
2. “Through the middle of” Samaria & Galilee is an awkward grammatical construction. “Along the boundary” of Samaria & Galilee illustrates the cautious travel route selected (Jn. 11:54).

3. The Jezreel Valley provided a borderland crossroads between Samarians, Jews, Romans, Greeks & Phoenicians. “Ephraim” (Jn. 11:54) is either Orphah of Benjamin (1st Sam. 13:17) or Orphah of Manasseh (Jdg. 6:11).