An aerial photograph of Jerusalem, showing a large cemetery in the foreground with many stone tombs, a city wall in the middle ground, and a dense urban area with a prominent dome in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

Lessons From the...
Holy Lands

Lesson 4

Sea of Galilee, Capernaum,
Mount of Beatitudes, Magdala

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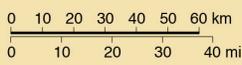
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Currently in the early planning stages for
spring / summer 2024

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-  National capital
-  District (mehoz) centre
-  City, town
-  Airport
-  International boundary
-  Boundary of former Palestine Mandate
-  Armistice Demarcation Line
-  District (mehoz) boundary
-  Main road
-  Secondary road
-  Railroad
-  Oil pipeline



- Districts of Israel**
- 1 Northern District
 - 2 Haifa District
 - 3 Central District
 - 4 Tel Aviv District
 - 5 Jerusalem District
 - 6 Southern District

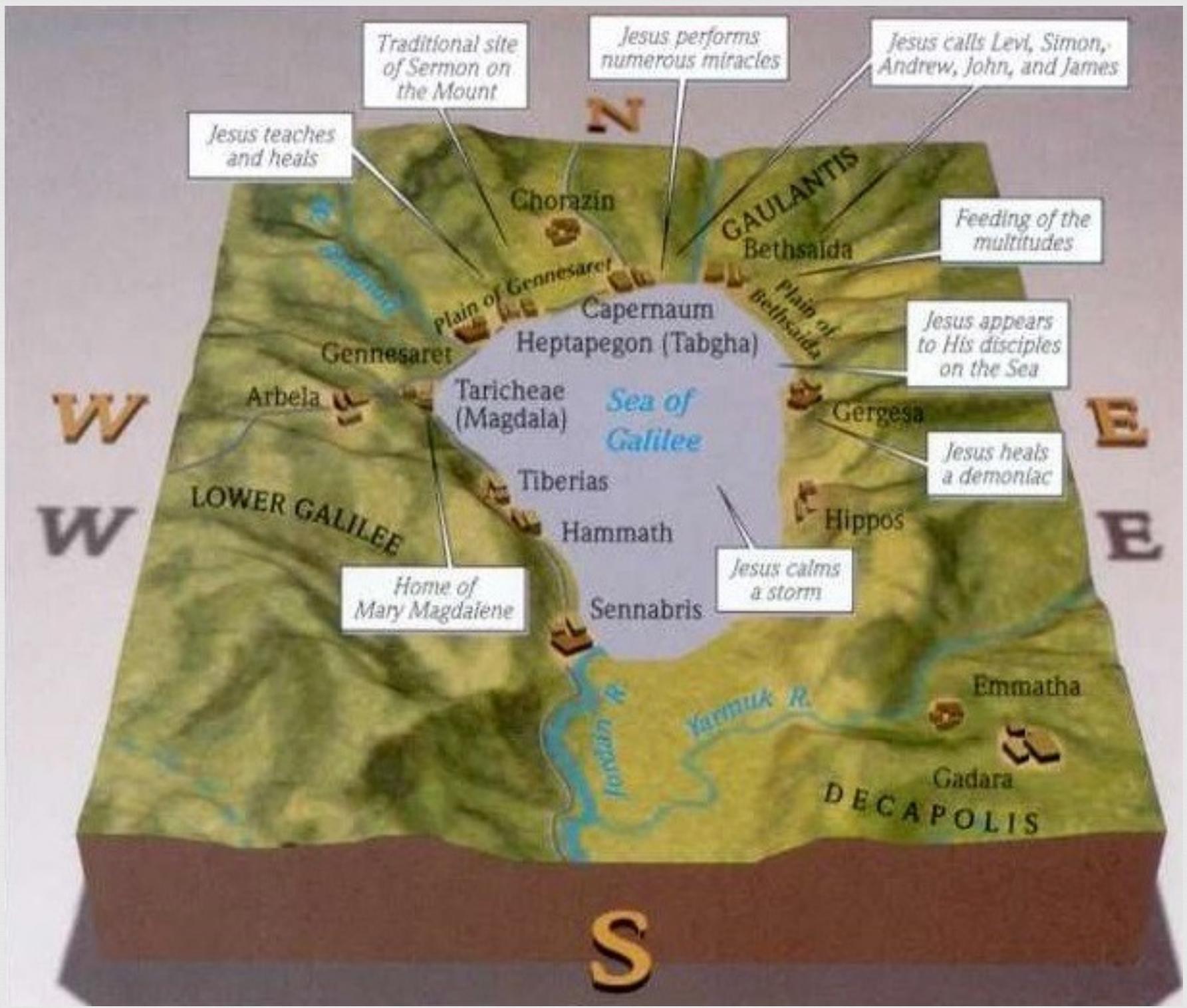


Sea of Galilee



Matthew 8:24–26, 14:22–33; Mark 4:35, 6:45–53





