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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

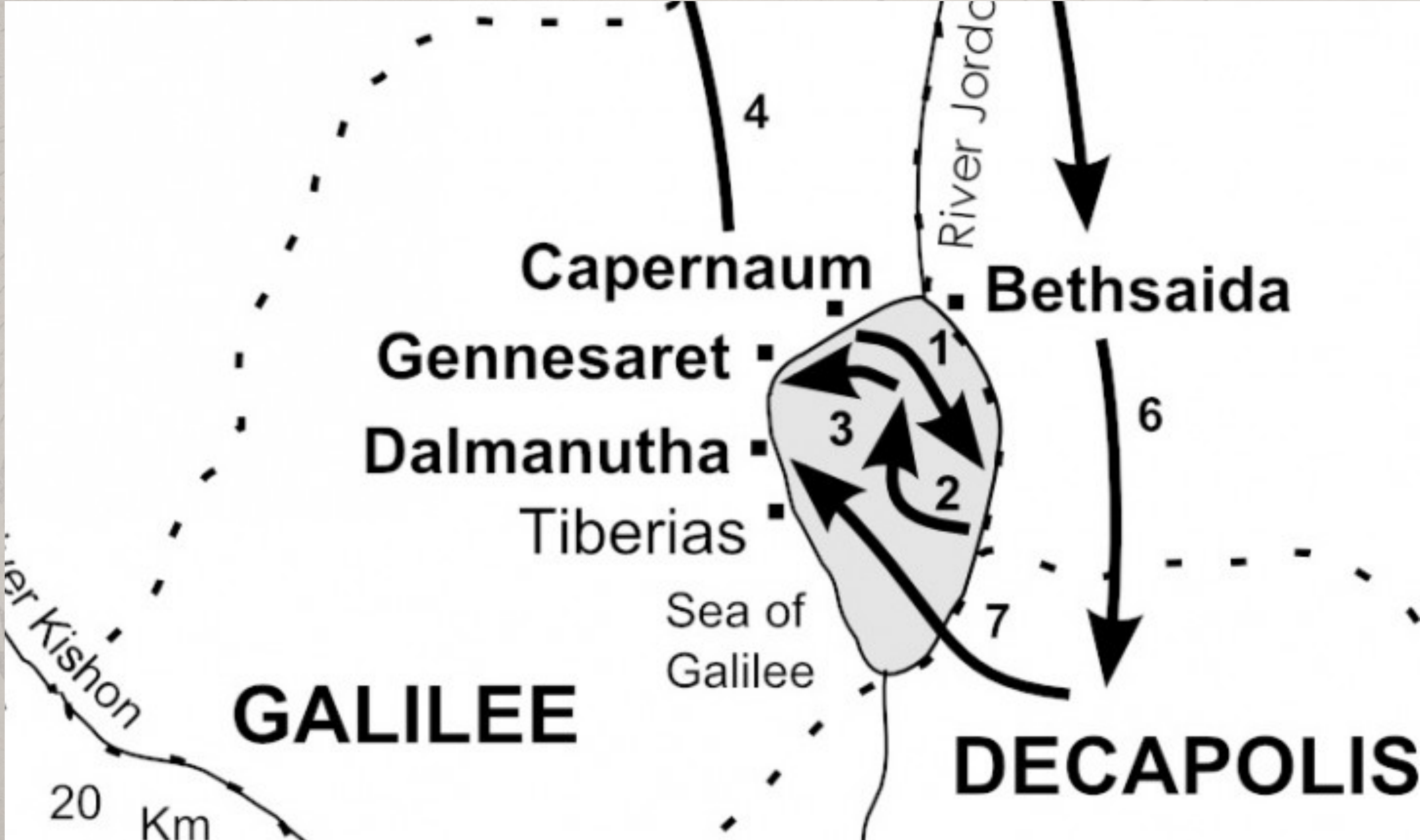
# Intro: My Old Glasses



A faint, circular background illustration depicting a stormy sea. In the foreground, a boat is shown navigating through large, dark waves. In the distance, a lighthouse with a cross on top is visible on a rocky shore. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and a bright light source, possibly the sun or moon, is partially obscured by a cloud in the upper right. The entire scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style.

