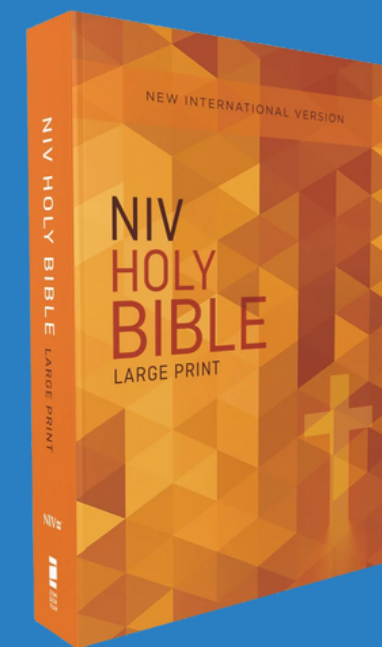




# HOW DO WE RESPOND TO SO GREAT A LOVE?

THE GOSPEL OF

# LUKE



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## LUKE 4:31-44

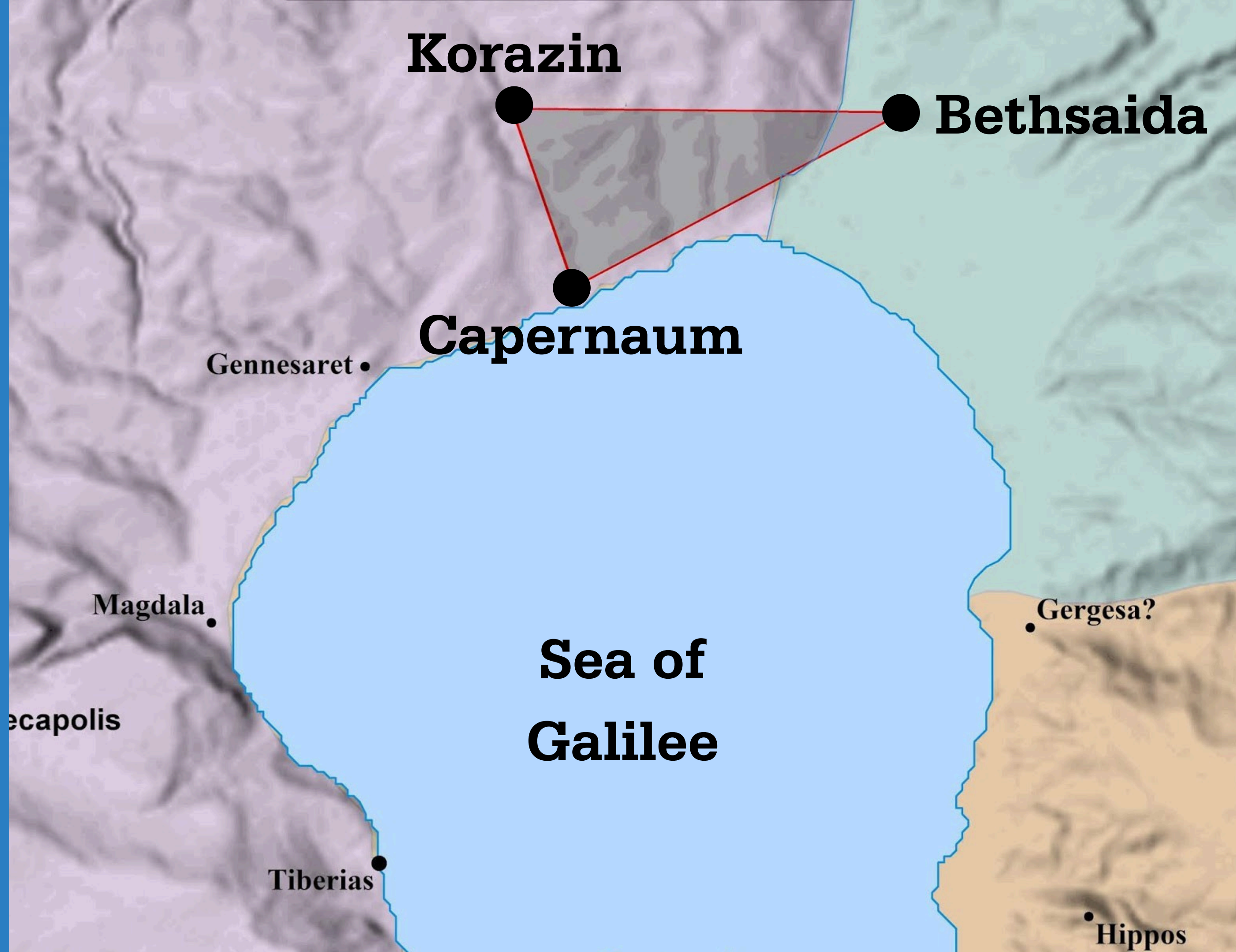
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# NAZARETH TO CAPERNAUM



