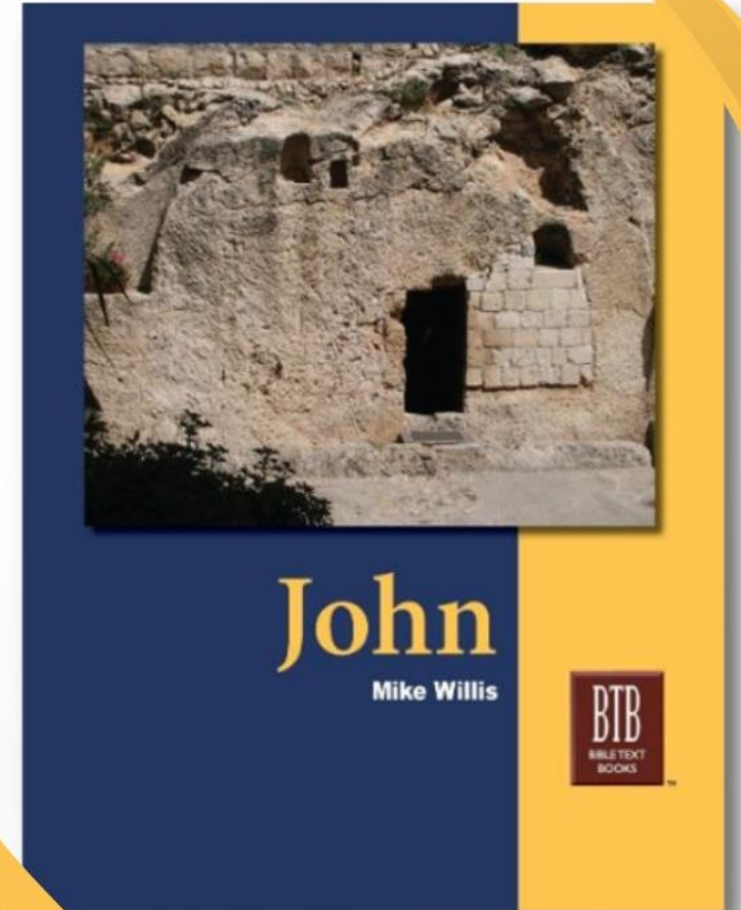


Lesson 13

Lazarus raised
from the dead
(11:1-57)



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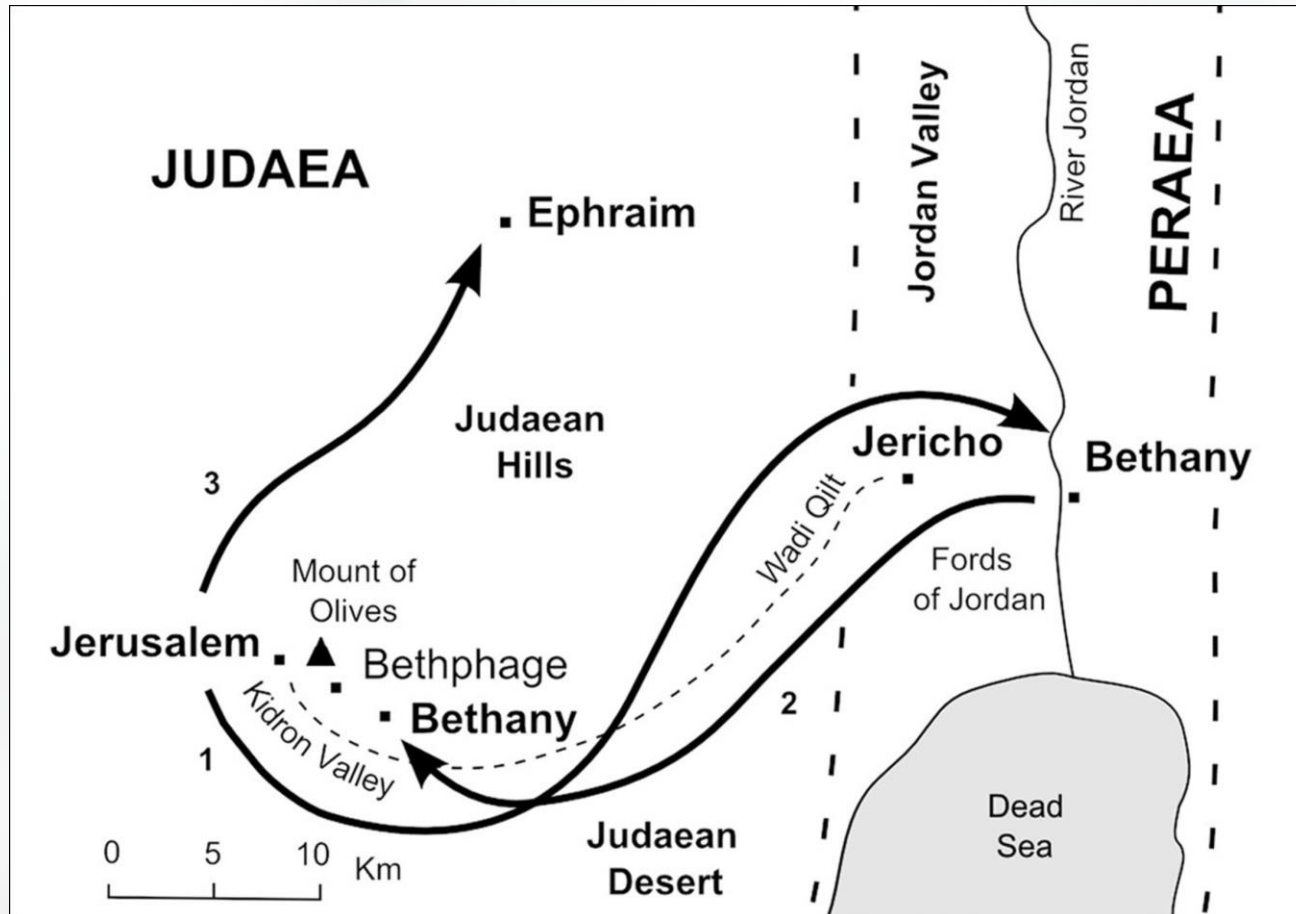


