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<p>Judea (Judah), Samaria and Galilee are regions that run along the length of a chain of mountains; and so does Perea.</p>	<p>No citation</p>
<p>To the east of the desert of Judah, there is a long area that contains the lowest point on earth; it reaches 1286 feet (392 meters) below sea level. It never rains there. The area is a desert with few oases.</p>	<p>No citation</p>

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<p>Among the mountains of Samaria, the most well known is Mount Gerizim.</p>	<p>No citation</p>
<p>In Galilee the mountains are lower and become hills. On Mount Tabor Jesus showed Peter, James and John what the splendor of his resurrection would be like.</p>	<p>Mount Tabor Matthew 17:1-9</p>
<p>There is a small hill near the Sea of Galilee called the Mount of the Beatitudes, perhaps because it was there that Jesus preached, saying “Blessed are the poor in spirit.”</p>	<p>Mount of Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12</p>
<p>To the north there are the Mountains of Lebanon and to the west is Mount Carmel.</p>	<p>No citation</p>

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<p>Among the mountains of Judea (Judah), the Mount of Olives is found to the east of Jerusalem; from her summit Jesus ascended into the glory of his Father.</p>	<p>Acts of the Apostles 1:9-12</p>
<p>Along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea the country is flat.</p>	<p>No citation</p>
<p>In the land of Israel there is one important river: the River Jordan. Its name is mentioned in the baptism of Jesus, performed by John the Baptist.</p>	<p>Matthew 3:13-17</p>
<p>In the desert of Judea (Judah), Jesus fasted for 40 days before beginning his public ministry.</p>	<p>Matthew 4:1-11</p>

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<p>The Sea of Galilee is 21 km long and 12 km wide (13 miles long and 7.5 miles wide); and it has a great abundance of fish. Jesus crossed the sea many times by boat; along its banks he often preached and he performed many miracles. One time, he calmed the storm. Another time, also during a storm, to save his disciples who were in the boat, he walked on the water towards them.</p>	<p>Jesus calms the storm. Mark 4:35-41</p> <p>Jesus walks on the water. Matthew 14:22-33</p>
<p>The Dead Sea is a large lake, so filled with salt that fish cannot live in it. It is 85 km long and 15.7 km wide. At its deepest, the sea is about 400 meters. The Dead Sea is about 300 meters below sea level.</p>	<p>No citation</p>