# EVANGELICAL TRIANGLE



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# SYNAGOGUE IN CAPERNAUM



# LUKE 7:1–5

(Jesus)... entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue."



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**“For it is God’s  
will that by doing  
good you should  
silence the  
ignorant talk of  
foolish people.”**

**1 PETER 2:15**



**“All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power he gives orders to impure spirits and they come out!”““**

**LUKE 4:36**



APPLICATION #1  
JESUS DIDN'T COME TO BE  
ACKNOWLEDGED BY DEMONS. HE CAME  
TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY PEOPLE.

## **JAMES 2:19**

“You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.”



MATTHEW HENRY - 1700'S

**OBSERVE CHRIST'S TONE OF AUTHORITY AND STERNNESS. HE HAD PITY FOR MEN, WHO WERE CAPABLE OF REDEMPTION, BUT HIS WORDS AND DEMEANOR TO THE DEMONIC SPIRITS ARE ALWAYS SEVERE. HE ACCEPTS THE MOST IMPERFECT RECOGNITION FROM MEN, ...BUT HE SILENCES THE DEMONIC SPIRITS' CLEAR RECOGNITION. THE CONFESSION WHICH IS 'UNTO SALVATION' COMES FROM A HEART THAT LOVES, NOT MERELY FROM A HEAD THAT PERCEIVES; AND JESUS ACCEPTS NOTHING ELSE. HE WILL NOT HAVE HIS NAME SOILED BY SUCH LIPS.**

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APPLICATION #2  
PETER'S MOTHER-IN-LAW HAD IT RIGHT.  
RESPOND BY SERVING!

**LUKE 4:39**

“So he bent over her and rebuked the fever,  
and it left her. She got up at once and began to  
wait on them.”



