

Where did the 12 apostles go after the ascension of Jesus?

Introduction and The Acts of Peter

Not those 12 apostles



The apostles of Jesus

- Matthew 10::2-4 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these;
 - Simon, who is called Peter,
 - Andrew his brother;
 - James the son of Zebedee,
 - John his brother;
 - Philip,
 - Bartholomew (Nathaniel);
 - Thomas,
 - Matthew the publican;
 - James the son of Alphaeus, and
 - Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus (Judas, Jude);
 - Simon the Canaanite, (The zealot)
 - Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him. >> *replaced by* >> Matthias

The great commission

Matthew 10

[5] **These twelve Jesus sent forth**, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not:
[6] But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

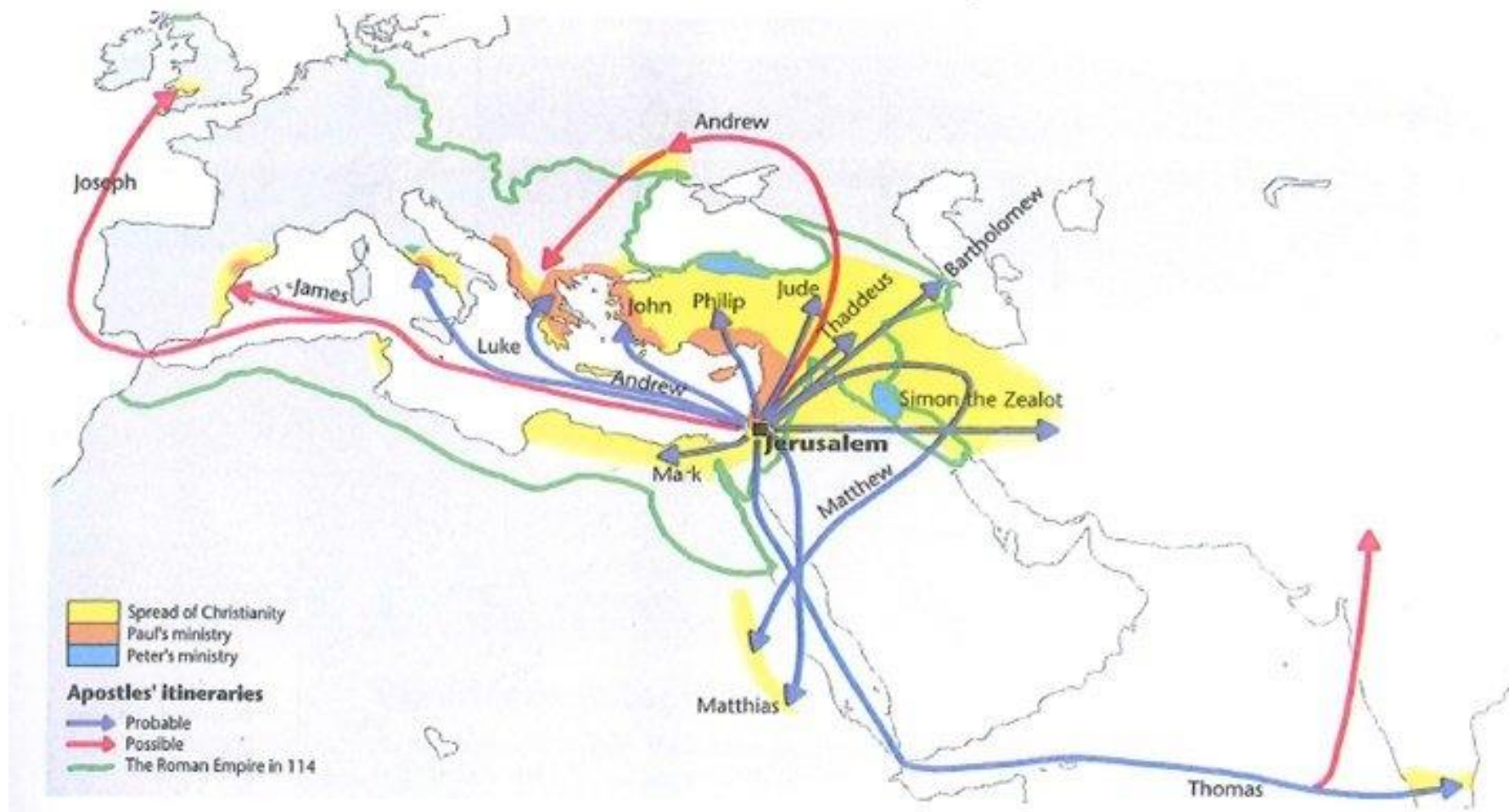
Luke.10

[1] After these **things the Lord appointed other seventy also**, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

