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(Beth'a-ny)

- **Bethany** across the Jordan is mentioned but once;
- These things took place in **Bethany** across the Jordan, where John was baptizing. (**John 1:28**)
- As the place where John was baptizing and, apparently, where he identified Jesus to his disciples as the Lamb of God.
- Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples. (**John 1:35**)
- And as he looked at Jesus walking he said; See, the Lamb of God! (**John 1:36**)
- In the third century Origen substituted the name **Bethabara** for **Bethany**, and the **King James Version** follows this rendering, however, the most reliable manuscripts read **Bethany**. The site of this **Bethany** beyond or East of the Jordan is unknown. Some, favoring the traditional location for Jesus baptism, would place it across the Jordan opposite Jericho. However, the record at;
- The next day he beheld Jesus coming toward him, and he said, See, the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world! (**John 1:29**)
- Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples. (**John 1:35**)
- The next day he desired to depart for Galilee. So Jesus found Philip and said to him; Be my follower. (**John 1:43**)
- However, the record at;
- Now on the third day a marriage feast took place in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. (**John 2:1**)
- Seems to indicate a place no more than a day's journey from Cana of Galilee, while that of;

- So he went off again across the Jordan to the place where John was baptizing at first, and he stayed there. ([John 10:40](#))
- Therefore his sisters dispatched word to him, saying; Lord, see! the one for whom you have affection is sick. ([John 11:3](#))
- However, when he heard that he was sick, then he actually remained two days in the place where he was. ([John 11:6](#))
- Consequently when Jesus arrived, he found he had already been four days in the memorial tomb. ([John 11:17](#))
- May suggest that it lay about two days journey from the **Bethany** that was the home of Lazarus. Thus, a site somewhat South of the Sea of Galilee seems the most likely, but no positive identification is possible.