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SERMON, SIGNS, & STORIES
from the gospel of Matthew

WELCOME!

- Introductions
- Small groups next week
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Inductive Review—Lynn Adams

Matthew 5:1-2

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them.



OBSERVATIONS

- Longest section, foundational to Interpretations and Applications
- Very Literal (don't insert personal bias)
- Listen to the text and try to put yourself there.
- Ask reporter questions: who, what, when, where, how? Who are the main characters, and how are they described?
- Write a summary in 10 words or less



INTERPRETATION

- What does this text mean to all Christians?
- What does the text mean THEN and NOW?
- What attributes of God's character are revealed?
- What are the:
 - Main teachings
 - Biblical principles & truths
 - Themes
 - Truths
 - Promises

Ask questions. Ask Why?



APPLICATION

- What is God saying to me personally?
- Do I need to adjust my life, beliefs, and/or feelings as a result of meeting God in this passage?
- Make sure it is measurable.
- Make yourself accountable.



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Overview

- Brief History for Context
- Who
- When
- To Whom
- Why
- What

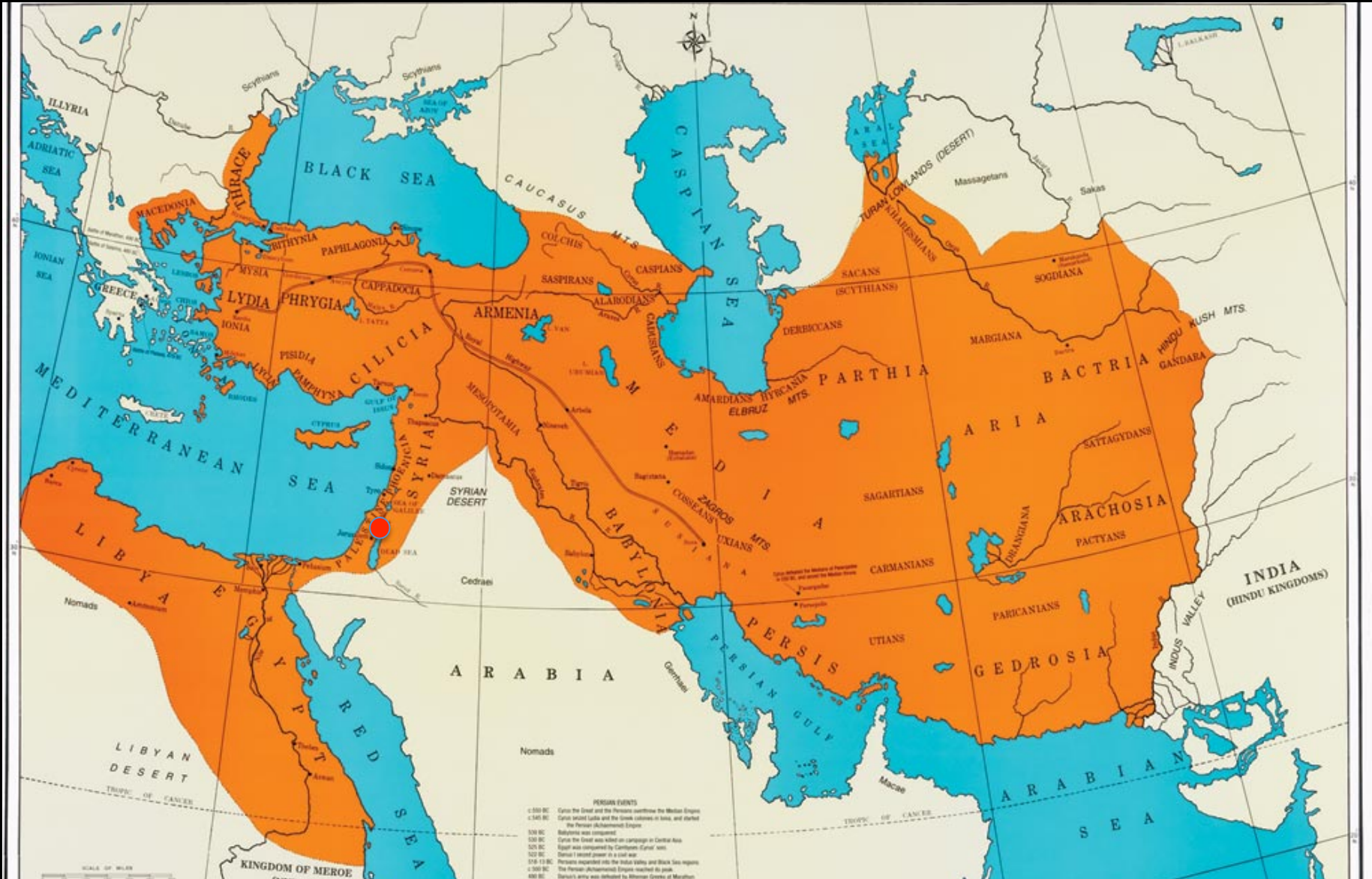
Egyptian Empire



Babylonian Empire



Persian Empire



Greek Empire



Seleucid Empire



Roman Empire



Overview

- Who—Levi (Matthew)
- When--~60-65 A.D.
- To Whom—the Jews
- Why—to introduce the King
- What—elegantly reasoned, tightly constructed case for Jesus of Nazareth being the long-awaited Messiah

Overview

- Why us?