

## Jesus' Galilean Ministry

The Synoptic Gospels give considerable prominence to the ministry of Jesus in Galilee. An area of mixed population, Galilee was known as “Galilee of the Gentiles” (Matt. 4:15), and its Jewish inhabitants, with their distinctive manner of speech (Matt. 26:69, 73), were often despised by the Jews of Judea.

Though born in the Judean city of Bethlehem, Jesus was raised in the Galilean town of Nazareth. The town of Capernaum became the headquarters for Jesus' Galilean ministry and most of His disciples were from the region of Galilee.