Jesus teaches and heals

Traditional site of Sermon on the Mount

Jesus performs numerous miracles

Jesus calls Levi, Simon, Andrew, John, and James

Feeding of the multitudes

Jesus appears to His disciples on the Sea

Jesus heals a demoniac

Jesus calms a storm

Home of Mary Magdalene

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Sea of Galilee

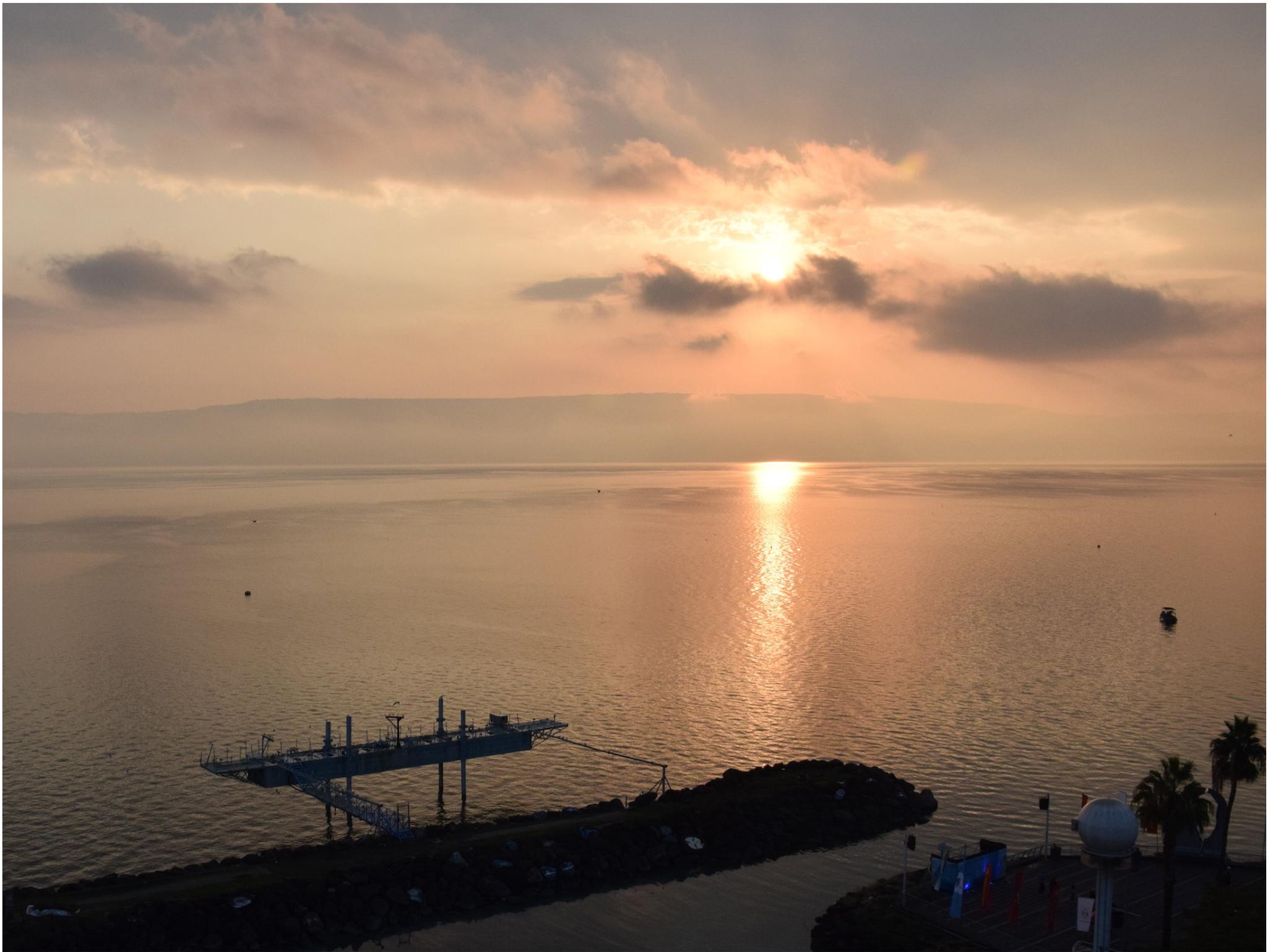


- ❧ The Sea of Galilee has a surface area of 64 square miles.
- ❧ Its maximum depth, measured in the northeast, is 157 feet.
- ❧ The lake is 13 miles from north to south and 7 miles from east to west.
- ❧ The surface elevation was long given as 686 feet below sea level, but for decades the annual water level generally has been 6.5 to 13 feet below the traditional level. Significant rains in 2021-2022 brought levels back up to the highest point in years.
 - ❧ The Sea of Galilee provides 40% of the fresh water to the surrounding area
- ❧ The Jordan River feeds into the Sea of Galilee from the north and flows out from the south. The sea takes water from the Jordan and then gives it to the Dead Sea.

Sea of Galilee (Cont.)



- ❧ The Sea of Galilee is known by the following names in scripture:
 - ❧ Sea of Chinnereth (Numbers 34:11; Joshua 12:3; 13:27)
 - ❧ Sea of Gennesaret (Luke 5:1)
 - ❧ Sea of Tiberias (John 6:1; 21:1)
 - ❧ Sea of Galilee (Matthew 4:18)
- ❧ The Gospels refer to the Sea of Galilee 53 times (48 times as “sea” or “Sea of Galilee”; five times as “lake”).
- ❧ Two significant events that occurred on the on the Sea of Galilee:
 - ❧ Calming the storm (Matt 8:24–26; Mark 4:35).
 - ❧ Walking on the water (Matt 14:22–33; Mark 6:45–53; John 6:16–21).



























Ancient Galilee Boat



- ❧ Ancient boat that was discovered at the Sea of Galilee in 1986.
- ❧ The boat is dated to the first century AD and was discovered during drought time by two men who found ancient nails sticking up through the mud.
- ❧ The extraction was completed by covering the entire boat in polyurethane foam and sailing it on the sea so that it could be extracted by a crane.
- ❧ The preservation process was extensive and took 10 years before it was ready to display.







