The Book of Acts:

The Birth, Growth, and Expansion of the Church

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When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

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See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

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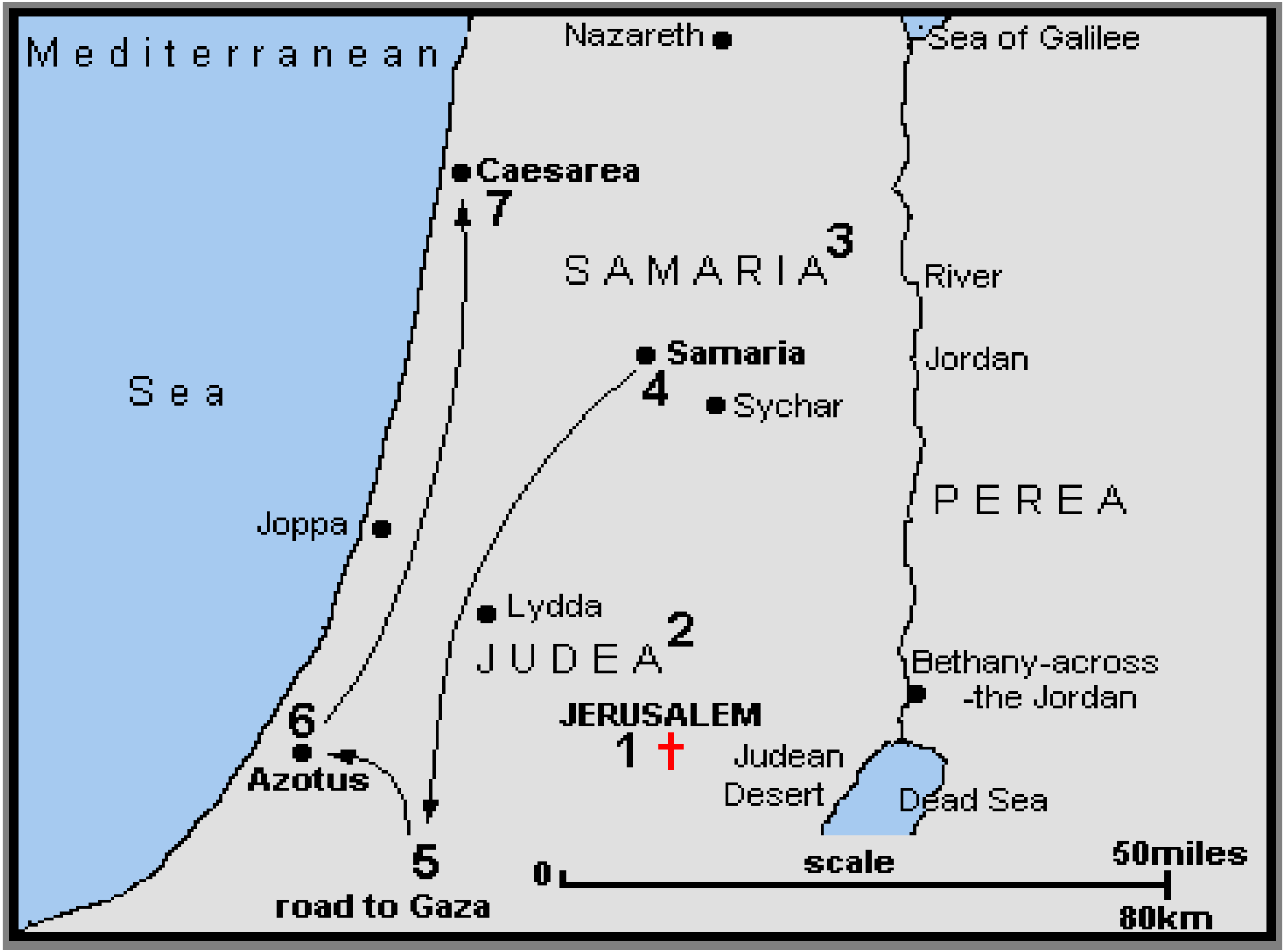
- **Acts 1:8– " . . . And you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

I. The Witness of the Church in Jerusalem (chaps. 1–7)
II. The Witness of the Church in Judea & Samaria (chaps. 8–12)
III. The Witness of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (chaps. 13–28)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Sea
Nazareth
Sea of Galilee
Caesarea
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SAMARIA
3
River
Jordan
Samaria
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Sychar
PEREA
Joppa
Lydda
JUDEA
2
Bethany-across
-the Jordan
JERUSALEM
1
Judean
Desert
Dead Sea
6
Azotus
5
road to Gaza
0
scale
50miles
80km

The Persecution of the Church

- **Persecution: God's sovereign hand to move His witnesses outside of Jerusalem.**

The Holy Spirit in Samaria (Acts 8)

- **The Big Q:** Why was there a delay in the Holy Spirit given to the Samaritans?

- **For the sake of:**

  1. The Apostles
  2. The Samaritans

The Conversion of Saul/Paul

- **Acts 9, 22, 26**
- **The Big Q:**
  - How did a Jew who was so hostile to the Christian faith become the most effective spokesman for Christ?
  - Saul➔Apostle Paul (13/27 NT Books)

The Apostle Paul's Salvation

- ***Paul's Own Accounts:***
  - Galatians 1
  - Philippians 3
  - 1 Timothy 1