# Mark 8:10-13

# I. Blind Pharisees (10-13)



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Have the Pharisees become more **OPEN** to Jesus during His absence? **Not so much!**

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Jesus does miracles to inspire faith in OPEN hearts... therefore, the Pharisees will receive no "sign" until the CROSS!

# I. **Blind Pharisees (10-13)**

Mark describes both the Pharisees and the Disciples as being "blind" in some sense. The difference is that the Pharisees walk away, while the Disciples get in the boat and follow Jesus!

A faint, circular background illustration depicting a stormy sea. In the foreground, a boat is shown navigating through large, dark waves. The sky is filled with swirling patterns representing wind and rain. In the upper right corner, a sun or moon is partially visible, surrounded by radiating lines. The overall style is minimalist and line-art-like.

# Mark 8:14-21

## **II. Disciples with unseeing eyes (14-21)**

**What is this YEAST Jesus speaks of?**

**A metaphor describing sin and corruption.**

## II. Disciples with unseeing eyes (14-21)

Jesus warns the disciples about the *unbelief* of Herod and the Pharisees, which could be growing inside the disciples if they are not careful!

## **II. Disciples with unseeing eyes (14-21)**

The proximity and familiarity of the disciples with Jesus may actually fuel their unbelief if they do not understand **WHO HE IS!**

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**The disciples worry about a lack of bread... when the GOD who fed 5000 and 4000 is right there **IN THE BOAT WITH THEM!****

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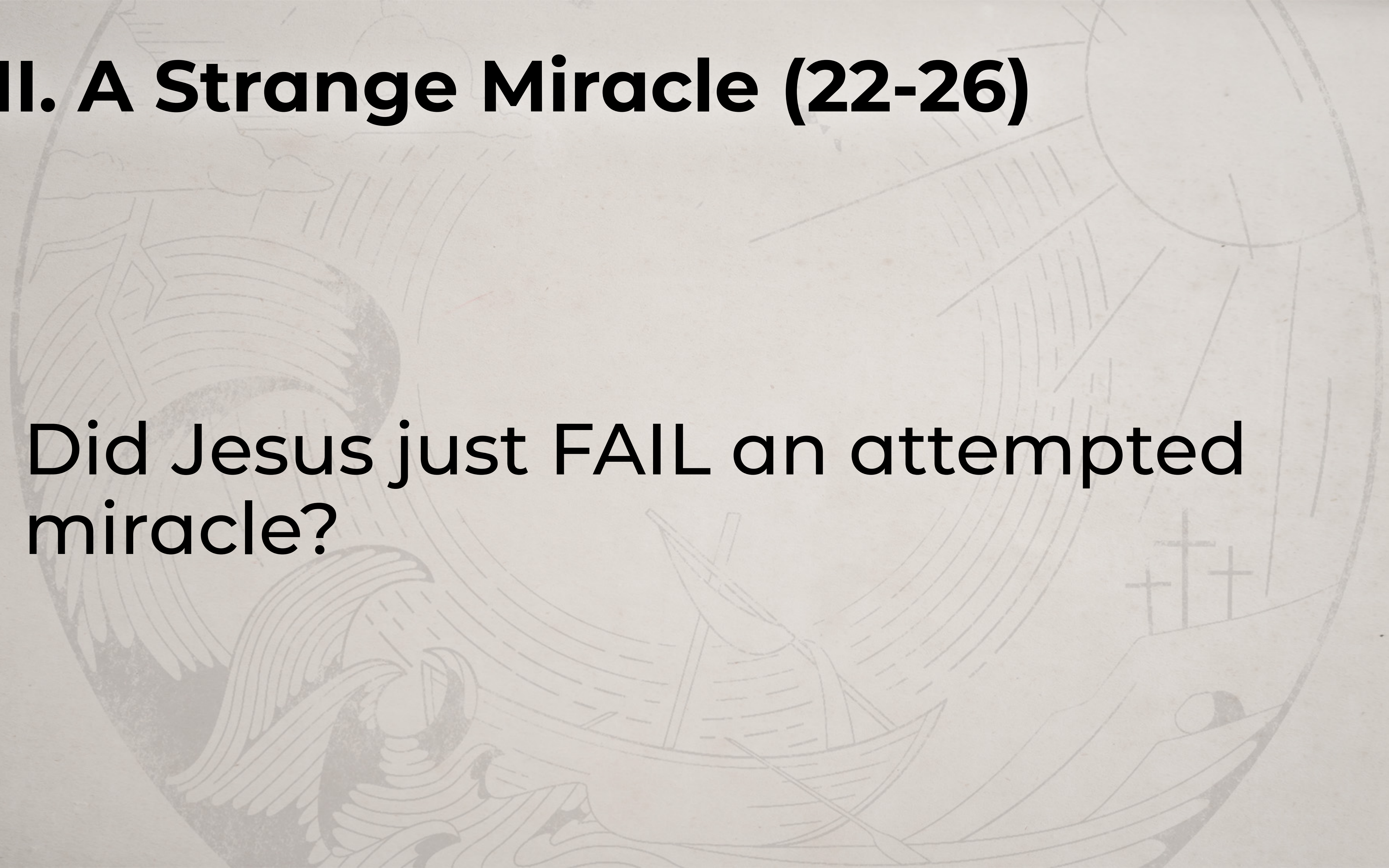
Growing up in the church... in close proximity to the IDEA of Jesus... can actually deaden our senses and lull us into APATHY. Watch out for that yeast! Jesus calls us to PISTUO -> all-in faith!

