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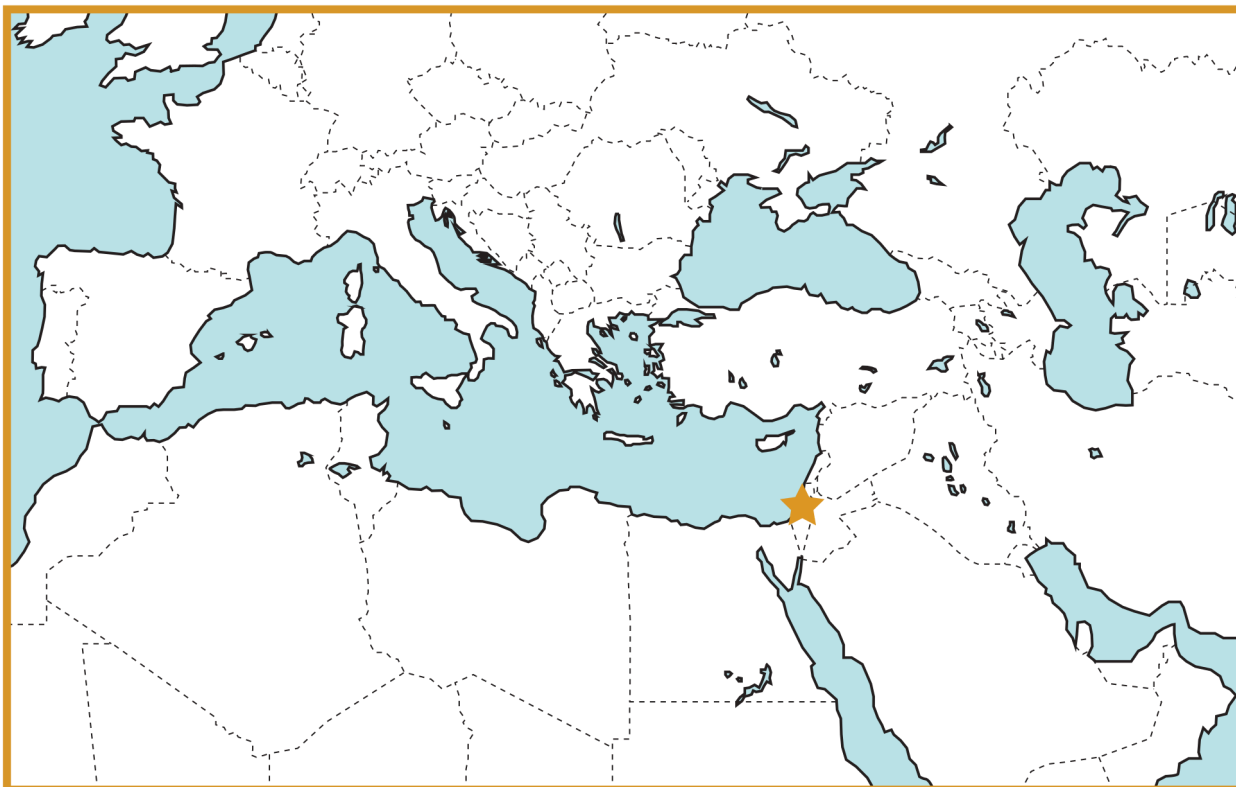
- The events in the first chapter of the Book of Acts took place between 29-30 A.D. - These events all occurred within 50 days of Jesus' resurrection.

characters.

- **Jesus** - The Messiah. At the end of Luke's gospel, He died and resurrected the 3rd day.
- **11 Apostles** - Jesus' students and witnesses of His resurrection.
- **2 Men at the Ascension** - Two men (likely angels) dressed in white robes who spoke to the Apostles after Jesus ascended to Heaven.
- **Matthias** - The man chosen to replace Judas Iscariot as the 12th Apostle.

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- The major events of Acts 1 happened in-and-around the city of Jerusalem.
- Jesus ascended near the town of Bethany, just east of Jerusalem (Luke 24:50).



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outline.

- INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK (1:1-5):

- + Luke addressed the Book of Acts to a man named Theophilus.
- + Luke's previous book (Luke) was also addressed to Theophilus and it recorded the major events of Jesus' life.
- + After His resurrection, Jesus told the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit.

- JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN (1:6-11):

- + The Holy Spirit would empower the Apostles to be Jesus' witnesses to the world.
- + While talking to the Apostles, Jesus was lifted up into the air and taken to Heaven.
- + 2 men appeared next to the Apostles and told them Jesus would one day return.

- A NEW APOSTLE IS SELECTED TO REPLACE JUDAS (1:12-26):

- + After Jesus left, the Apostles went back to Jerusalem.
- + They stayed in an upper room along with Mary, Jesus' mother, and his brothers.
- + One day, Peter stood up and addressed a group approximately 120 believers.
- + He told them the betrayal of Judas Iscariot had been foretold by the Jewish prophets.
- + Judas, one of the 12 Apostles, betrayed Jesus to the Jewish authorities in Luke 22.
- + Afterwards, he regretted his decision and killed himself.
- + Candidates for selection were required to have been with the Apostles from the time of John's baptism to Jesus' ascension into Heaven.
- + Two men's names were put forward, Joseph called Barsabbas and Matthias.
- + After praying and casting lots, Matthias was selected as the 12th Apostle.

Notes

Reflection & Application
