

ORDER OF SERVICE

November 29, 2020

Worship in Fellowship
Worship in Music
Worship in Message
Worship in Advent
Worship in Communion
Worship in Giving

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The Candle of Sight

Do You See?

Mark 8:1-30

Marvel Series

Life Change: We have our eyes opened.

Eye surgery and progressively improved sight...

The clear truth is that Jesus is Messiah.

1-9

He teaches truth – for days!

He cares.

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He can and does feed all.

Jesus instructs about discerning truth.

10-21

His presentation beats any sign.

He grabs a teachable moment.

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The disciples are dense to the point of tragi-comedy.

Jesus illustrates the progress of seeing truth.

22-26

Peter shares the ultimate expression of truth.

27-30

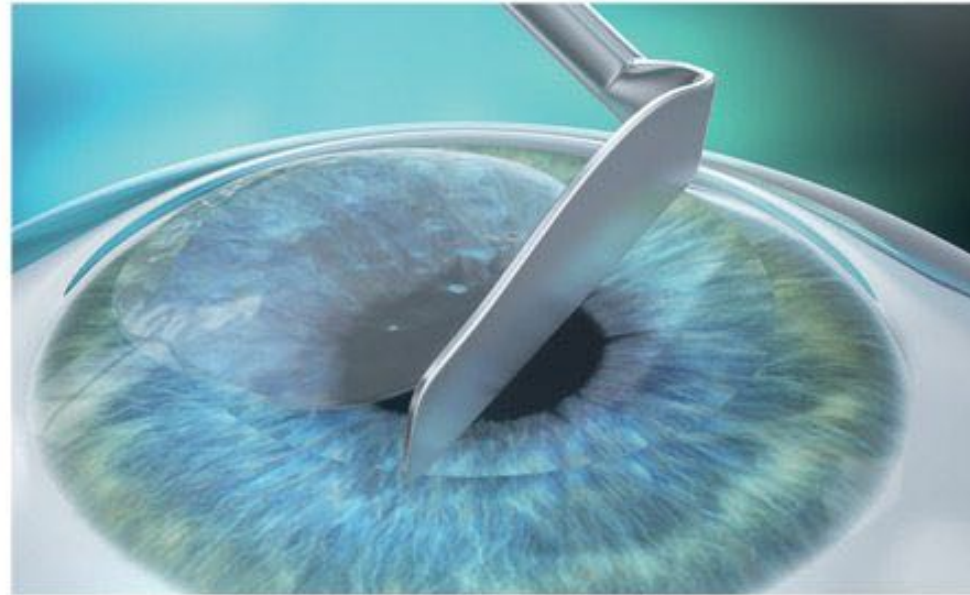
Brudei asked Columba, "If I believe your message, and become Christ's man, what shall I see?" Columba replied, "You shall stumble upon wonder upon wonder and every wonder true." – The Annals of Ulster



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a study of Mark 1-8

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Mark 8

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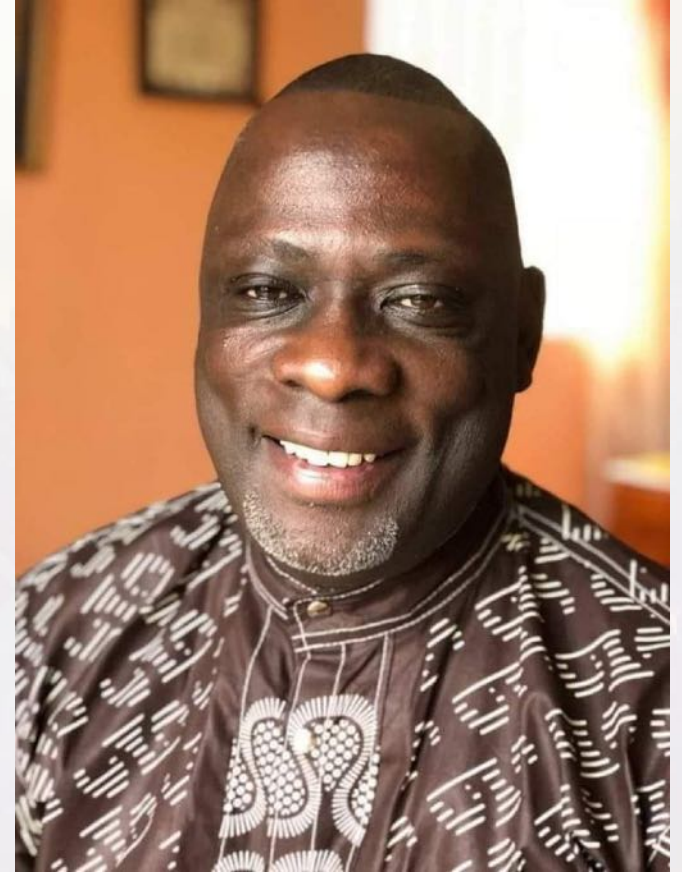


courtesy SJ



courtesy diocesemo

We have a tradition. When one enters a new village, you sample their beer. If it is good, you stay the night. We have enjoyed this sample of scripture taught. It is better than the best beer. Please stay longer so we can have more.



