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- John Calvin: France
- Huldrych Zwingli: Switzerland
- John Wycliffe: England
- Jan Hus: Czech

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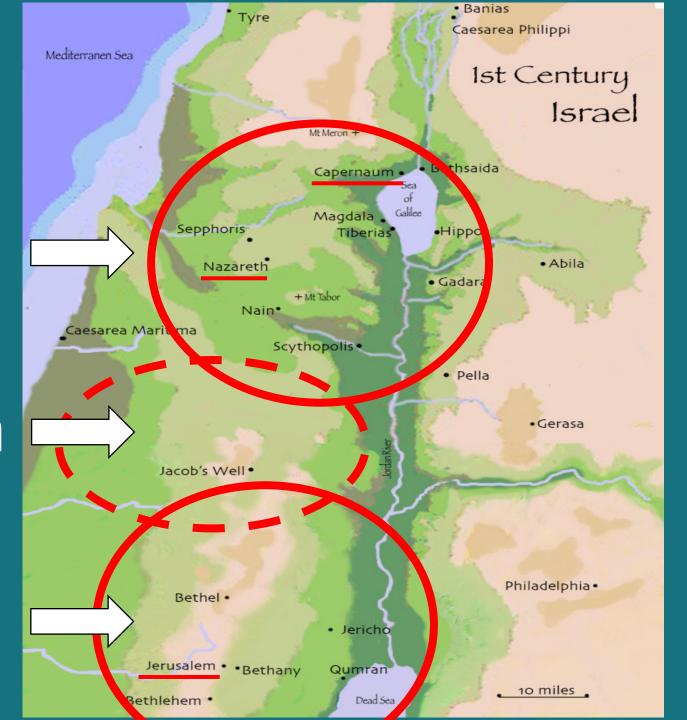


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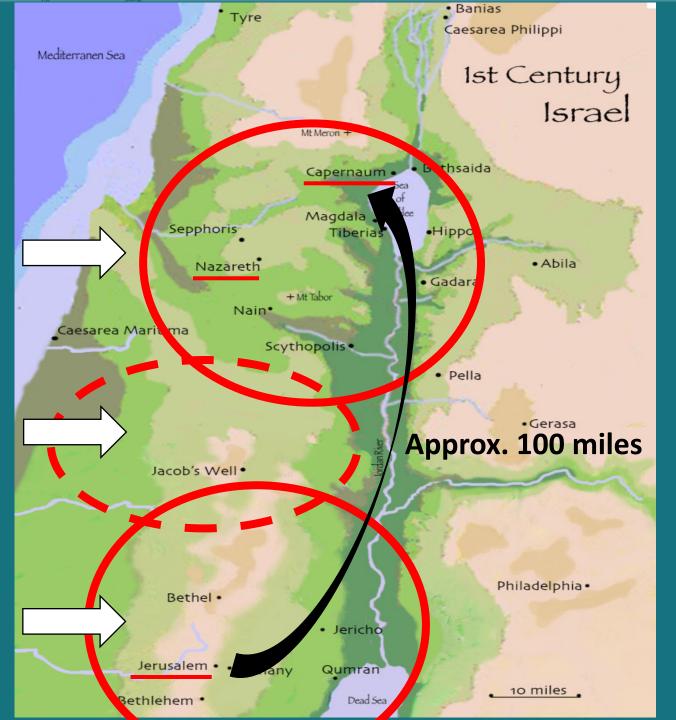
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The problem of "the tradition of the elders" is there is a slippery slope of these traditions simply becoming unhelpful or unnecessary "added on" rules that squeeze the life blood out of a relationship.

It becomes rules over relationship...it can become mankind's legalism that destroys a heart-based relationship and replaces it with rules-based religion.

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Mankind, since Genesis chapter 3, has consistently tended to push back and away from God's authority and replaced it with our own autonomy.

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When we have not heard from God, either because He has been silent or because we have not been listening, we tend to one of two things:

- become "hyperly" religious
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There are no Old Testament laws that instruct Jews to ritually wash their hands before meals.

The Pharisees and scribes are simply extrapolating the Old Testament regulation that instructs priests in the Temple to wash their hands. They are adding this instruction to everyday life for all Jews.

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### Exodus 30:18-21

The LORD said to Moses, "You shall also make a basin of bronze, with its stand of bronze, for washing. You shall put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and you shall put water in it, with which Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet. When they go into the tent of meeting, or when they come near the altar to minister, to burn a food offering to the Lord, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die.

It shall be a statue forever to them,
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**Externals over Internals** 

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**Power over Submission** 

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### Matthew 23:27-28

For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness.

28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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