

JESUS WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY TEACHER

Part 2 of Simply Jesus

The Cornerstone Youth Group. October 8, 2025.

THE APOSTLES' CREED: WE BELIEVE

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The one, holy, catholic Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

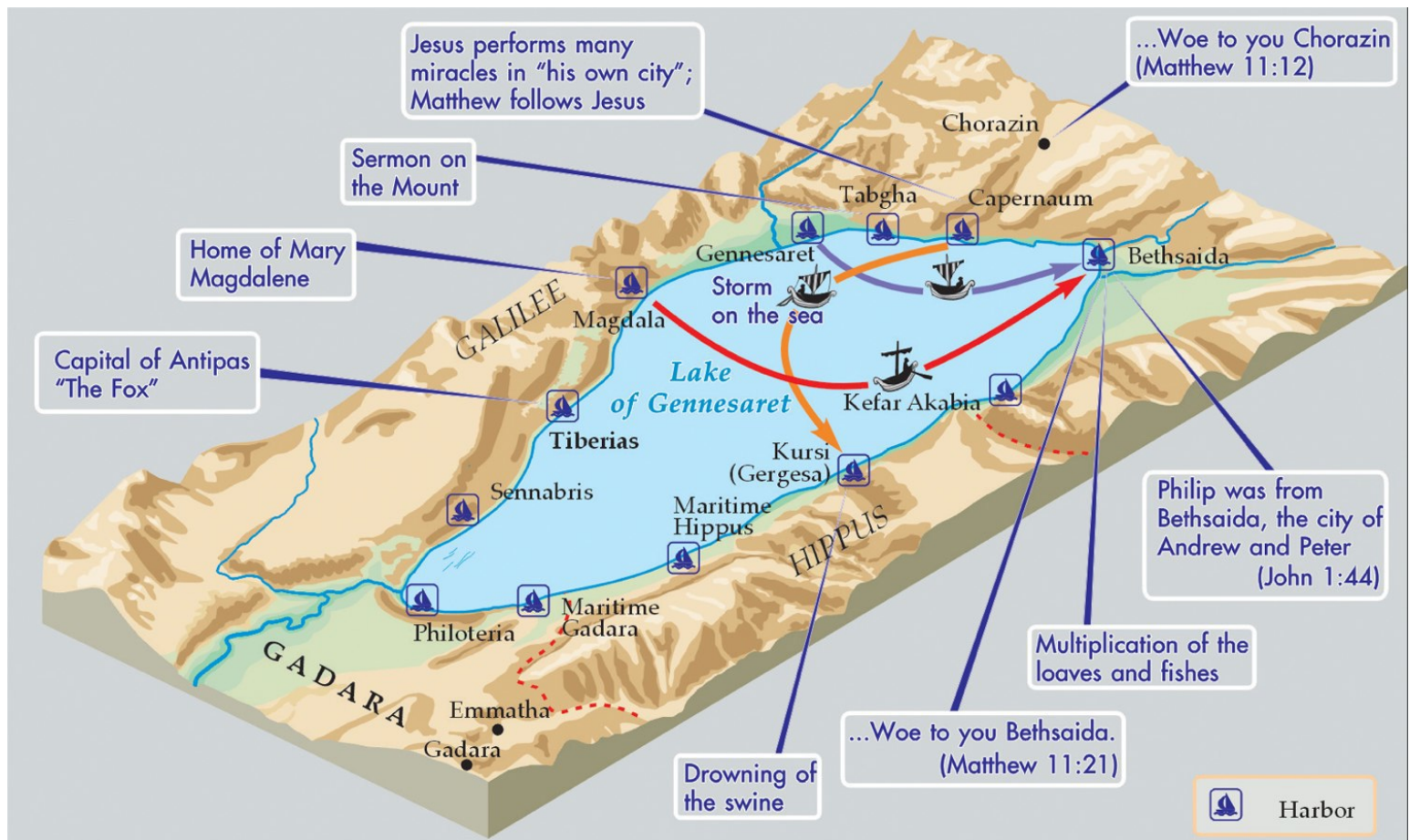
And the life everlasting. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY: INTRODUCTION

Early in Jesus's public life, he moved with his disciples to the northern fishing town of Capernaum to set up his ministry "headquarters."

Around 1500 people called Capernaum home. It was a wealthy town, with fishermen, Roman soldiers, government officials, and merchants all living and working alongside each other. It was on a major north-south trading route, and it had people passing through all the time, so there was a tax collection booth on the road there.

There was a synagogue in town that held around 150 people. It was a center for Jewish worship and education. Religious Jews attended services there on Sabbath days (Saturdays). One day, Jesus showed up.



MARK 1:21-22 (CSB)

They went into Capernaum, and right away he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and began to teach. 22 They were astonished at his teaching because he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not like the scribes.

BIG GROUP OBSERVATIONS

1. Where was Capernaum? See the map above.
2. Who entered the town with Jesus? See Mark 1:16-20.
3. Where did Jesus go on the Sabbath?
4. What is a synagogue?
5. What did he do in the synagogue?
6. Why was he allowed to teach?
7. How did the congregation react to his teaching?
8. Why did they have such a strong reaction?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Talk about a teaching by Jesus that “astonished” you.
2. How often or in what circumstances do you study, learn, and apply Jesus’ teachings?
3. Jesus had authority because he was God in human form. His words were God’s words. So ... how much authority does God have? Is it:
 - Little authority: I don’t pay much attention to his teaching.
 - Medium authority: I sometimes listen and apply his teachings if I’m interested, or if it’s easy, or if it aligns with my own ideas and lifestyle.
 - Total authority: I study Jesus' teachings and always strive to learn and apply them to my life, because He is my God and Leader.
4. Where can we find help and support to understand Jesus’ teachings and apply them to our lives, even when it’s challenging to do so? Who or what has been most helpful in your life?