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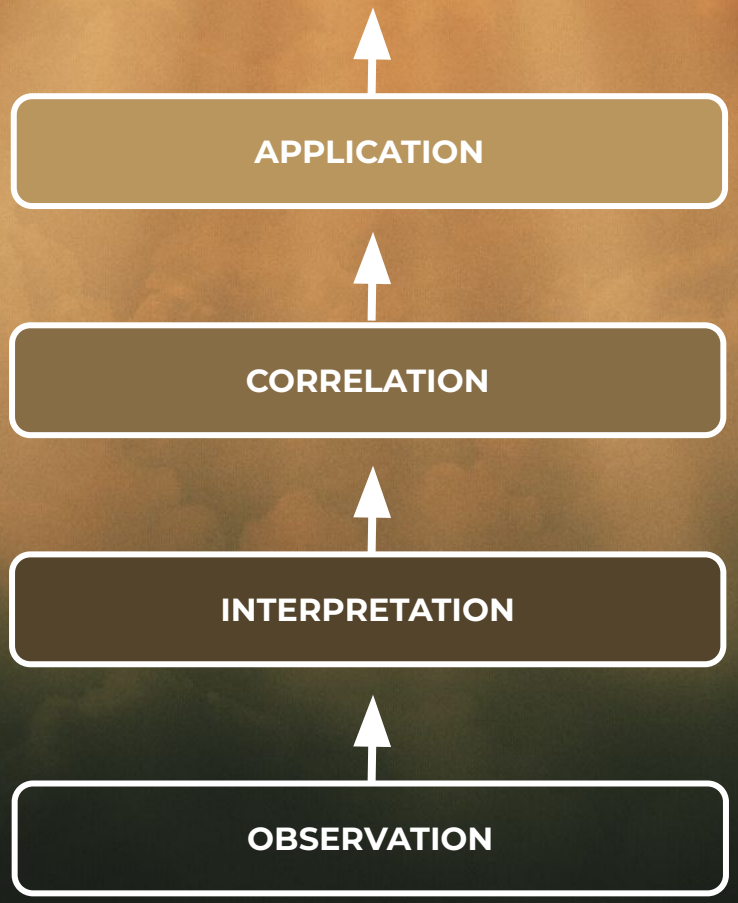
OBSERVING JOHN 11

HOW TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR BIBLE



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WHENEVER YOU OPEN TO A PASSAGE OF SCRIPTURE, ASK QUESTIONS

- WHO?
- WHAT?
- WHY?
- WHERE?
- WHEN?

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KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE BOOK YOU ARE READING

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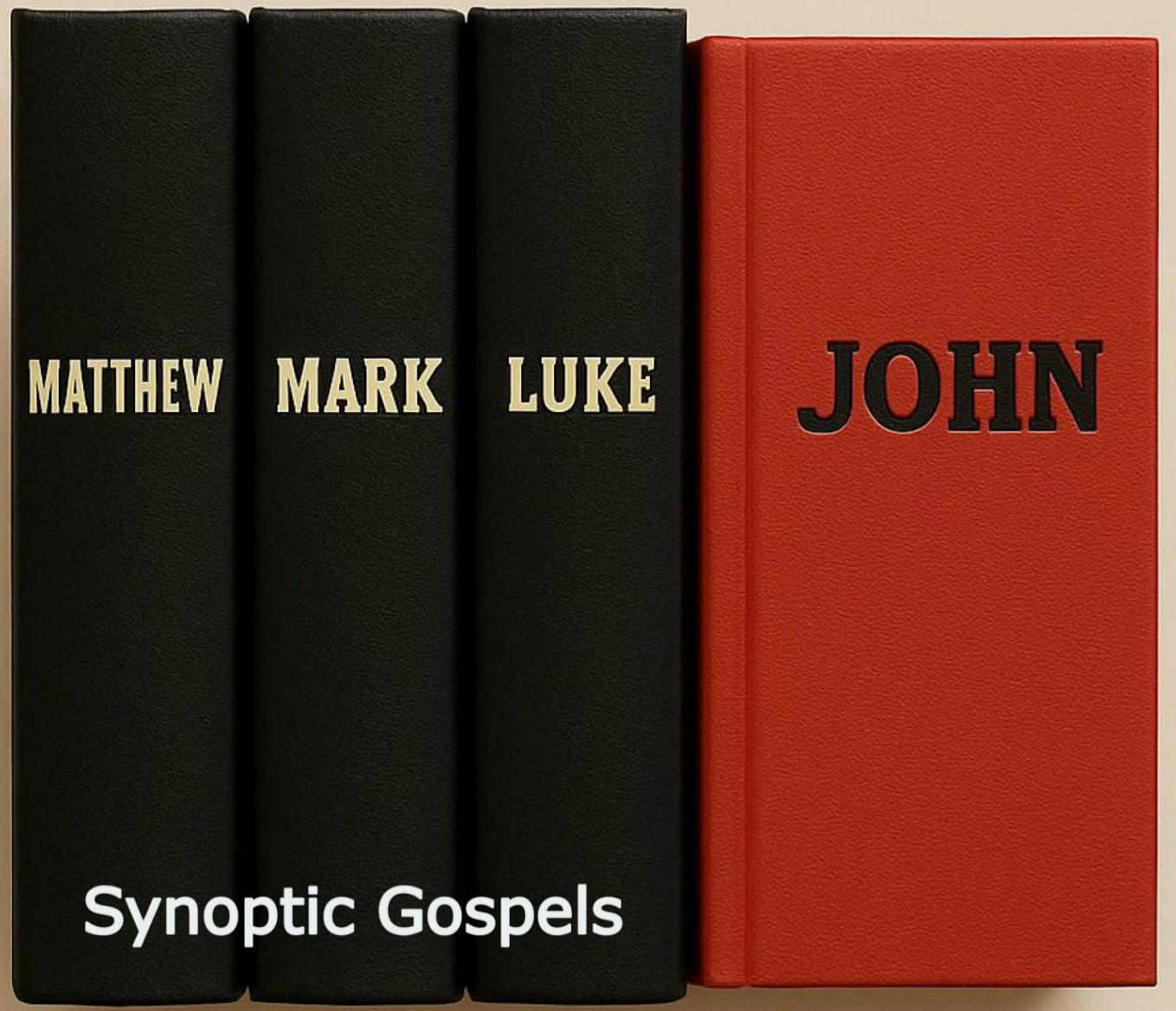