Haven't you
had enough?



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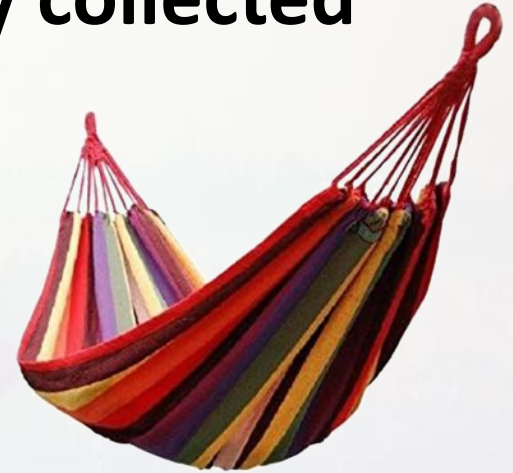
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Greek: σπυρίς *spyris* = a specific woven piece rather like a hammock. *Spyridas* were used as stretchers for wounded soldiers.



Contrast with κόφινος *kophinos* – the wicker “basket” employed in the miraculous feeding of chapter 6



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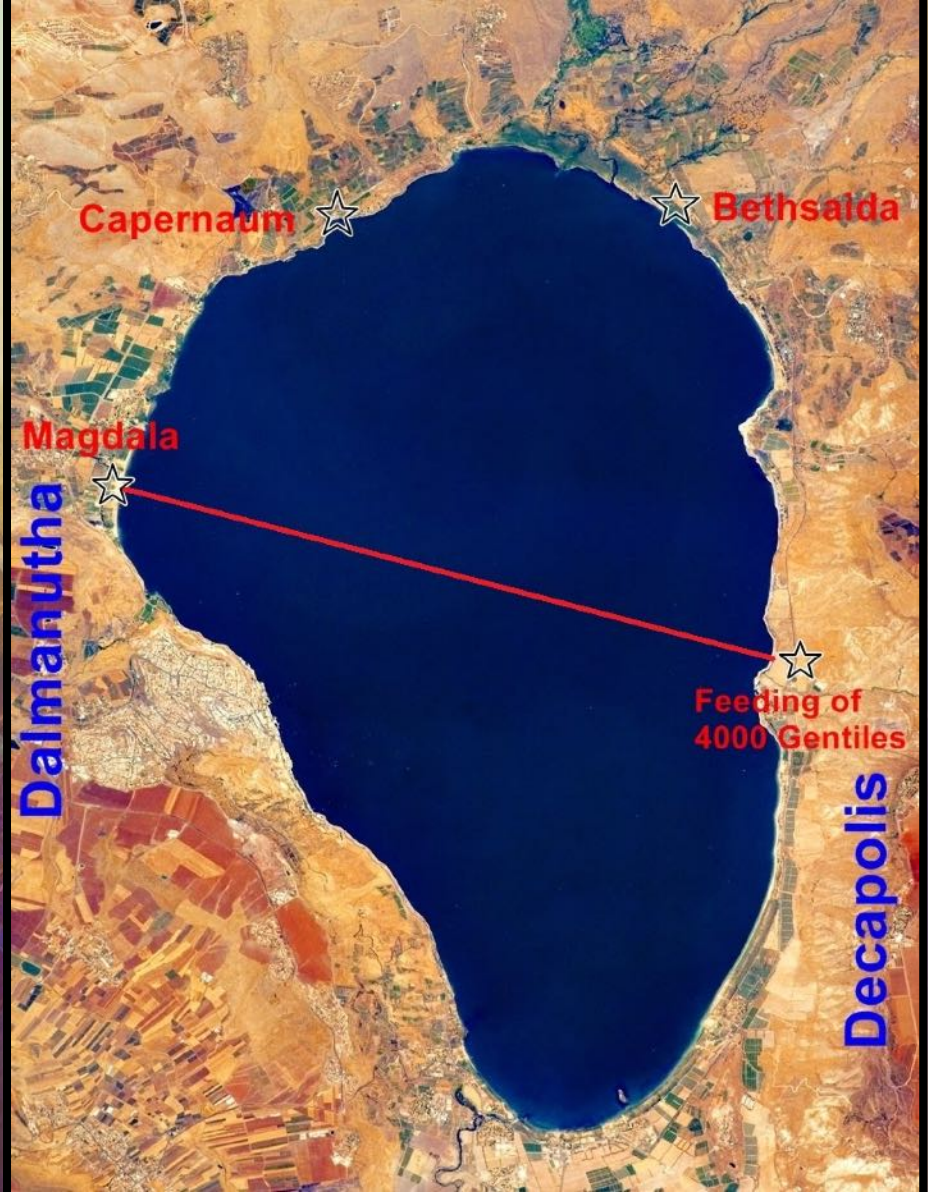
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I keep demanding
that he spiritually
lead this family,
but he won't do it.



