

**They (Joseph, Mary and Jesus) reached Egypt after a 65 km journey where they lived for three years until after the death of Herod in 4 B.C. when Joseph had a dream that it is safe to return to Israel. The family travelled to Nazareth which took them a journey of at least 70 km.**

## Jesus Was Likely Multilingual

Most religious scholars and historians agree with Pope Francis that the historical Jesus principally spoke a Galilean dialect of Aramaic. Through trade, invasions and conquest, the Aramaic language had spread far afield by the 7th century B.C., and would become the lingua franca in much of the Middle East.

**Eli, Eli ...** - This language is not pure Hebrew nor Syriac, but a mixture of both, called commonly "Syro-Chaldaic." This was probably the language which the Saviour commonly spoke. The words are taken from [Psalms 22:1](#).