

# Strawman Fallacy

Substituting a person's actual position or argument with a distorted, exaggerated, or misrepresented version of the position of the argument.

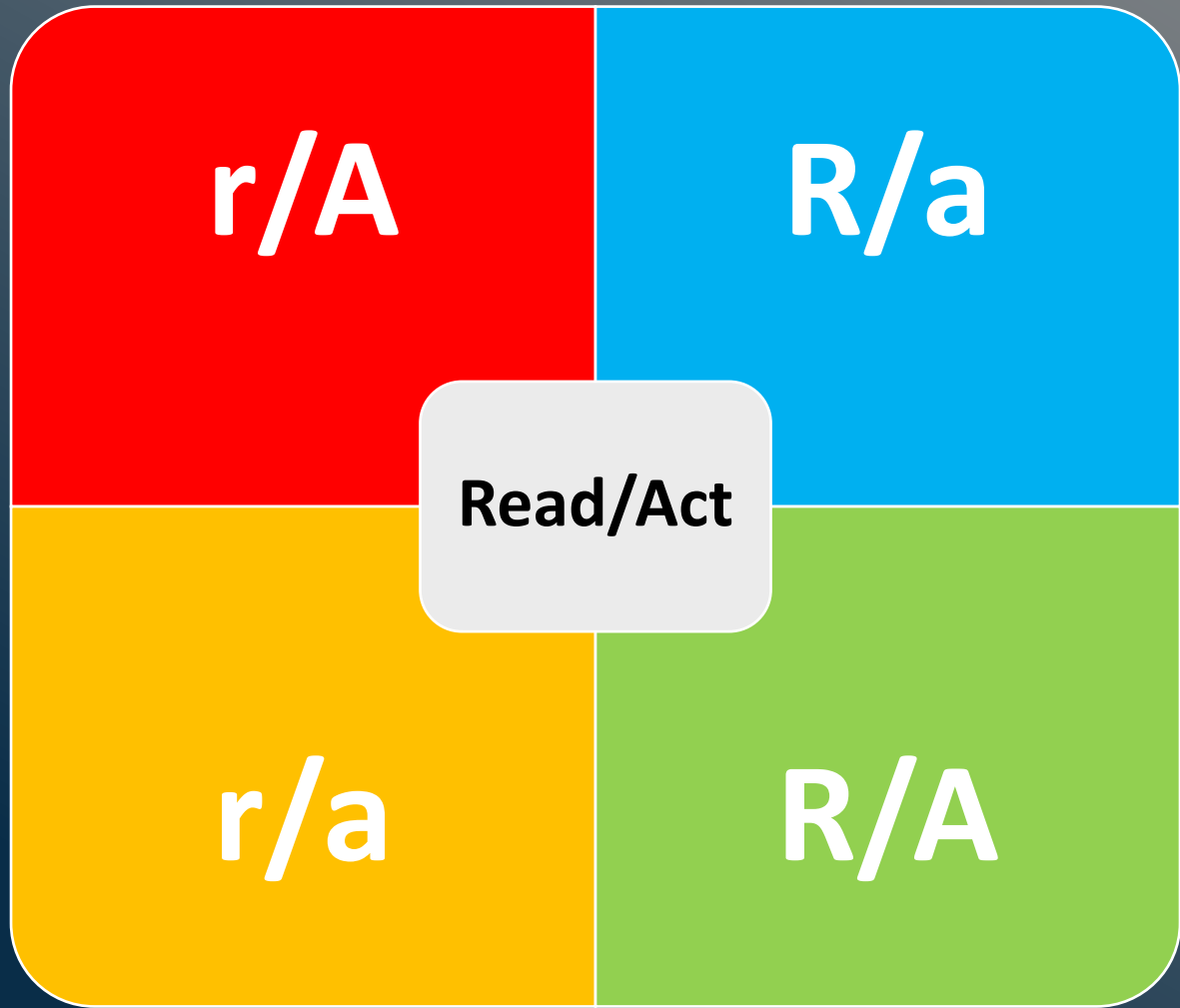


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*25 Some of the people of Jerusalem were saying, "Isn't this the man they are trying to kill? 26 Yet, look, he's speaking publicly and they're saying nothing to him. Can it be true that the authorities know he is the Messiah? 27 But we know where this man is from. When the Messiah comes, nobody will know where he is from."*

*28 As he was teaching in the temple, Jesus cried out, "You know me, and you know where I am from. Yet I have not come on my own, but the one who sent me is true. You don't know him; 29 I know him because I am from him, and he sent me."*



r/A: Dangerous

R/a: Complainer

r/a: Complacent

R/A: Effective



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*30 Then they tried to seize him. Yet no one laid a hand on him because his hour had not yet come. 31 However, many from the crowd believed in him and said, "When the Messiah comes, he won't perform more signs than this man has done, will he?"*





*“The hour has come.”*

*Jesus*  
*John 12*

*32 The Pharisees heard the crowd murmuring these things about him, and so the chief priests and the Pharisees sent servants (temple guards) to arrest him. 33 Then Jesus said, "I am only with you for a short time. Then I'm going to the one who sent me. 34 You will look for me, but you will not find me; and where I am, you cannot come."*



35 Then the Jews said to one another,  
“Where does he intend to go that we  
won’t find him? He doesn’t intend to go  
to the Jewish people dispersed, among  
the Greeks and teach the Greeks, does  
he? 36 What is this remark he made:  
‘You will look for me, and you will not  
find me; and where I am, you cannot  
come’?”



*Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. They came to Philip, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus.*

*John 12*





# *Feast of Tabernacles*

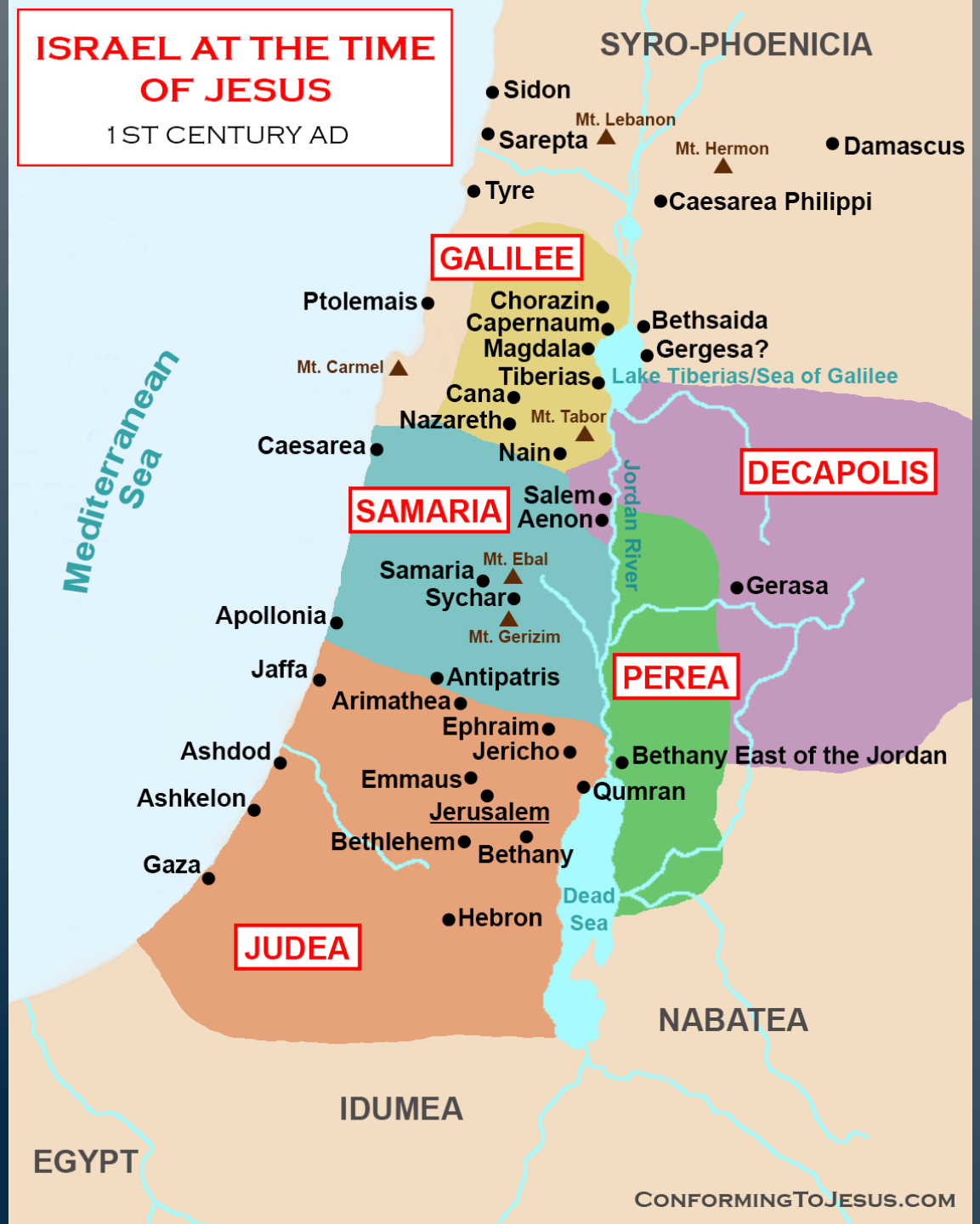
*37 On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me, and drink. 38 The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." 39 He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified.*



*40 When some from the crowd heard these words, they said, "This truly is the Prophet." 41 Others said, "This is the Messiah." But some said, "Surely the Messiah doesn't come from Galilee, does he?"*

*42 Doesn't the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from David's offspring and from the town of Bethlehem, where David lived?" 43 So the crowd was divided because of him. 44 Some of them wanted to seize him, but no one laid hands on him.*

**ISRAEL AT THE TIME  
OF JESUS**  
1ST CENTURY AD







*“The crowd was divided because of  
him.”*



*1. You are not responsible to change people.*

*2. Don't measure too soon.*

*45 Then the servants (temple guards) came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who asked them, "Why didn't you bring him?" 46 The servants answered, "No man ever spoke like this!",*



*47 Then the Pharisees responded to them, "Are you fooled too? 48 Have any of the rulers or Pharisees believed in him? 49 But this crowd, which doesn't know the law, is accursed." 50 Nicodemus—the one who came to him previously and who was one of them—said to them, 51 "Our law doesn't judge a man before it hears from him and knows what he's doing, does it?"*



*52 “You aren’t from Galilee too, are you?” they replied. “Investigate and you will see that no prophet arises from Galilee.”*



*"There's an odd defensiveness about all their books...as though they were a sign not of victory but of desperation."*

*Michael Novak*





*Intellectual?*

*Volitional?*

*Moral?*

*Personal?*