Matthew 28

[16] Then **the eleven disciples** went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them.
[17] And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. [18] And **Jesus came and spake unto them**, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
[19] **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

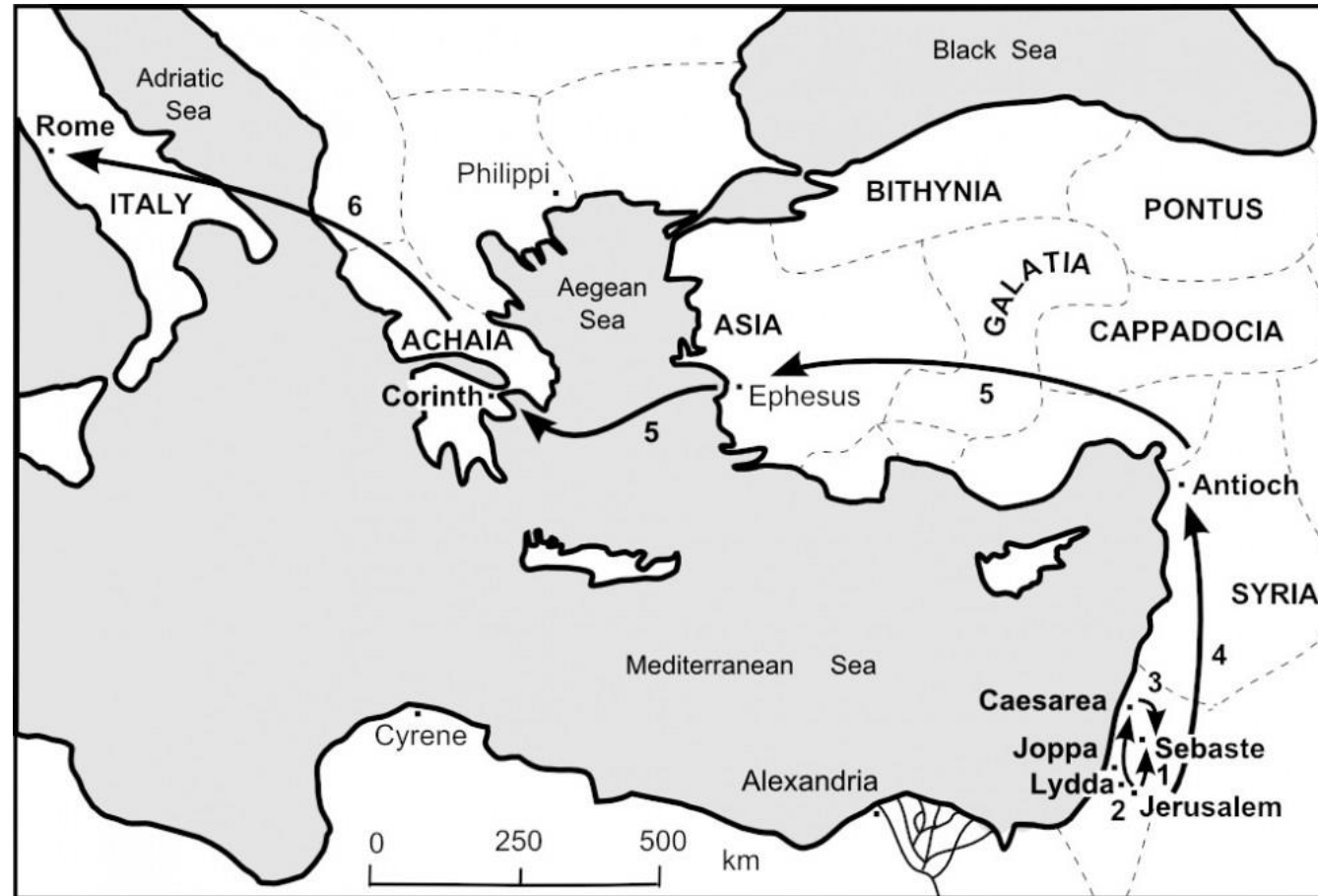
So where did they go?