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The Bible doesn't always use yeast as a negative – it's just a picture of something that works its way all through a product being baked.



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Pharisees often taught that grace is necessary and that a person must trust God, BUT that grace isn't enough. They wrongly combined the limited Mosaic Law with the unlimited Abrahamic Covenant, cooking up an unholy mess that de facto demanded human effort for a person to be justified.



Stop her!
#fireginacarano

Pharisees demand that everyone else clear their cultural bar of “wokeness” or be canceled as a threat to the public.



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16 They were discussing among themselves that they did not have any bread. **17** Aware of this, he said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact you have no bread? Don’t you understand or comprehend? Do you have hardened hearts? **18** *Do you have eyes and not see; do you have ears and not hear? [Jer 5, Ez 12]* And do you not remember? **19** When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of leftovers did you collect?” “Twelve,” they told him.

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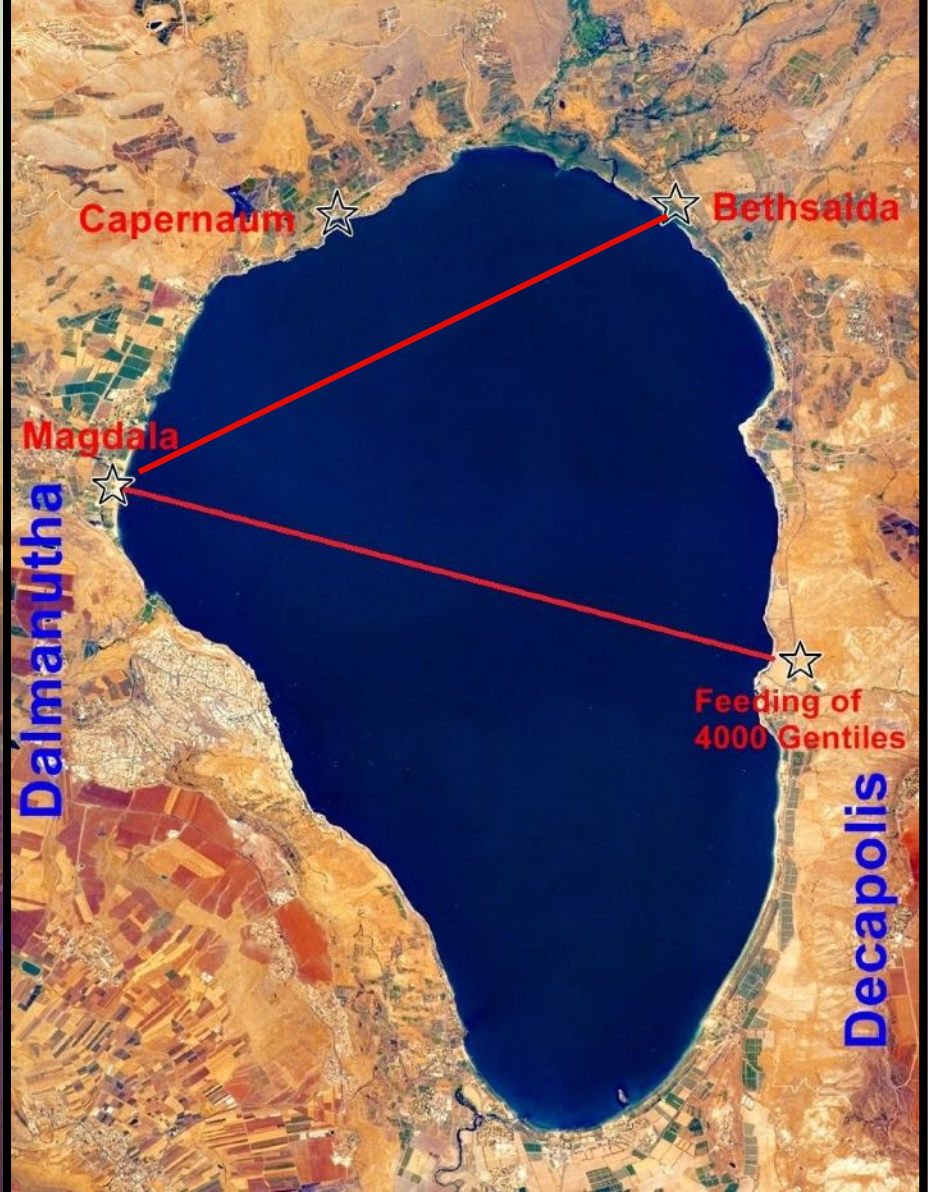