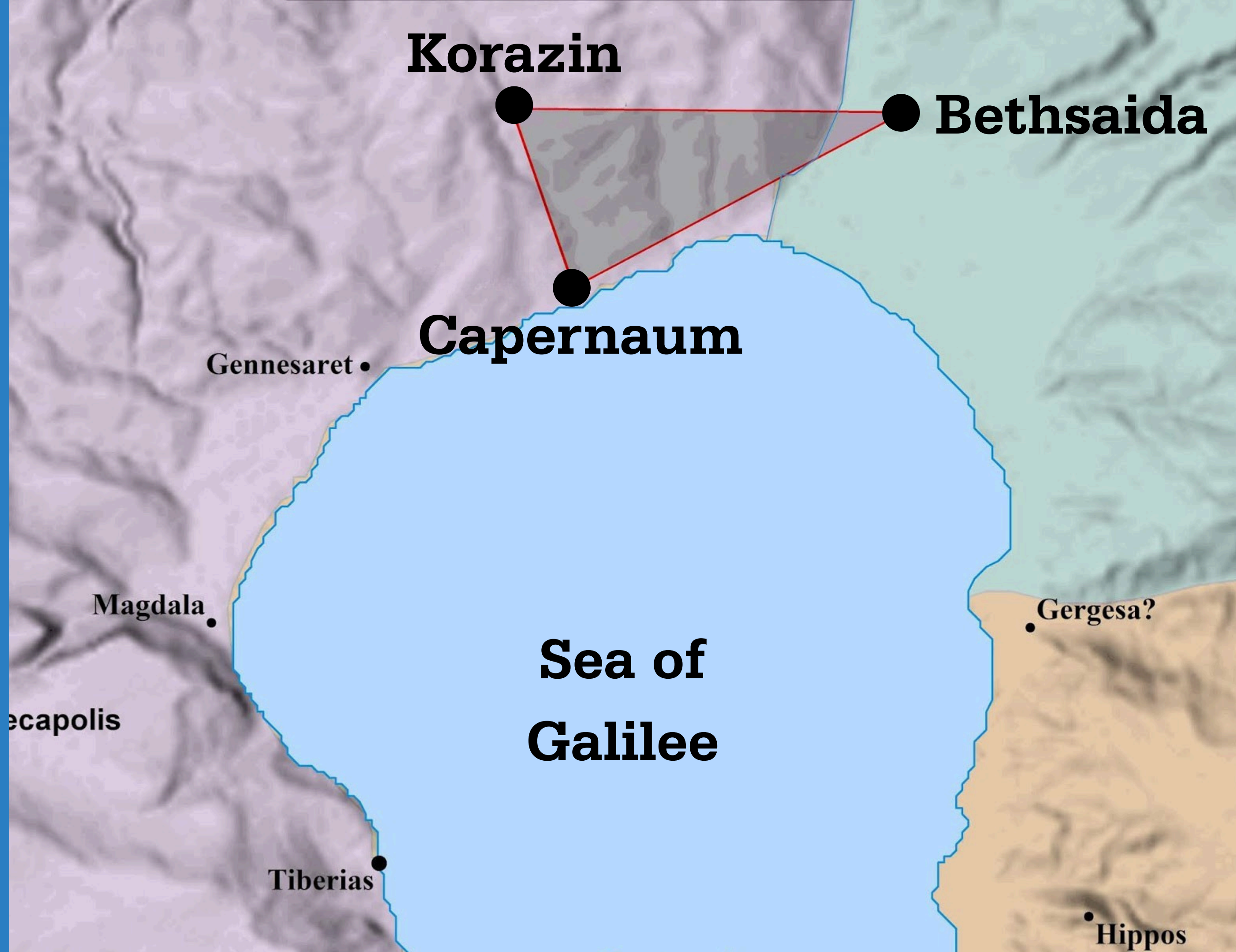
**WHAT COULD A WOMAN, WITH NO HOUSE OF HER OWN, AND PROBABLY A POOR DEPENDENT ON HER SON-IN-LAW, DO FOR HER HEALER? NOT MUCH. BUT SHE DID WHAT SHE COULD, AND THAT WITHOUT DELAY. THE NATURAL IMPULSE OF GRATITUDE IS TO GIVE ITS BEST, AND THE PROPER USE OF HEALING AND NEW STRENGTH IS TO MINISTER TO HIM.**

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APPLICATION #3  
DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!