Roman Empire 116AD



Where did Peter go?



Peter

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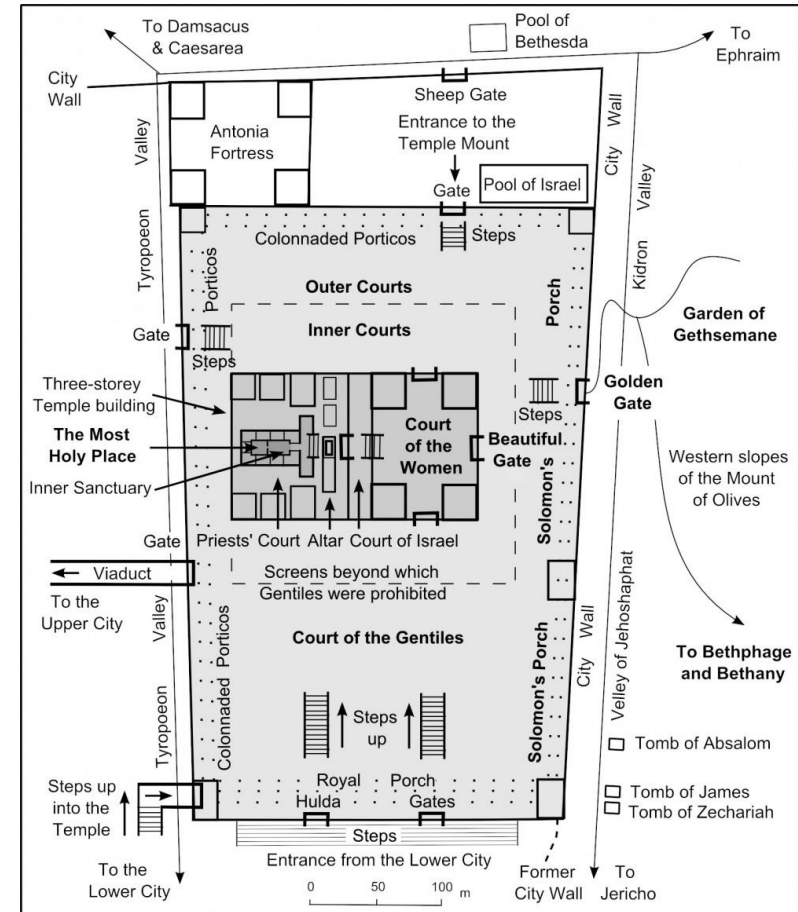
- [1] Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
[2] Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father,

- Acts 16 Paul stopped in some areas

- [6] Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia, [7] After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not.
[8] And they passing by Mysia came down to Troas.

