

## MAJOR THEMES IN LUKE'S GOSPEL:

1. **Role reversals: 1:52-53; 6:20-26; 13:30; 14:11; 18:14**
  - Outcasts are loved by God: the poor, tax collectors, sinners, women, Samaritans, & even the Gentiles are exalted above the rich, proud, & powerful.
2. **The dangers of wealth: 8:14; 12:13-34; 16:10-13, 19-31; 18:18-30; *it can choke out your faith***
  - Jesus is constantly warning about power & wealth & commanding the rich to give what they have to the poor.
3. **Prayer: 3:21; 5:16; 6:12, 28; 9:18, 28-29; 10:1-2; 11:1-4; 18:1-8; 22:32, 39-46; 23:34, 46**
  - Jesus prays at every major point of His ministry!
4. **The Holy Spirit: 1:15-17, 35, 67; 2:25-27; 3:16, 22; 4:1, 14, 18; 5:17; 11:13; 12:10-12; 24:49;**
  - Luke begins & ends with the power of the Holy Spirit & worship at the temple. He is central to Jesus' ministry & promises.
5. **Salvation: 1:5-25, 26-2:38; 4:18-21; 5:30-32; 10:16-20; 19:10; 22:41-42; 24:44-47**
  - Jesus being the Savior is emphasized heavily, it's His mission.

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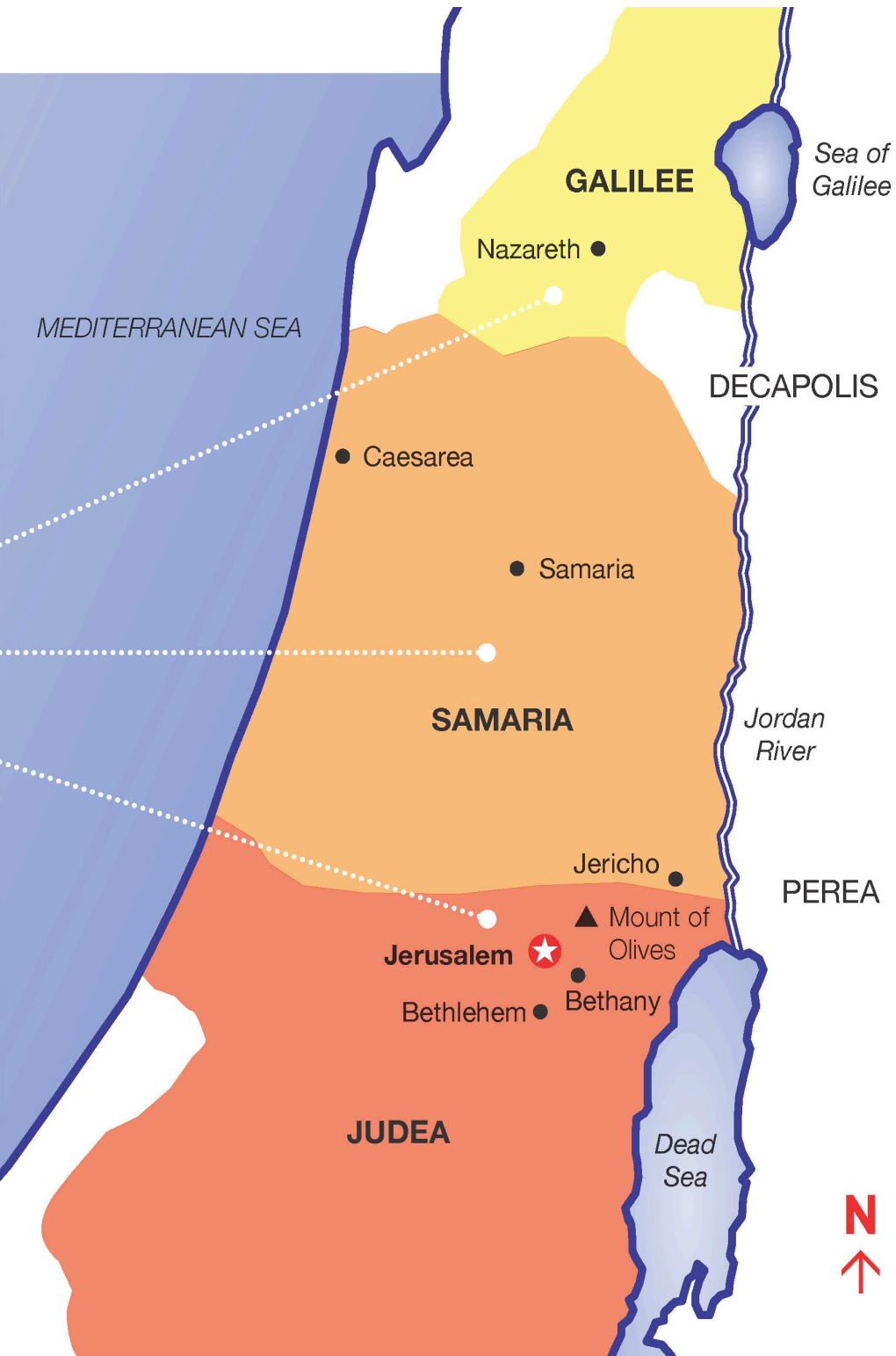
The gospel according to

