

# The Antioch Factor

A massive choice we make as Christians and as churches, sometimes without even realizing there is a choice to be made.

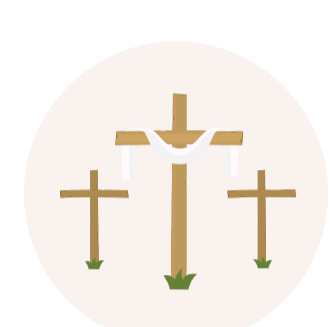
In the early church, the Jerusalem church found it very hard to share Jesus with people of a different ethnic group who lived in different lands. The same is still true today with many of our churches.

## Two promises from the word of God

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the earth.”

**Acts 1:8**

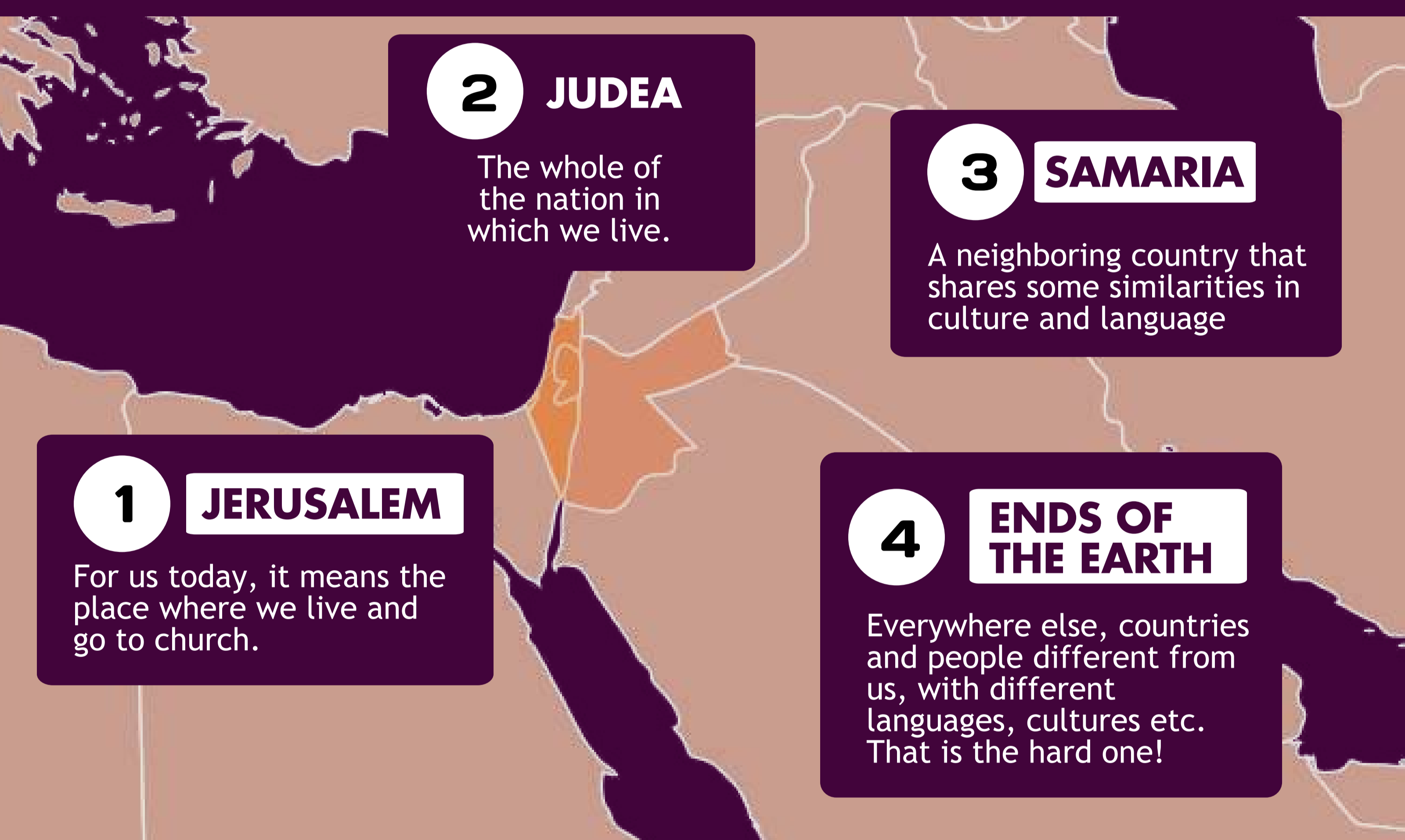
The gospel was intended to be spread around the world.



The gift of the Holy Spirit, empowering His people to live and witness for Him.



The location of that witness will be everywhere - from our hometown to the ends of the earth!



### 1 JERUSALEM

For us today, it means the place where we live and go to church.

### 2 JUDEA

The whole of the nation in which we live.

### 3 SAMARIA

A neighboring country that shares some similarities in culture and language

### 4 ENDS OF THE EARTH

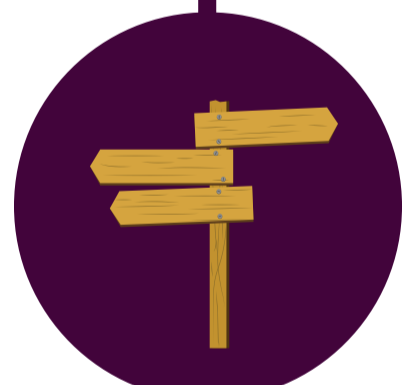
Everywhere else, countries and people different from us, with different languages, cultures etc. That is the hard one!

**Acts 1 to 13 contains the hidden message of the book of Acts, a message that is extremely relevant to the church today.**



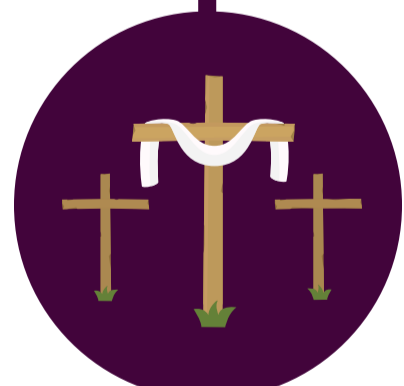
#### Acts 1 and 2

The Holy Spirit promised and given to the early church.



#### Acts 8:1-3

The Jerusalem church, still only sharing Jesus with its own people, is scattered through persecution - so has to 'go'.



#### Acts 11

The church in Antioch is born, but only through the witness of people who were not from Jerusalem



#### Acts 13

Paul and Barnabas are sent out to reach the other nations from Antioch. Not from Jerusalem

## If the Jerusalem church, the mother church of the new Testament,

missed the boat and God had to work through the Antioch church, could the same thing happen today to our church or other churches?



Take the course to find out how to avoid that happening to you and your church!

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