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**“I just wanna see” by Paul De Lisle & Gregory Camp
sleeping on the sidewalk the home they call
doctors and lawyers race for the ball
and I don’t even wanna understand it all
I just wanna see**

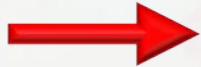


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**The disciples
do not see
clearly
despite
Jesus'
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**The blind
man partly
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not clearly.**



**The blind
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27 Jesus went out with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the road he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?”

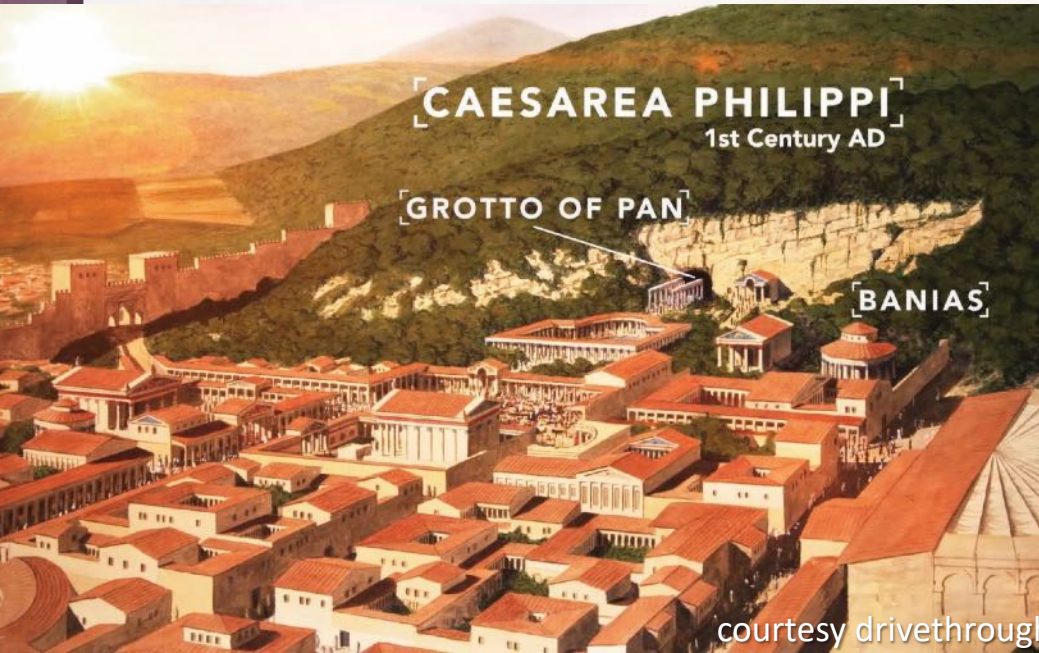
28 They answered him, “John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, one of the prophets.”

29 “But you,” he asked them, “who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰ And he strictly warned them to tell no one about him. ^{CSB}

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Jesus is on a timetable of self-revelation to guide all to truth. That includes the development of His disciples. He forbids signs and broadcasting both to save judgment for Israel and to demonstrate the inappropriate response from towns like Nazareth, Caesarea Philippi, and Bethsaida. Jesus is Himself the ultimate expression of truth. At other times, He will commission people to go and tell that on the mountain. He has already sent these disciples and will do so again. But right now, He is protecting a blind people that don't want to see. He is lowering their responsibility and judgment should they keep rejecting Him. He wants to give all people time to see the way Peter finally does.

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***Saint Columba's conversion of King
Brudei*** William Hole 1896



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