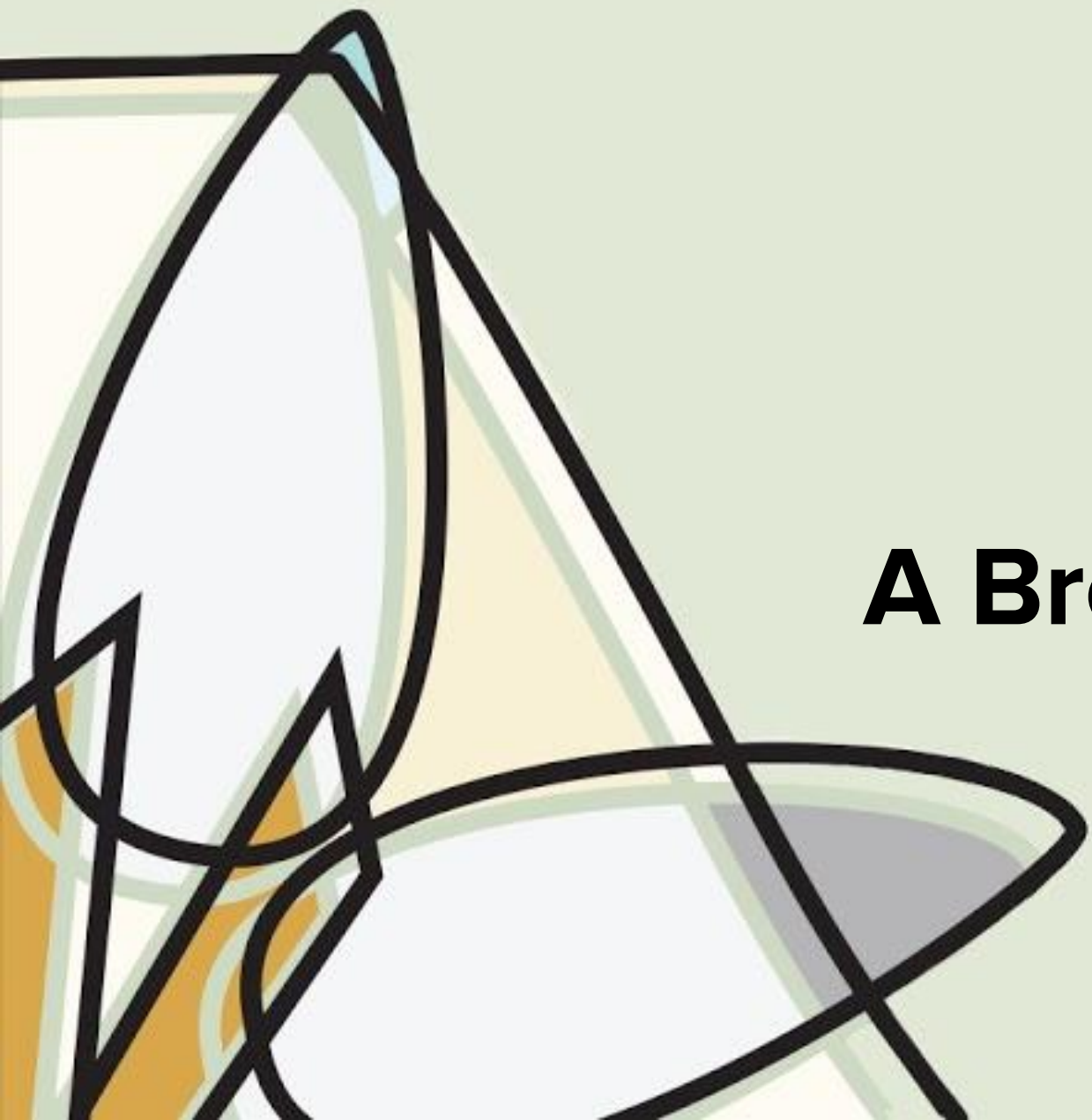
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A World of Brokenness
A Voice in the Wilderness
A Voice from Heaven
A World Renewed



The blessings of faith are worth
persevering through trials.





A Broken Throne

A Broken People

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

A Broken Temple