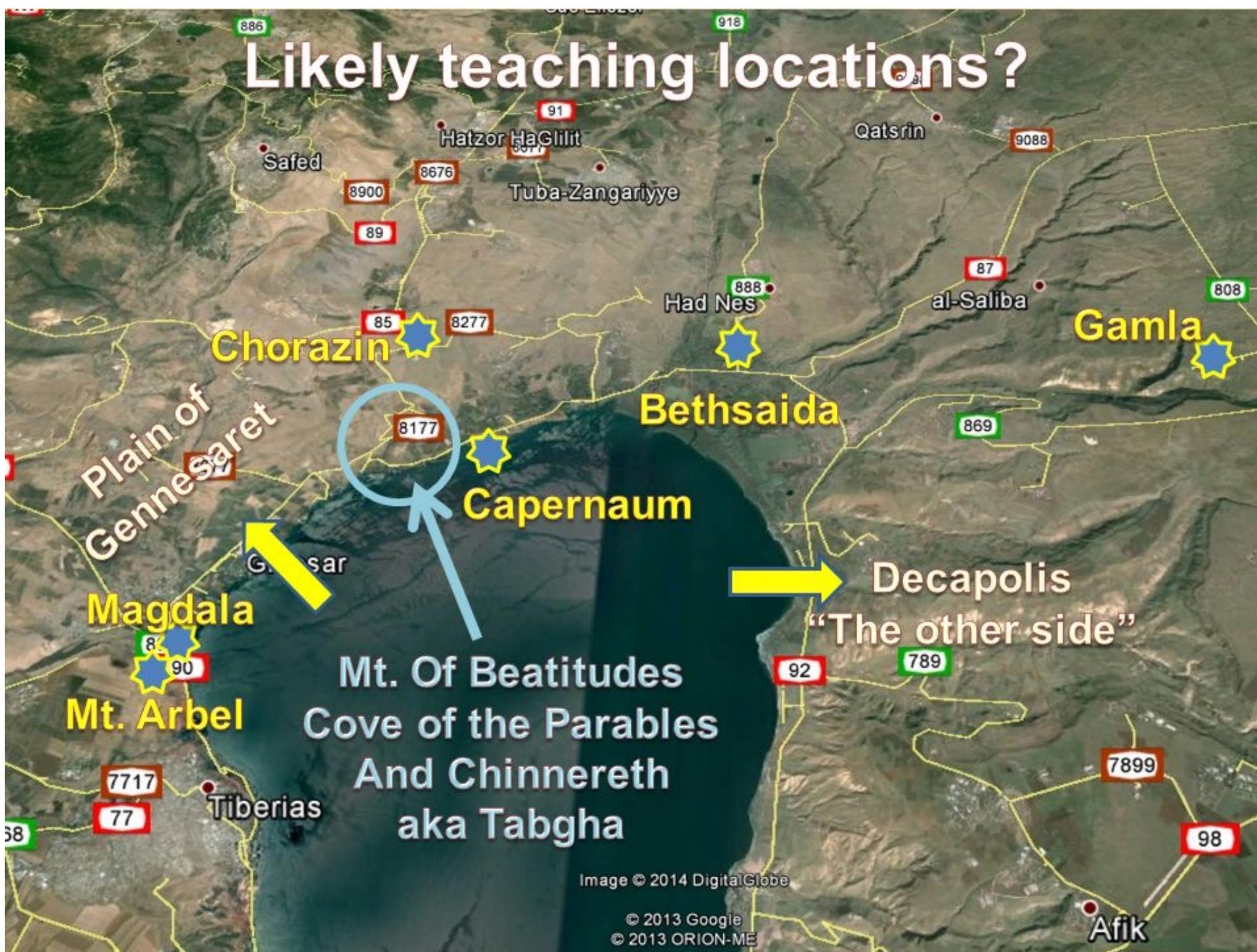


Mount of Beatitudes (Eremos)



Matthew 5-7

Likely teaching locations?



Chorazin

Bethsaida

Gamla

Capernaum

Decapolis
"The other side"

Mt. Of Beatitudes
Cove of the Parables
And Chinnereth
aka Tabgha

Magdala

Mt. Arbel

Tiberias

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Mount of Beatitudes (Eremos)



- ❧ On the northwestern shore of Galilee between Capernaum and Gennesaret.
- ❧ This is the traditional location of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7.
- ❧ The traditional spot was identified by the Byzantines approximately ~350 years after the event.
- ❧ The site is a natural amphitheater, and the geography generally matches the account in the gospels.
- ❧ The specific spot doesn't matter only the content of the message.