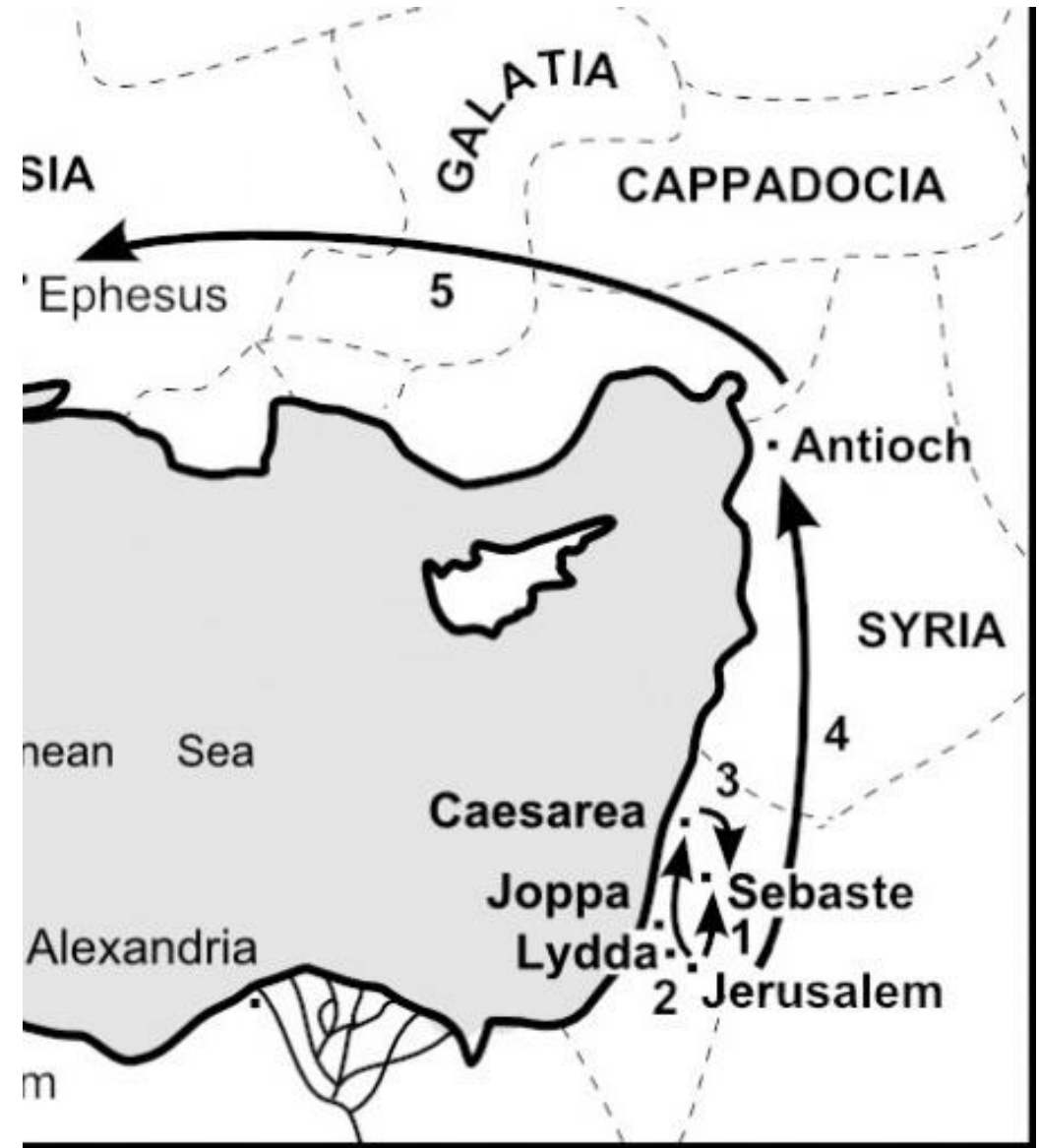
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- **Acts 2:14-41** Peter spreads the Good News in **Jerusalem** on the Day of Pentecost in 30AD. Three thousand who hear his message become believers.
- **Acts 3:1-4:22** Peter heals a lame man at the **Beautiful Gate** of the **Temple**. He and John are arrested by the temple guards and told not to preach.
- **Acts 5:1-16** As the leader of the church in **Jerusalem** over the next few years, Peter rebukes Ananias and Sapphira when they lie about the money they have received from selling some land.
- **Acts 5:17-42** Peter is the spokesperson when he and another apostle are arrested in **Jerusalem**.
- **Acts 8:14-24** Peter and John go to **Sebaste** in **Samaria** in 35AD and pray for the new Samaritan believers to be filled with the Holy Spirit
- **Acts 8:25** They return to **Jerusalem**, sharing their message en route in many villages in **Samaria**