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When you open a book, attempt to learn about the author and the book's uniqueness

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THE UNIQUENESS OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

1. IT IS 90% UNIQUE FROM THE OTHER GOSPELS
2. CHAPTERS 12-21 RECORD HIS LAST WEEK ON EARTH
3. 3. HIS FOCUS IS THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST
4. 4. IT INCLUDES 7 "I AM" STATEMENTS

   "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35, 48

   "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12; 9:5; 12:46)

   "I am the door of the sheep" (John 10:7)

   "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11)

   "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25)

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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN IS 90 % UNIQUE FROM THE OTHER GOSPELS

5. IT INCLUDES 7 “SIGNS” (MIRACLES)

   Turning Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)

   Healing the Official’s Son (John 4:46-54)

   Healing the Crippled Man (John 5:1-15)

   Feeding the Five Thousand (John 6:1-14)

   Walking on Water (John 6:15-21)

   Healing the Blind Man (John 9:1-41)

   Raising Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

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WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO A PASSAGE, CHECK THE PREVIOUS CONTEXT – CHAPTER 10“JESUS’ CLAIMS”

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WHEN DID THE EVENTS OF CHAPTER 11 OCCUR?

- AFTER JESUS MADE THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS ABOUT HIMSELF
  - I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP (10:7)
  - I HAVE COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE (10:10)
  - I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD WHO LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR THE SHEEP (10:11)
  - I HAVE OTHER SHEEP THAT ARE NOT FROM THIS SHEEP PEN (10:16)

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WHEN DID THIS OCCUR?

I GIVE THEM ETERNAL LIFE AND THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH (10:28)

I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE (10:30)

I AM GOD'S SON (10:36)

THE FATHER IS IN ME AND I IN THE FATHER (10:38)

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WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO A PASSAGE TRY TO PLACE YOURSELF IN THE STORY

- CONSIDER THE POLITICAL, CULTURAL, AND RELIGIOUS ATMOSPHERE
- FEEL THE EMOTIONS OF THE PEOPLE
- OBSERVE THE CONTRADICTORY ATTITUDES AND OPINIONS

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WHERE IS THIS EVENT TAKING PLACE?

- CONSIDER THE DISTANCE BETWEEN WHERE THE NEED IS AND WHERE JESUS IS
- THE NEED IS IN BETHANY, ABOUT 2 MILES FROM JERUSALEM
- JESUS IS IN BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN

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WHERE IS JESUS?

- IN BETHANY ACROSS THE JORDAN
- IT RAISES THE QUESTION – WHERE IS JESUS WHEN YOU NEED HIM?