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QUESTION: If Jesus loved Lazarus so much, why didn't he immediately go and heal him...or even heal him from a distance?

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QUESTION: Although Jesus was about to literally raise Lazarus from the dead, what lesson was he trying to teach when he said in verse 25 “I am the resurrection and the life.....”


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 QUESTION: What might verse 28 be conveying when it says Martha went “secretly” (or “quietly”) to go get Mary?

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QUESTION: Why might the Jews who were with Mary and Martha think that they were going to mourn Lazarus in verse 31?

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QUESTION: What does it mean that Jesus “groaned in the spirit”?

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QUESTION: Can Christ sympathize with trials that we may face?

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QUESTION: What is the significance of Jesus praying to God in front of all those watching?

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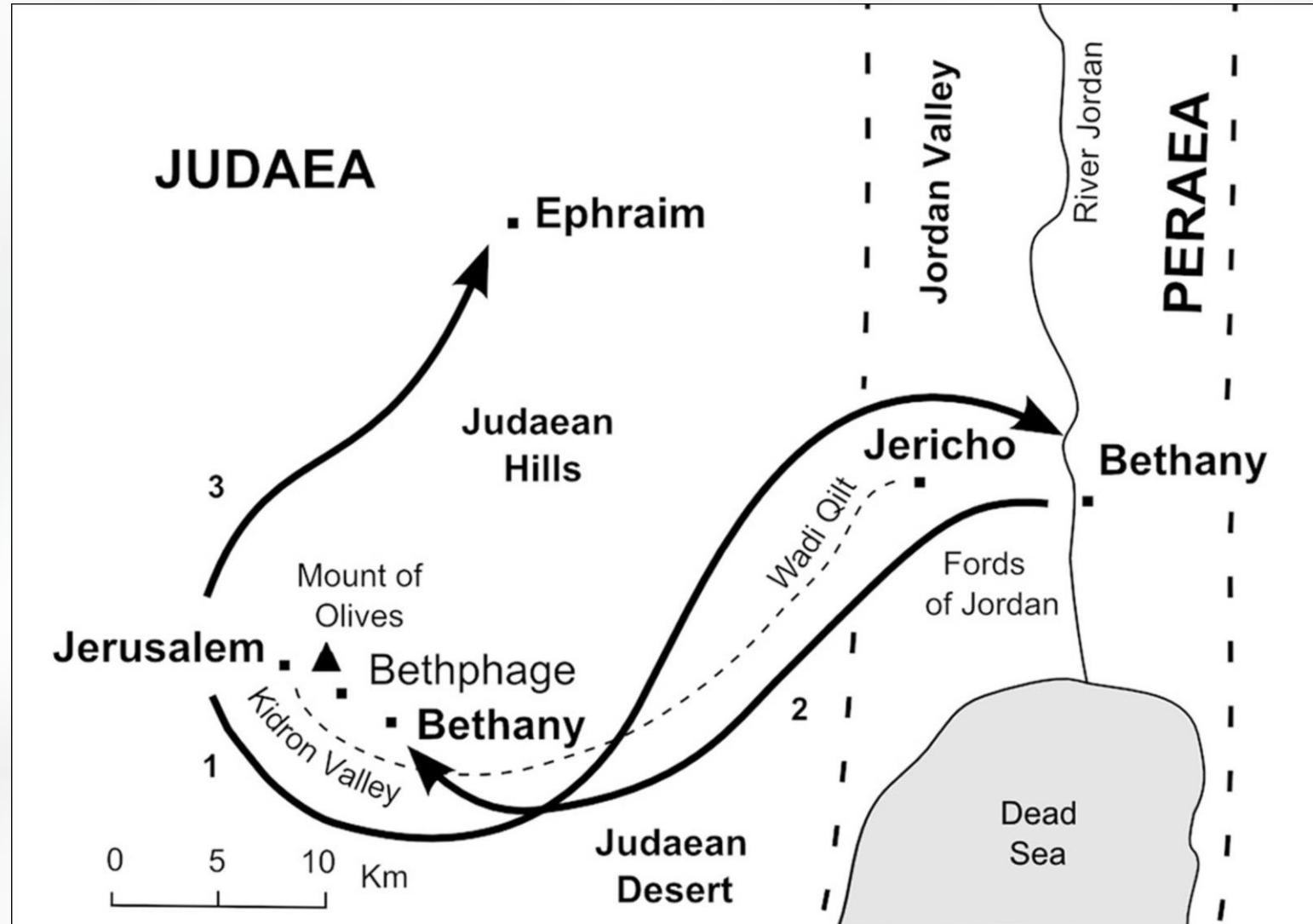


QUESTION: Explain what Ciaphis *thought* he was saying vs what he was actually prophecying?

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