


Jesus Announces the Kingdom – the History and the *Mystery*

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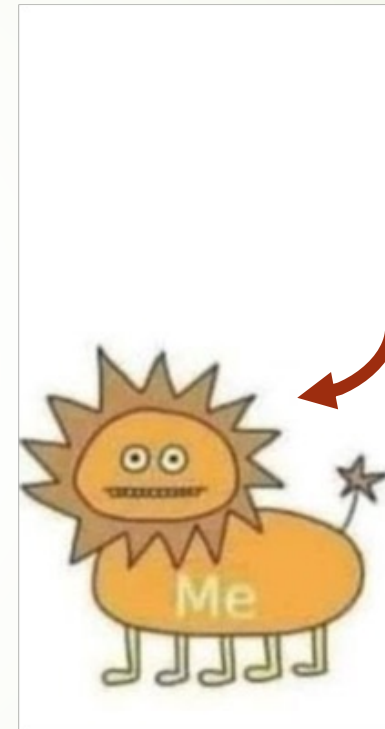
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A topographical map of the Galilee region in the Holy Land. The map shows the Sea of Galilee in the center, surrounded by green and brown terrain. Major cities and towns are labeled, including Jotapata, Cana, Gennesaret, Magdala, Tiberias, Hippius, Karnaim, Ashtaroth, Sepphoris, Gath-hepher, Nazareth, Mount Tabor, Nain, Mount Merch, Esuraeion, Scythopolis, Pella, Gadara, Abila, and Edre. The Yamuk River and the Jordan River are also shown. A scale bar in miles and kilometers is located in the bottom left corner. A red square highlights a specific area in the eastern part of the region. A white text overlay is centered on the map, and an orange arrow points to the right from the left edge.

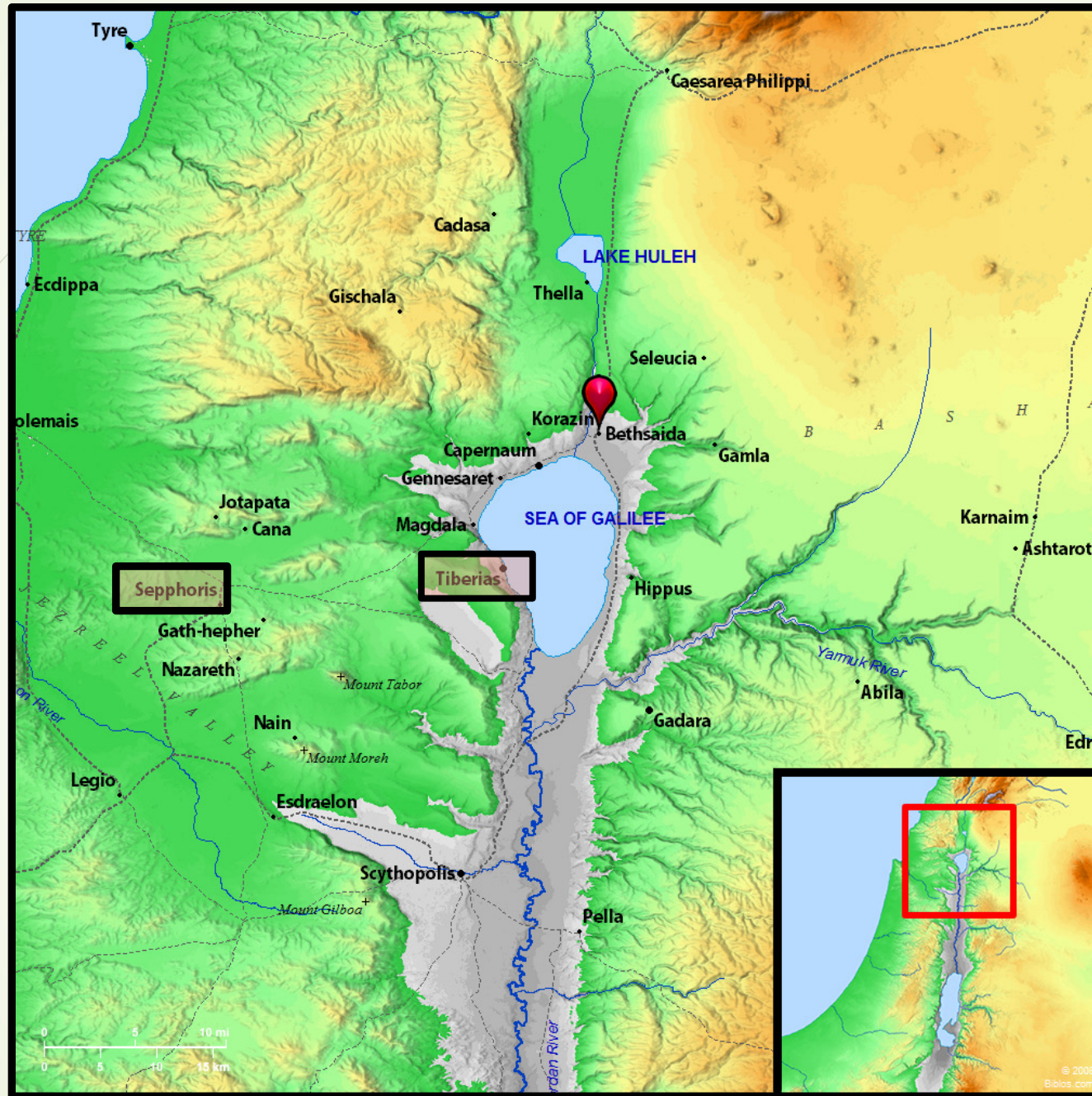
Session 1 – Jesus Announces the Kingdom in Galilee

Paul: "Imitate me, as I imitate Christ."



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Cultural and religious divide between the Hellenistic cities and rural Galilee

Israel's Hope

➤ Temple – Shekinah –
Glory

➤ Forgiveness of sins
(return from exile)

➤ Vindication

➤ Judgement

➤ Messiah – the
instrument of redemption



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Luke 4 – Nazareth Synagogue


**The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim
freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favor.**

Isaiah 61

**The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me,
for the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to comfort the
brokenhearted
and to proclaim that captives will be
released
and prisoners will be freed.
~~He has sent me to tell those who mourn
that the time of the Lord's favor has come,
and with it, the day of God's anger against
their enemies.~~**

The Subversive Nature of the Kingdom





Jesus Answers John

- ▶ John the Baptist, in prison, sends his disciples to ask if Jesus is the one to come, or should they look for another?



Qumran – Dead Sea Scrolls

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- **[the hea]vens and the earth will listen to His Messiah ["anointed one"]**, and none therein will stray from the commandments of the holy ones.
- Seekers of the Lord, strengthen yourselves in His service!
- All you hopeful in (your) heart, will you not find the Lord in this?
- For the Lord will consider the pious (hasidim) and call the righteous by name.
- **Over the poor His spirit will hover and will renew the faithful with His power.**
- And He will glorify the pious on the throne of the eternal Kingdom.
- **He who liberates the captives, restores sight to the blind, straightens the b[ent]**
- And f[or] ever I will cleav[ve to the h]opeful and in His mercy...
- And the fr[uit...] will not be delayed for anyone.
- And the Lord will accomplish glorious things which have never been as [He...]
- **For He will heal the wounded, and revive the dead and bring good news to the poor**

A Story to Confound



The Exodus





Credits

- ▶ Map Galilee - Jesus and the End Times
 - ▶ Wedding at Cana – The Louvre
 - ▶ Sermon on the mount – Our Daily Bread
 - ▶ Washing feet – stock photo
 - ▶ Transfiguration - Raphael
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