



**“Lessons from The Holy  
Land #3:  
A Hometown Hero, A  
Mountain, and a Battle for  
Everything!”**







# **“Lessons from The Holy Land #3**

## **1. The Hometown Hero Who Said “No” (*Luke 4:14-30*)**

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**Luke 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.**

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**15 And he taught in  
their synagogues,  
being glorified by all.**

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**<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read.**

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**17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,**

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**18 “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,**

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**19 to proclaim the  
year of the Lord's  
favor.”**

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**20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.**

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**21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**

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**22 And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph's son?”**

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**23 And he said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.””**

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**24 And he said, “Truly,  
I say to you, no  
prophet is acceptable  
in his hometown.**

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**25 But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land,**

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**26 and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.**

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**27 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”**

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**28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath.**

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**29 And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff.**

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**30 But passing  
through their midst,  
he went away.**

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כנסיית בית הכנסת  
كنيسة المجمع  
The Synagogue Church



לפי המסורת, כאן היה בית הכנסת שבו דרש ישוע ביום שבת בפני המתפללים (לוקס 16:4).  
מהמאה ה-12 ואילך מדווחים עולי רגל על כנסייה שניצבה באתר. האתר והכנסייה הסמוכה (שנוסדה ב-1887), שייכים לקהילה היוונית קתולית.

حسب التقليد، هنا كان الكنيس حيث وعظ يسوع للمصلين  
يوم السبت (لوقا ١٦:٤)  
منذ القرن الثاني عشر، أشار الحجاج في تقاريرهم  
إلى كنيسة كانت في الموقع.  
الموقع والكنيسة المجاورة (المبنية سنة ١٨٨٧).  
هما لطائفة الروم الملكيين الكاثوليك.

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**2. The Command to  
Witness to the World  
Has Not Changed!  
(*Acts 1:1-11*)**

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**Acts 1:1 In the first book,  
O Theophilus, I have  
dealt with all that  
Jesus began to do and  
teach,**

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**<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.**

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**<sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

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**<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me;**

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5 for John baptized with  
water, but you will be  
baptized with the Holy  
Spirit not many days  
from now.”**

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**6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

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## **“Lessons from The Holy Land #3**

**<sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.**

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**<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

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**<sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.**

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**10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,**

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**<sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”**

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## **3. We Know Who'll Win at Armageddon...and Who'll Lose**

***(Rev. 16:12-16; 19:11-21;  
20:7-10, 14-15; 21:8, 1-7)***

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**Rev. 16:12 The sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, to prepare the way for the kings from the east.**

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**13 And I saw, coming out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs.**

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**14 For they are demonic spirits, performing signs, who go abroad to the kings of the whole world, to assemble them for battle on the great day of God the Almighty.**

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**15 (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)**

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**16 And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.**

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**Rev. 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.**

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**12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.**

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# **“Lessons from The Holy Land #3**

**13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.**

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**14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.**

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**15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.**

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**16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.**

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**18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.”**

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**19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.**

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**<sup>20</sup> And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.**

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**<sup>21</sup> And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.**

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**Rev. 20:7 And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison**  
**<sup>8</sup> and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.**

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**<sup>9</sup> And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them,**

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**10 and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.**

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**14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.**

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**15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.**

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**Rev. 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”**

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**<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven  
and a new earth, for the  
first heaven and the first  
earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.**

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**<sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.**



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**<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.**

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**<sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”**

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**<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”**

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**<sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.**

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**<sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.**

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A long, narrow pier made of concrete or stone extends from the foreground into the ocean, leading the eye towards the horizon. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, with scattered clouds catching the light. The water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky. In the distance, a small structure or boat is visible on the pier.

**The time is short. Eternity is long. It is the time of decision.**

Dietrich Bonhoeffer