A faint, circular background illustration of a stormy sea. The scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style. In the foreground, a large, curling wave is depicted with many fine, parallel lines. A small boat is shown in the middle ground, tilted as if caught in the waves. In the background, another larger boat is visible, with several crosses on its deck, suggesting a religious or historical context. The sky is filled with horizontal lines, indicating rain or a storm. The overall composition is centered and framed by a thin circular border.

# Mark 8:22-26

# III. A Strange Miracle (22-26)

Did Jesus just FAIL an attempted miracle?



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### **III. A Strange Miracle (22-26)**

If SPIT worked to open the ears of a deaf Gentile, surely it will work to open the eyes of a blind Jewish man, right?

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**A PROGRESSIVE MIRACLE (takes place over more than one stage).**

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This miracle points to the next story, where a "progressive miracle" begins in the disciples... they begin to SEE by faith, yet their spiritual vision remains a little blurry!

The background features a circular, monochromatic illustration in a light grey tone. It depicts a dramatic seascape with a large, curling wave on the left side. In the center and right, a boat is shown navigating through the water. The sky is filled with stylized, layered clouds, and the overall composition is framed by a thin circular border.

# Mark 8:27-30

# IV. The Blind See... But Not Perfectly (27-30)



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**In this city where Caesar is Lord...  
Peter declares that JESUS IS LORD!**



**“I declare that you are PETER, and on this ROCK I will build my Church... and the Gates of Hell will not stand against it.”**

# **IV. The Blind See... But Not Perfectly (27-30)**

The disciples are able to **SEE...** just not with perfect clarity. They understand that Jesus is Lord, but they still can't comprehend His Mission!

# **Conclusion: Your Faith Journey - A Progressive Miracle**

The progressive miracle points to what Jesus is doing in His disciples... as they follow Him, their blurry vision will be gradually corrected.

# **Conclusion: Your Faith Journey - A Progressive Miracle**

**Like the Disciples, our own faith journey is a progressive miracle... and a gift from God!**

# **Conclusion: Your Faith Journey - A Progressive Miracle**

**Did Jesus fail the blind man, the disciples, or you and me? NO!  
He was STILL WORKING!**



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