# LUKE

*A message of mercy to the marginalized*

# LUKE'S GOSPEL OVERVIEW

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## Luke 8:4-15 – The Parable of the Sower

- Parable is like YHWH's vineyard in Isaiah 5:1-7
- Jesus seems to think many won't actually get it (v6)
- key to understanding: vv9-10 cf. Isa. 6:9-10
- V11 seed = God's word
- V12 birds = the devil snatching the word away from the hearts of listeners
- V13 rocky soil = believers that fall away in testing
- V14 thorny soil = those that produce no mature fruit due to worries/pleasure\$ of life (cf. 1 John 2:15-17)
- V15 good soil = believers w/good hearts that endure to the end producing fruit



*The greatest enemy of hunger for God is not poison but apple pie. It is not the banquet of the wicked that dulls our appetite for heaven, but endless nibbling at the table of the world. It is not the X-rated video, but the prime-time dribble of triviality we drink in every night. For all the ill that Satan can do, when God describes what keeps us from the banquet table of his love, it is a piece of land, a yoke of oxen, and a wife (Luke 14:18–20). The greatest adversary of love to God is not his enemies but his gifts. And the most deadly appetites are not for the poison of evil, but for the simple pleasures of earth. For when these replace an appetite for God himself, the idolatry is scarcely recognizable, and almost incurable. --- John Piper*

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**Luke 8:19-21; cf. Matt. 12:46-50; Mrk. 3:31-35; (Acts 1:14)**