Capernaum

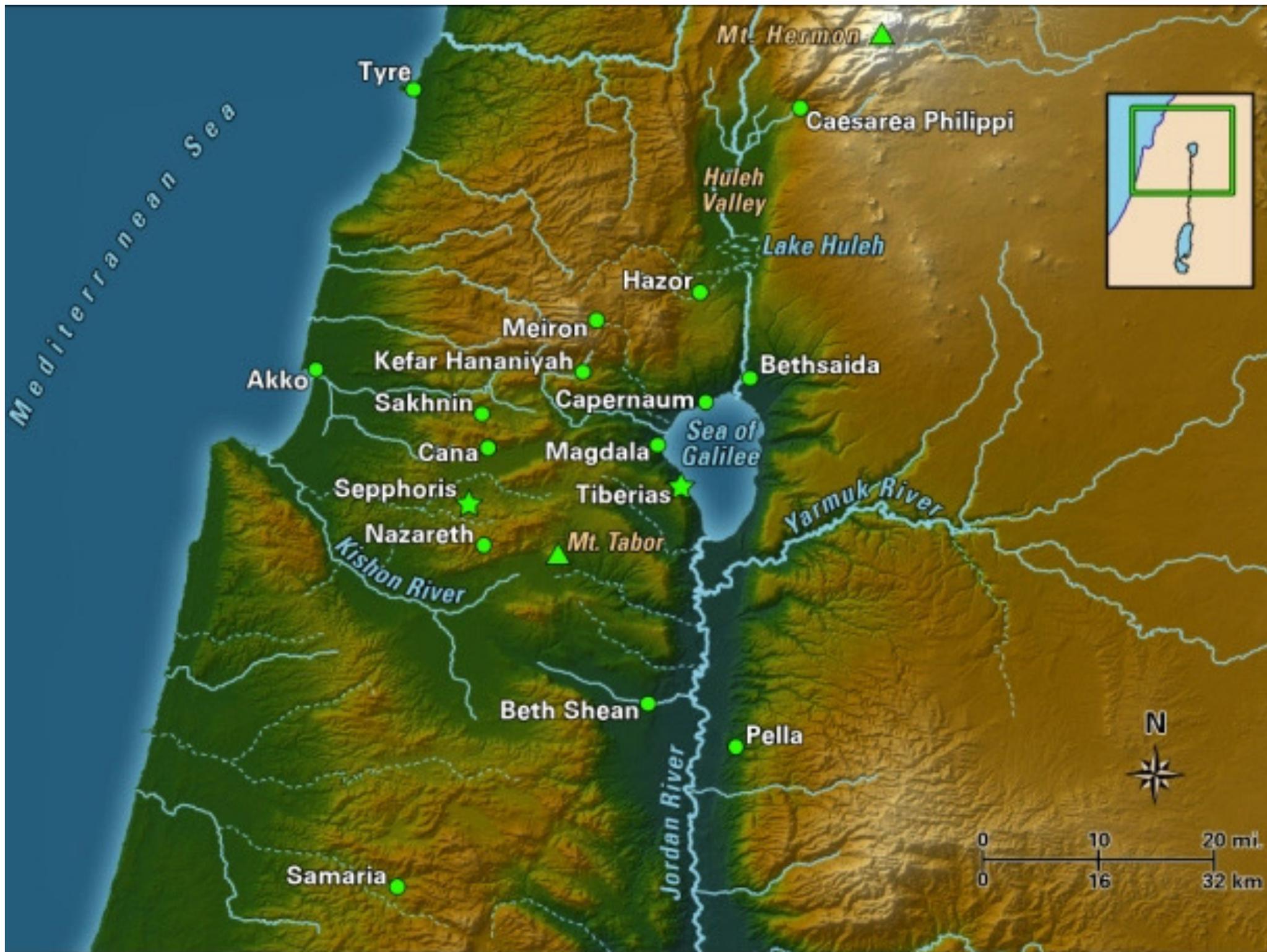


Matthew 4:12-17, 8:5-15, 9:1-10, 18-26, 11:21, 17:24-27

Mark 1:21-31, 2:1-12, 5:21-43

Luke 4:38-41, 5:17-20, Luke 7:1-10, 8:41-56

John 2:12, 6:59, 21:4-14



Capernaum



- ✧ Capernaum was the home base of Jesus during His Galilean ministry, after he left Nazareth (Matthew 4:12-17).
- ✧ Capernaum was referred to as Jesus' "own city" in Matthew 9:1.
- ✧ The Gospels reference Capernaum 16 times, but it is not mentioned in the rest of the New Testament.
- ✧ The Gospels also speak of Jesus' mother and brothers having been in Capernaum (John 2:12), and Matthew 17:24-27 demonstrates that Jesus paid the temple-tax there for Himself and Peter.
- ✧ Capernaum is well known for being the town in which Peter lived and where Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15, Mark 1:29-31, and Luke 4:38-41).
- ✧ The calling of Matthew is also featured prominently in relation to Capernaum (Matt 9:9-10).

Capernaum (Cont.)



- ❧ Jesus cursed Capernaum, along with Chorazin and Bethsaida, because even after He performed miracles there, the inhabitants of these towns did not believe He was the son of God (Matthew 11:21; Luke 10:13).
- ❧ Jesus performed the following miracles in Capernaum:
 - ❧ Healed Jairus' Daughter (Matt 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:41-56)
 - ❧ Caught a miraculous number of fish (John 21:4-14)
 - ❧ Healed a demon possessed man (Mark 1:21-28)
 - ❧ Healed Peter's mother-in-law (Matthew 8:14-15)
 - ❧ Healed a paralytic (Matthew 9:2-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-20)
 - ❧ Healed the centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10)
 - ❧ Healed the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5:21-43)







Bread of Life Discourse (John 6:22-59)



*...Jesus said these things in the
synagogue, as he taught at
Capernaum.*





THE LATE FOURTH CENTURY A.D.
"WHITE SYNAGOGUE"
BUILT UPON THE REMAINS OF THE
"SYNAGOGUE OF JESUS"









Matthew 18:5-6



*“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great **millstone** fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”*