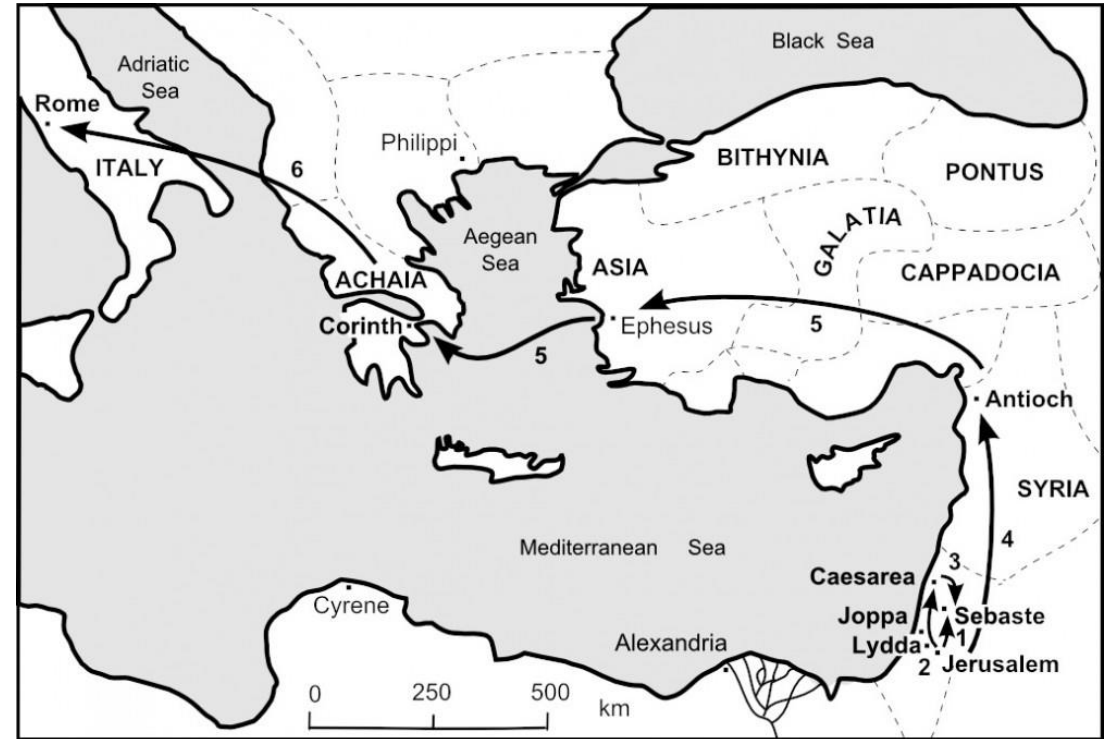
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- **Acts 9:32-35** Later in the year, Peter visits the believers in **Lydda** (called **Lod** in the Old Testament) He heals Aeneas who has been bedridden for eight years. **Lod**, today, is the site of **Tel Aviv's** international airport.
- **Acts 9:36-43** Peter is called to the port of **Joppa** where Tabitha ('Dorcas' in *Greek*), one of the believers, has died. Peter prays for her, and the dead woman comes back to life.
- **Acts 10:1-8** Cornelius –
 - a God-fearing centurion
 - belongs to the Italian Cohort based at the Roman administrative centre in **Caesarea** –
 - has a vision of an angel who tells him to send for Peter in **Joppa**.