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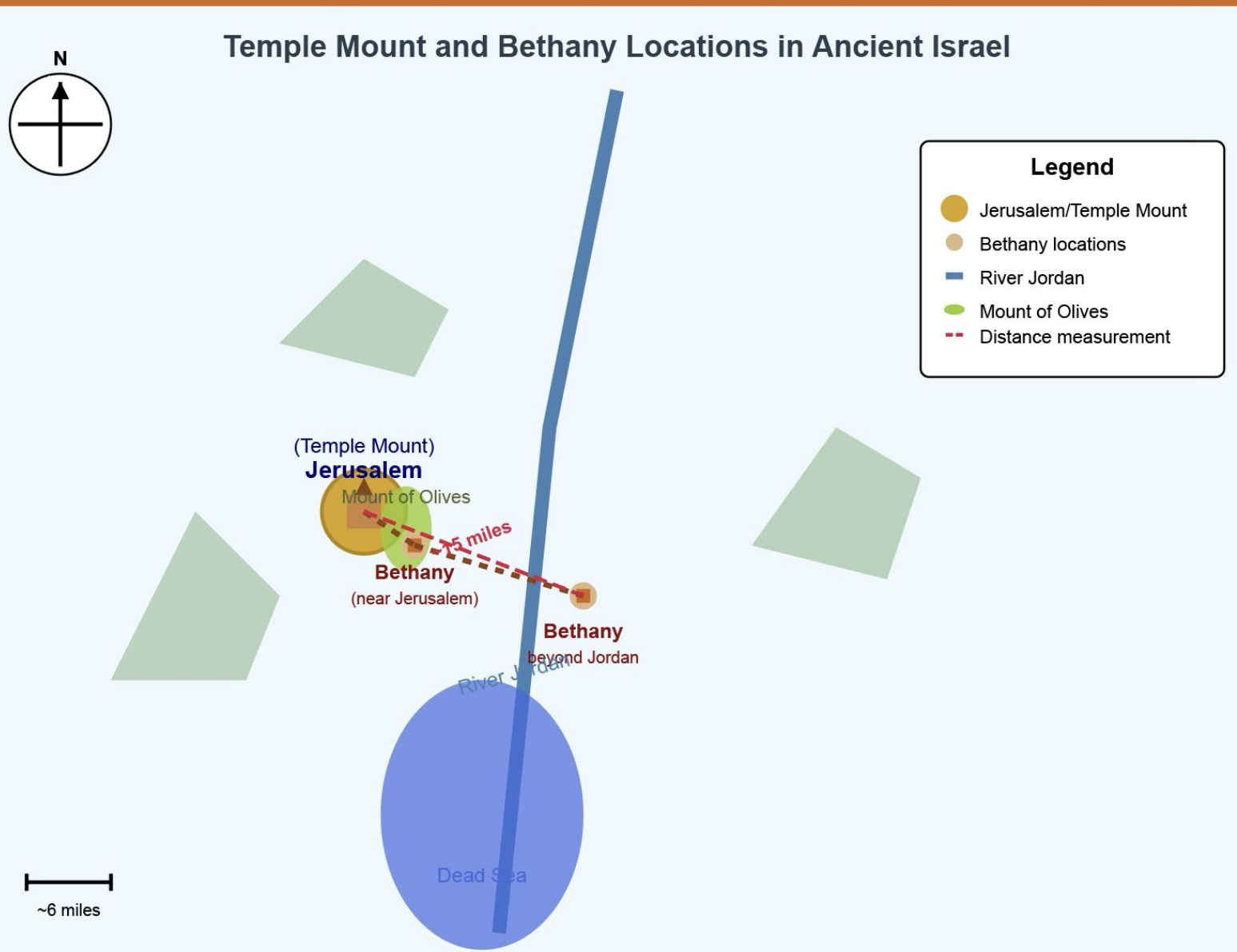
Temple Mount and Bethany Locations in Ancient Israel
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Legend
Jerusalem/Temple Mount
Bethany locations
River Jordan
Mount of Olives
Distance measurement
(Temple Mount)
Jerusalem
Mount of Olives
~2.5 miles
Bethany
(near Jerusalem)
Bethany
beyond Jordan
River Jordan
Dead Sea
~6 miles

JERUSALEM & BETHANY

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WHO ARE THE PEOPLE INVOLVED?

- JESUS
- HIS DISCIPLES
- MARY
- MARTHA
- LAZARUS
- MOURNERS
- THE CHIEF PRIEST AND PHARISEES
- THE SANHEDRIN
- CAIAPHAS

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WHAT EVENTS / ATTITUDES DO YOU SEE IN THIS PASSAGE?

- THE DEATH OF LAZARUS (vs. 11-15)
- THE ATTITUDE OF THOMAS (v. 16)
- THE ATTITUDES OF MARY AND MARTHA (vs. 21, 32)
- THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS (vs. 43-44)
- THE PLOT TO KILL JESUS (v. 53)

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WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE MAJOR PROBLEM?

- IT IS A PROBLEM OF TIMING – “IF ONLY YOU HAD BEEN HERE”
- GOD’S TIMING AND OUR TIMING OFTEN DO NOT MATCH
- QUESTION – AM I WILLING TO ALLOW GOD TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BASED ON HIS TIME TABLE?

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WHAT PRINCIPLES CAN WE DRAW FROM THIS PASSAGE?

- DESPITE THE GREAT LOVE JESUS HAD FOR LAZARUS AND HIS FAMILY, HE ALLOWED LAZARUS TO DIE, THOUGH HE HAD THE POWER TO PREVENT IT
- JESUS WEPT WHEN HE SAW THE HEARTACHE OF THE FAMILY
- HE UNDERSTANDS THE PAIN THOSE LEFT BEHIND FACE
- HEBREWS 2:14-15

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