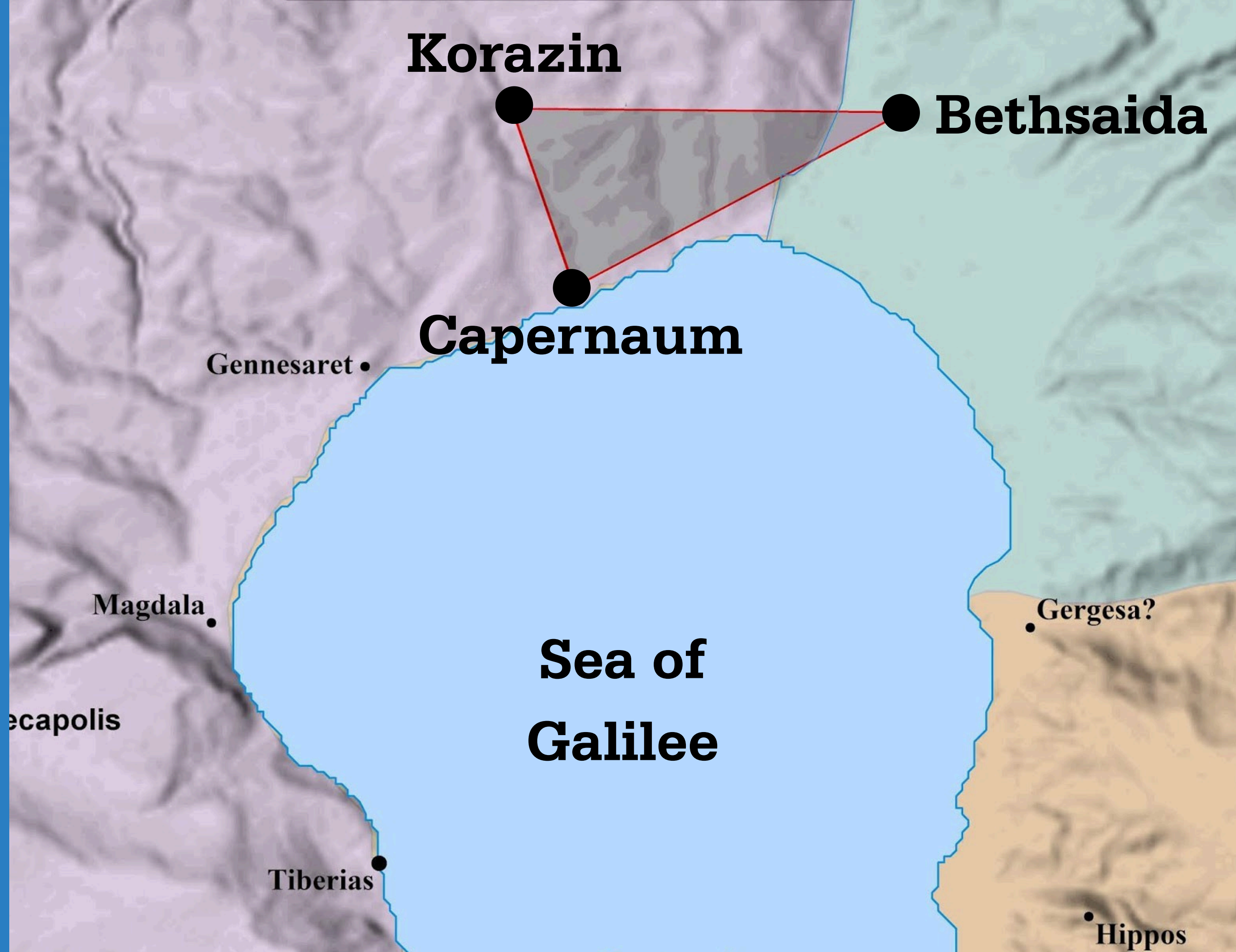
# EVANGELICAL TRIANGLE



**Then Jesus began to denounce the towns in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent: “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you...**



# EVANGELICAL TRIANGLE



**...And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades. For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day. But I tell you that it will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”**

**MATTHEW 11:20-24**





# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

# HomeGroup Questions

1. Why does Jesus insist on going to other towns to preach, even when the people in Capernaum want Him to stay?
2. How do Jesus' actions in this chapter demonstrate His mission and purpose?
3. How does Jesus' rejection at Nazareth reflect on how we might be received when we share the gospel?
4. How does Jesus balance His time between healing, casting out demons, and preaching?
5. What does Jesus' retreat to a solitary place reveal about His spiritual practices, and how can we apply this to our lives?
6. How does the crowd's reaction to Jesus' message in Nazareth differ from their reaction in Capernaum, and what might this suggest about acceptance of the gospel message?
7. How does Jesus' interaction with the demonic realm in this chapter inform our understanding of His power and authority?
8. In the light of Jesus' healing miracles, how can we understand and approach illness and healing in a contemporary context?