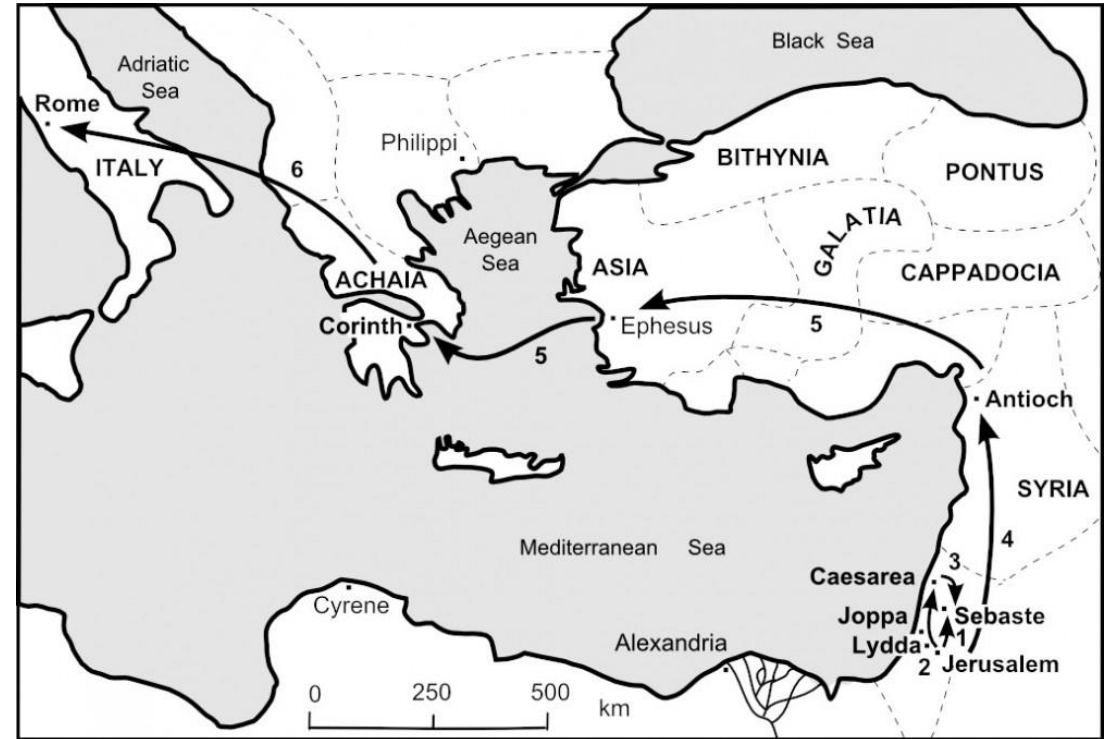
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- **Acts 10:9-23** Peter –
 - praying on the flat roof of Simon the Tanner's house in **Joppa** –
 - also has a vision in which he is told not to call anything 'unclean' that God has made 'clean'.
 - Cornelius's two Gentile servants and his attendant arrive at **Joppa**.
- **Acts 10:23-48** 35AD -
 - Peter travels to **Caesarea**
 - shares the Good News of Jesus's death and resurrection with Cornelius's Gentile family and friends.
 - The Holy Spirit falls on all present and the six Jewish believers from **Joppa** (see Acts 11:12)
 - The new Gentile believers are baptized.
- **Acts 11:1-18** Peter reports back to the Jewish believers in **Jerusalem**



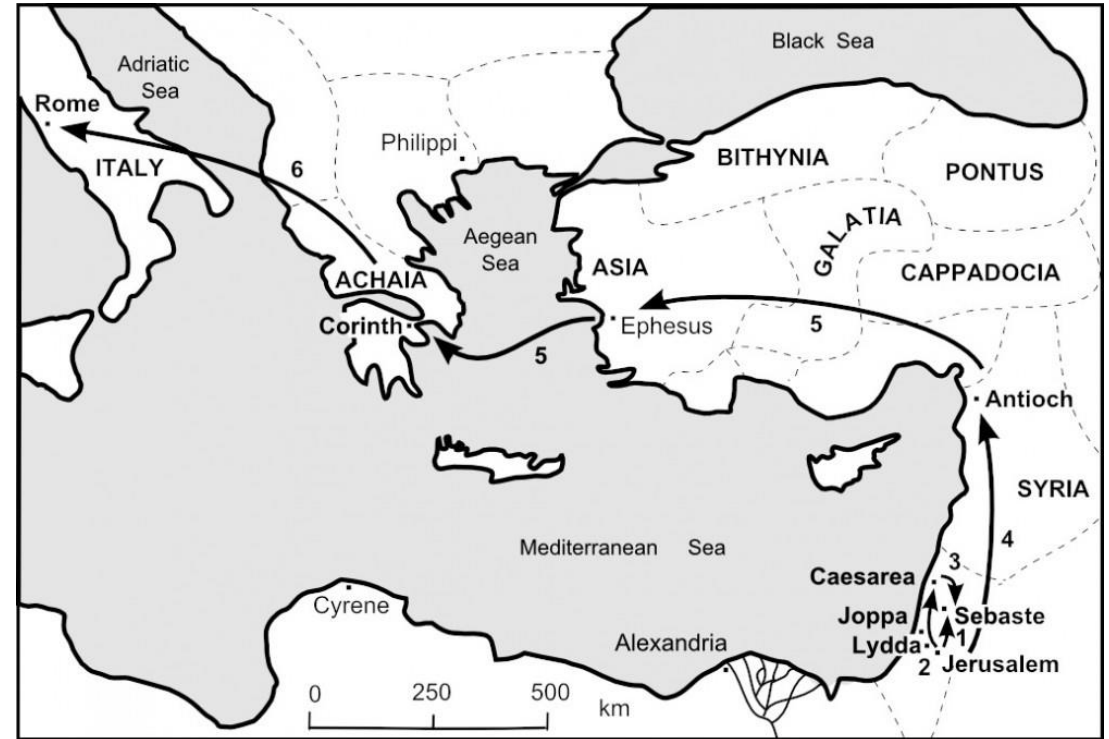
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- **Acts 12:1-19** 44AD.
 - Peter is arrested in **Jerusalem** during the Passover festival on the orders of King Herod Agrippa I,
 - he has recently beheaded the apostle James, the brother of John.
 - Peter is miraculously freed from prison during the night by an angel.
- He hands over the leadership of the **Jerusalem** church to James (the brother of Jesus – see Galatians 1:19) and flees elsewhere for safety.
- **Acts 15:1-21** 49/50AD **Jerusalem council** Peter addresses the assembly of believers.
- **Gal. 2:11-14** 50AD
 - Peter meets Paul in **Antioch** in, shortly after the Council of **Jerusalem**.
 - Conflict regarding eating with Gentiles.