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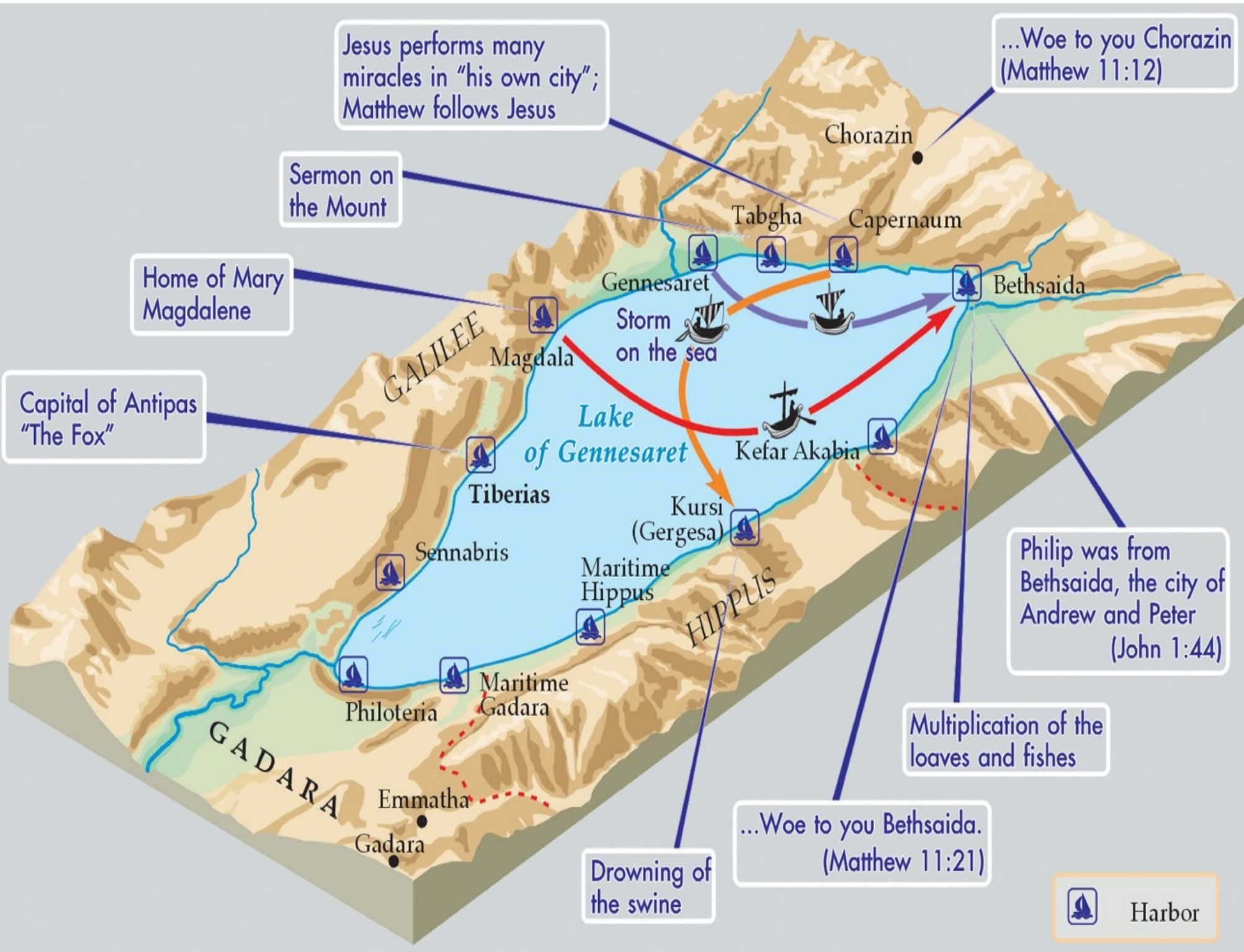
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