

Sunday — May 21, 2023

1. Manger

Matthew 4: 12 - 17(NLT)

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee. ¹³ He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali. ¹⁴ This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah: “In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali, beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River, in Galilee where so many Gentiles live, ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined.” ¹⁷ From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

2. Capernaum

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5. Peter’s house

6. Synagogue

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8. Synagogue

Mark 1: 21 & 22 (NLT)

Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. ²² The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

Jesus not only taught with authority, but, I believe, He validated the authority of scripture.

As a rabbi, He taught His disciples the teachings and the ways of God...

Matthew 11: 28 (NLT)

...Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Exodus 33: 14 (NLT)

The LORD replied, "I will personally go with you, Moses, and I will give you rest — everything will be fine for you."

9. Sea of Galilee

The Jews of Capernaum during Jesus' life were well versed in the scriptures and knew they were chosen by God to be His witnesses...

10. Mount Sinai

Exodus 19: 5 & 6 (NLT)

Now if you will obey me and keep my covenant, you will be my own special treasure from among all the peoples on earth; for all the earth belongs to me. ⁶ And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation.'...

Numbers 15: 37 - 41 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Moses, ³⁸ "Give the following instructions to the people of Israel:

Throughout the generations to come you must make tassels for the hems of your clothing and attach them with a blue cord. ³⁹ When you see the tassels, you will remember and obey all the commands of the LORD instead of following your own desires and defiling yourselves, as you are prone to do. ⁴⁰ The tassels will help you remember that you must obey all my commands and be holy to your God. ⁴¹ I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt that I might be your God. I am the LORD your God!"

Leviticus 19: 1 & 2 (NLT)

The LORD also said to Moses, ² "Give the following instructions to the entire community of Israel. You must be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

Israel vacillated between being too intertwined with the world and be too separated from the world...

2 Corinthians 6: 14 - (NLT)

Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? ¹⁵ What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.

As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ¹⁷ Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. ¹⁸ And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty."

Lev. 26: 12; Ez. 37: 27; Is 52: 11;
Ez. 20: 34; 2 Sam 7: 14

11. Sea of Galilee

12. Decapolis

Acts 10: 28 (NLT)

...“You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean.

Matthew 12: (NLT)

Then a demon-possessed man, who was blind and couldn't speak, was brought to Jesus. He healed the man so that he could both speak and see. ²³ The crowd was amazed and asked, “Could it be that Jesus is the Son of David, the Messiah?”

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard about the miracle, they said, “No wonder he can cast out demons. He gets his power from Satan, the prince of demons.” ²⁵ Jesus knew their thoughts and replied, “Any kingdom divided by civil war is doomed. A town or family splintered by feuding will fall apart. ²⁶ And if Satan is casting out Satan, he is divided and fighting against himself.

His own kingdom will not survive. ²⁷ And if I am empowered by Satan, what about your own exorcists? They cast out demons, too, so they will condemn you for what you have said. ²⁸ But if I am casting out demons by the Spirit of God, then the Kingdom of God has arrived among you. ²⁹ For who is powerful enough to enter the house of a strong man and plunder his goods? Only someone even stronger—someone who could tie him up and then plunder his house.

Mark 4: 35 – 40 (NLT)

³⁵ As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “**Let's cross to the other side of the lake.**” ³⁶ So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). ³⁷ But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water.

³⁸ Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don't you care that we're going to drown?”

³⁹ When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm.

⁴⁰ Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

⁴¹ The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

Jonah was asleep in a boat...

13. Sailing toward Decapolis