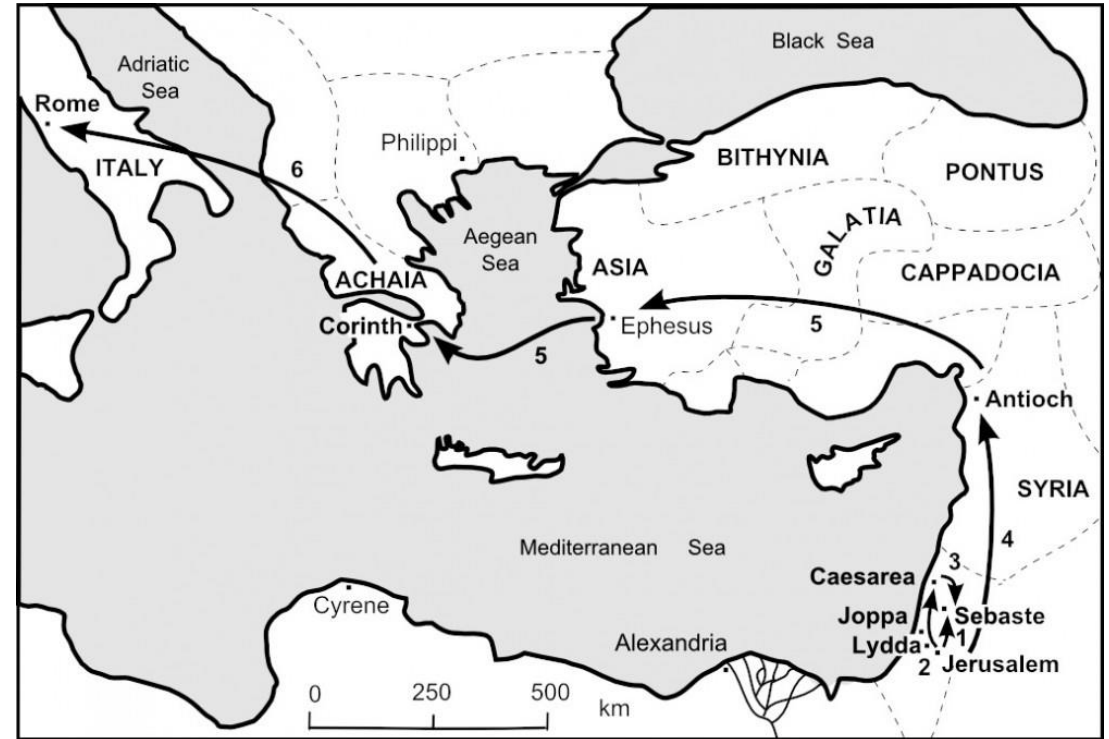
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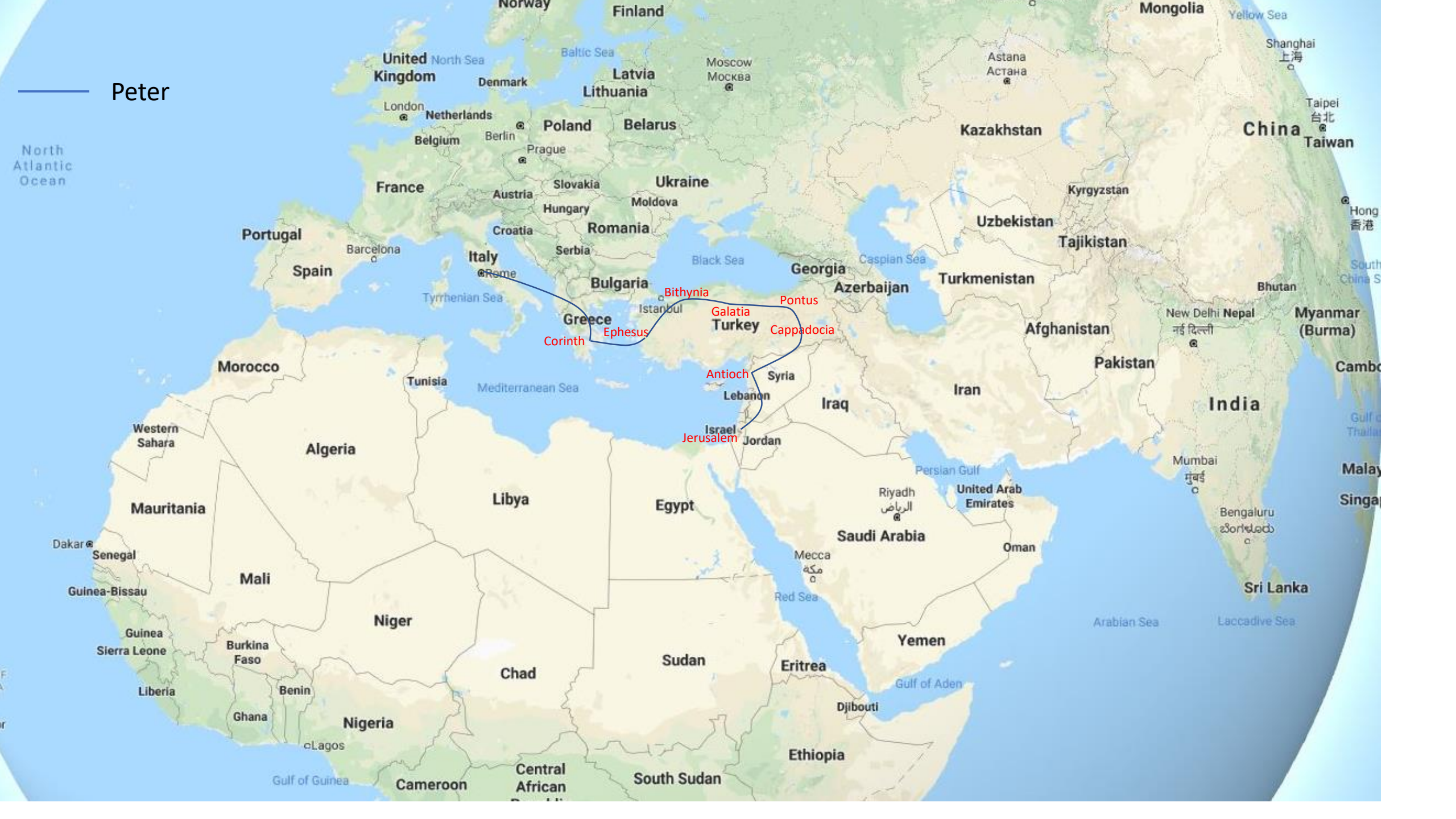
- **1 Cor. 1:12** 56AD, some believers in **Corinth** claim to follow Peter, while others claim to follow Paul or Apollos.
 - Peter may, have escaped to **Corinth** between 44 and 49AD.
 - Also thought to have preached in Asia Minor
 - Bithynia, Galatia, Pontus, Cappadocia
 - Accompanied by his wife Perpetua
- Some believe Peter went to Britain for some time (Cave's "*Antiquitates*")



Peter

- **1 Pet. 1:1** 66AD,
 - Peter writes from **Rome** to the Jewish believers (strangers) in the Roman provinces of **Asia Minor** - **Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia**.
- **2 Pet. 1:14-15** In 67AD, Peter writes again from **Rome**, where he has been imprisoned and is about to be executed.
 - Saint Peter's Basilica in the Vatican is supposedly built on top of St. Peter's tomb
 - Another view is that Pope Vitalian sent the bones of Peter and Paul to Britain in 656 AD





Peter