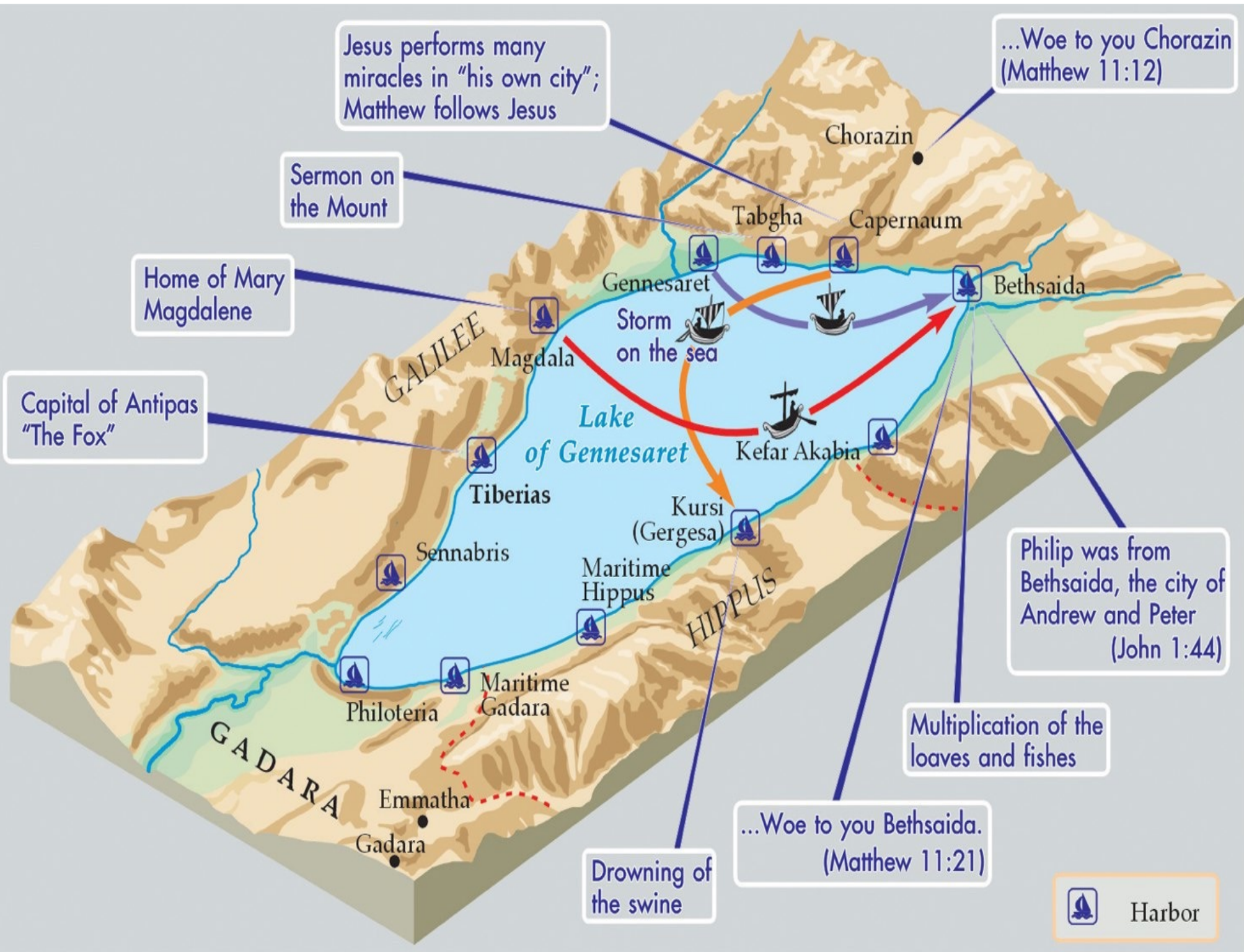
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## Luke 8:26-39 – Jesus vs. Legion

