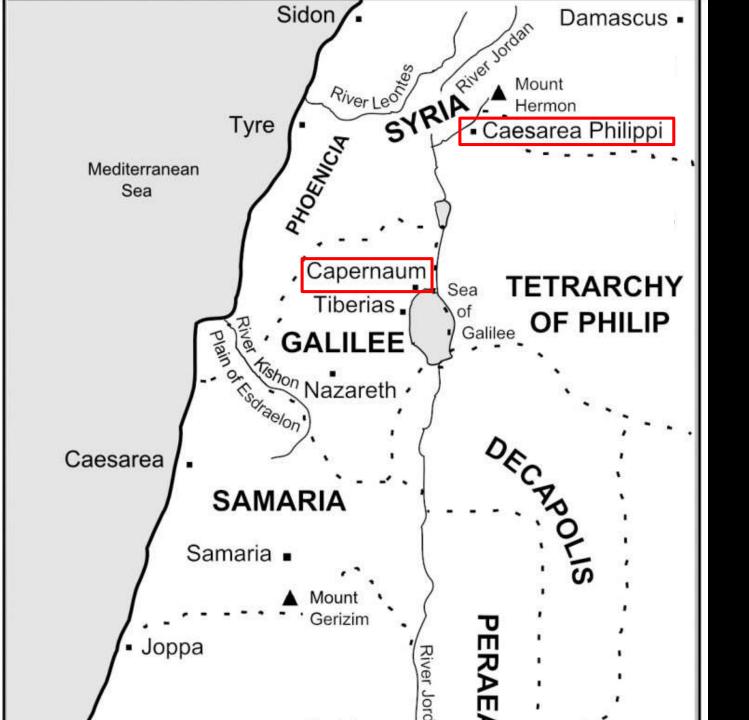
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THE CONFESSION

What you know and believe about Jesus Christ is the most important thing about you

Romans 10

9 ... if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
10 For with your heart you believe and are justified, and with your mouth you confess and are saved.

1 Corinthians 12:3 Therefore I inform you that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. Colossians 2 1 I want you to know how much I am struggling for you and for those at Laodicea, and for all who have not met me face to face,

2 that they may be encouraged in heart, knit together in love, and filled with the full riches of complete understanding, ... so that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

2 John 1 7 I say this because many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist.

2 John 1

9 Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take them into your house or welcome them. 11 Anyone who welcomes them shares in their wicked work.

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The correct answer to THE QUESTION is only available to us through the gift of God's revelation to us

Matthew 11

25 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Ephesians 1 13 And in Him you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, having heard and believed the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Matthew 16 Berean Study Bible 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by My Father in heaven.

THE FALL Jr.

This is what it looks like when we rely on our human understanding rather than on God's revelation

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Matthew 16 22 Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. "Far be it from You, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to You!"

23 But Jesus turned and said to Peter,
"Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me.
For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

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