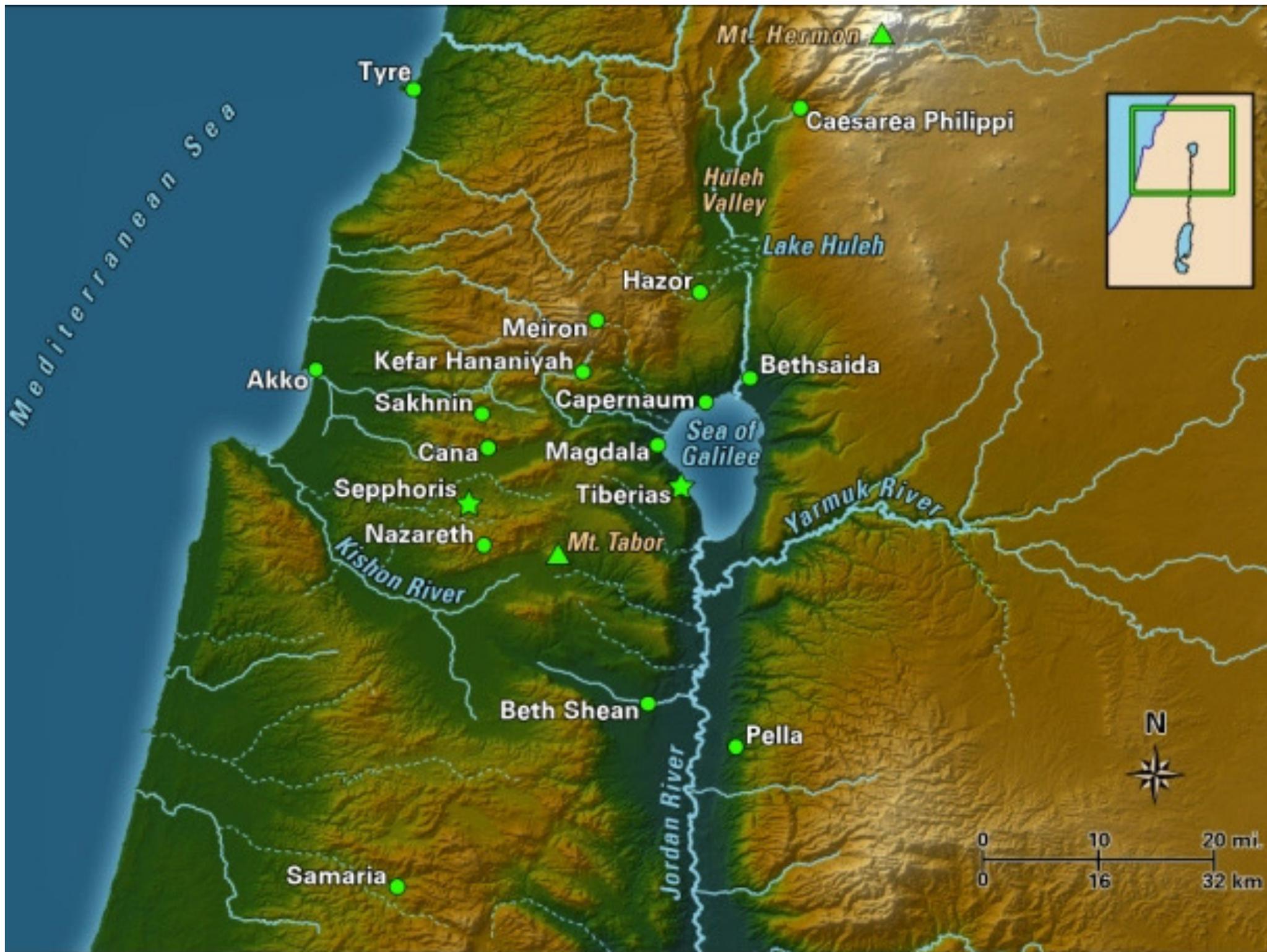




Magdala



Mark 15:46-16:1; Luke 8:2-3; John 19:25



Magdala



- ✧ Magdala is on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, north of Tiberias.
- ✧ The name Magdala means “tower.”
- ✧ This is possibly the birthplace and residence of Mary Magdalene (Mark 15:46-16:1; Luke 8:2-3; John 19:25).
- ✧ Some manuscripts of Matthew 15:39 refer to Jesus coming into “the region of Magdala,” however this translation is called into question. With that it is unknown if scripture directly supports that Jesus was ever in Magdala. However, it is clearly in the vicinity of much of His ministry, so it is certainly possible that he came here.

