V26 east side of Galilee/northern border = scary demon lore to the Jews (cf. Deut. 1:4; 3:1-11; Josh. 12:4; etc.)

V27 naked demon-possessed man in tombs (cf. Num. 19:16)

V28 the demons answer disciples' question "who is this?"

V29 rebellious spirits? + man has Samson strength (Jdg. 16)!

V30 "Legion" Roman force of 5-6k troops (horde of demons)

V31 "abyss" Rev. 9:1-2; 2 Pet. 2:4; cf. Jud 6; Rev. 11:7; 17:8; 20:1

V32 pigs = unclean (Lev. 11:7-8; Deut. 14:8); Gentile land

V33 why drown pigs? Demons destructive? Or did Jesus trick them and they did go to the abyss? (cf. Job 28:14 LXX)

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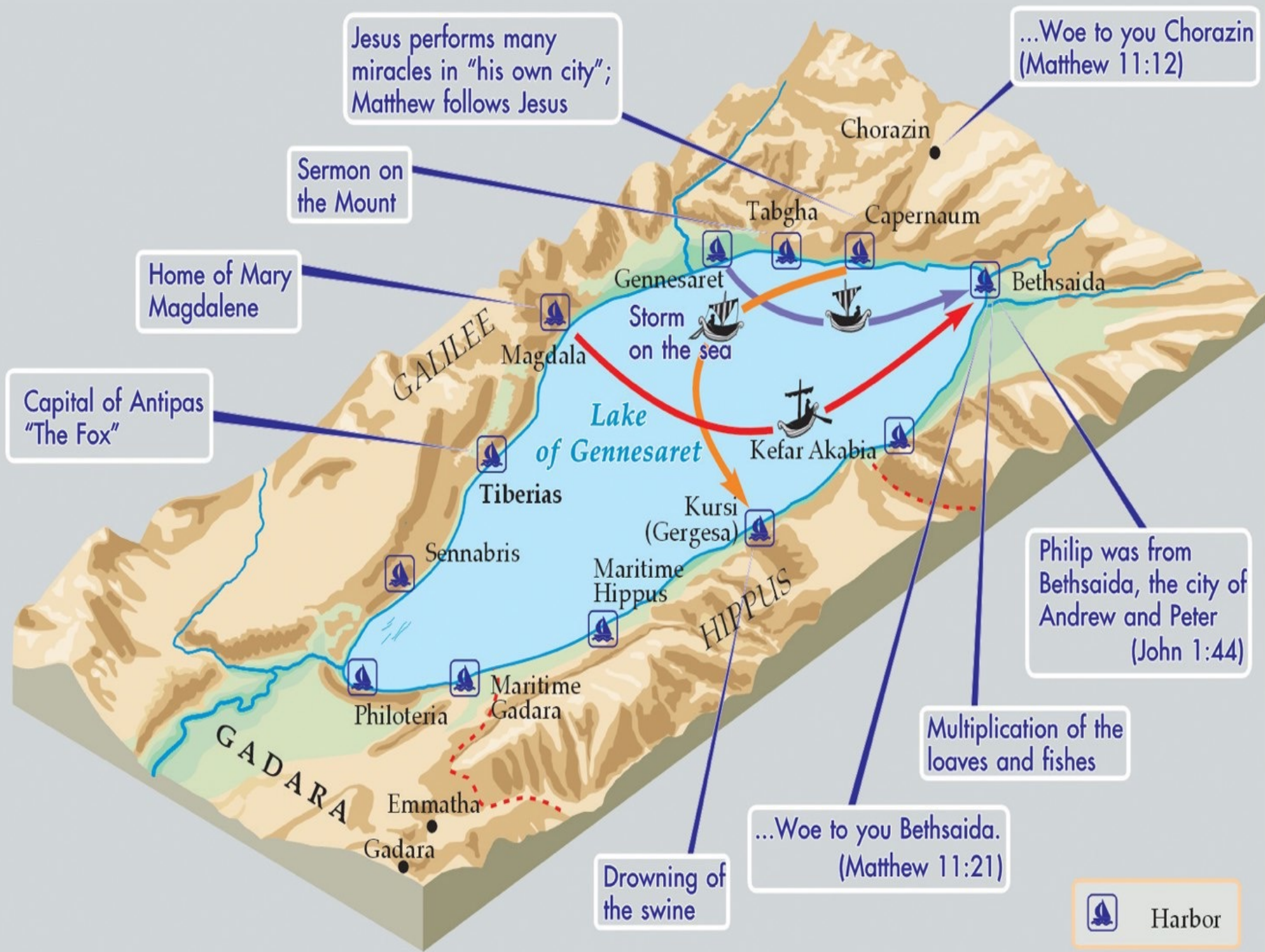
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## Luke 8:26-39 – Lessons

- Jesus is the Son of God (v28)
- Jesus destroys demons (vv31-32)
- Jesus liberates the captive (even Gentiles)
- Jesus requires a choice:
  - Love Him & His salvation
  - Or love the world's worries & wealth (vv12-14) aka unclean pigs





## Luke 8:40-56 – Jairus' Daughter + the Bleeding Woman

vv40-43 Jairus: leader of a synagogue; only child is dying.

V43 Luke (physician Col. 4:14) notes medical details

- Bleeding for 12 years... perpetually unclean(Lev. 15:25-31)

V44 touched end of Jesus' robe (cf. Num. 15:38-39); healed!

vv45-47 – why is she fearful? Jesus *should* be unclean...

V48 her faith saved her/made her well (cf. 5:20; 7:9, 50)

V49 Jairus' daughter dies (does this story contrast their faith w/the Roman Centurian's in 7:1-10?)

V51 Peter James John (9:28ff; cf. Matt. 28:37ff)

V53 Jesus touches a dead body (cf. Lev. 21:1-17; Num. 19:11-13) which *should* make Him unclean (it doesn't); instead she is raised from the dead!