

Treasure Hunt

- In v. 27, what special meaning is attached to “be of good cheer” beyond “fear not”?
- What is the Lord claiming by his statement, “It is I”?
- What three lessons can we learn from Peter’s walk on the water?
- How would you reconcile the Lord’s rebuke to “ye of little faith” with the power of small faith in 17:20?
- Compare the three miracles in ch. 14 with the ones that most resemble them in ch. 8-9. How do they differ? What point is Matthew making?

The Proclamation of Jesus the King

Matthew: The Gospel of the Kingdom

1:1-4:16 The Person of Jesus the King

1:1 "The book of the Generation of Jesus Christ"

- 1:1-17 Genealogy
- 1:18-25 Birth
- 2:1-23 Recognition & Preservation
- 3:1-17 **Baptism**
- 4:1-11 **Temptation**
- 4:12-16 Move to Capernaum (transition)

4:17-16:20 The Proclamation of Jesus the King

4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, ..."

- 4:17-11:30 Call & Preparation of the Disciples
- 12:1-13:58 The Great Schism
- 14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

16:21-28:20 The Passion of Jesus the King

16:21 "From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, ..."

- 16:21-17:21 Principles of Discipleship
- 17:22-20:16 Life in the Kingdom
- 20:17-25:46 Controversy in Jerusalem
- 26:1-28:20 Death & Resurrection

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Calling	4:18-22 the Four		9:36-10:4 the Twelve		11:2-30 (28) all
Summary	4:23 teaching ... preaching ... healing		9:35 teaching ... preaching ... healing		11:1 teach ... preach
Training	ch. 5-7 Teaching		ch. 8-9 Healing		10:5-42 Preaching

12:1-13:58 The Great Schism

	Ch. 12	Ch. 13
Public Rejection	1-45, the Pharisees reject the Lord	1-52, the Lord rejects unbelievers (by hiding his teaching in parables)
Private Rejection	46-50, the Lord rejects his family	53-58, his home town rejects the Lord

14:1-16:20 Growing Opposition

- 14:1-12 **King Herod kills the Baptist**
- **14:13-36 Miracles**
- **15:1-28 Pharisaic Rejection**
- **15:29-39 Miracles**
- **16:1-12 Pharisaic Rejection**
- 16:13-20 **Peter confesses King Jesus**

Comparing Two Storms

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Encouragement in v. 27: Be of good cheer / courage, ... , fear not

Both translate Hebrew אל תירא “fear not”

“Be of good cheer/good courage”

- Less common (11x vs. 50x), suggests special meaning (“marked”)
- Often associated with assurance of the Lord’s presence:

Exo 14:13 And Moses said unto the people, **Fear ye not**, stand still, and see the **salvation of the LORD**, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever.

Joe 2:21 **Fear not**, O land; be glad and rejoice: for **the LORD will do great things**.

Hag 2:4-5 for **I am with you**, saith the LORD of hosts: 5 *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so **my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not**.

Zep 3:16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, **Fear thou not: and to Zion**, Let not thine hands be slack. 17 **The LORD thy God** in the midst of thee *is* mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

Encouragement in v. 27: It is I

- Εγώ εἰμι “I am”
- Usually takes a predicate noun or adjective (168/178x in the LXX):

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, **I am the Almighty God**; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

Exo 4:10 And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but **I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.**

Exo 20:2 **I am the LORD thy God**, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Rut 2:10 Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing **I am a stranger?**
- All but one of the ten bare forms in the OT imply a claim to deity, e.g.,

Deu 32:39 See now that I, *even I*, **am he** [LXX “Behold, behold, that **I am**”], and *there is* no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand.

Isa 43:10 Ye *are* my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that **I am he** [LXX “**I am**”]: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

Three Lessons from Peter

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Bid me come.--Be sure of the Lord's will

When he saw the wind.--Keep your eyes on the Lord

He cried ... and Jesus ... caught him.--Trust in the Lord's unfailing care

v. 31

“little faith”

Question: alignment with

Mat 17:20 And Jesus said unto them, Because

of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith as a grain of mustard seed**, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

May be a Hebraism, from the rabbinic expression קטני אמונה, “small with respect to faith,” commenting on **the person** rather than **the faith** itself.

Sota, 48b: He who has bread in his basket and says: ‘What shall I eat tomorrow?’ is a man of little faith.

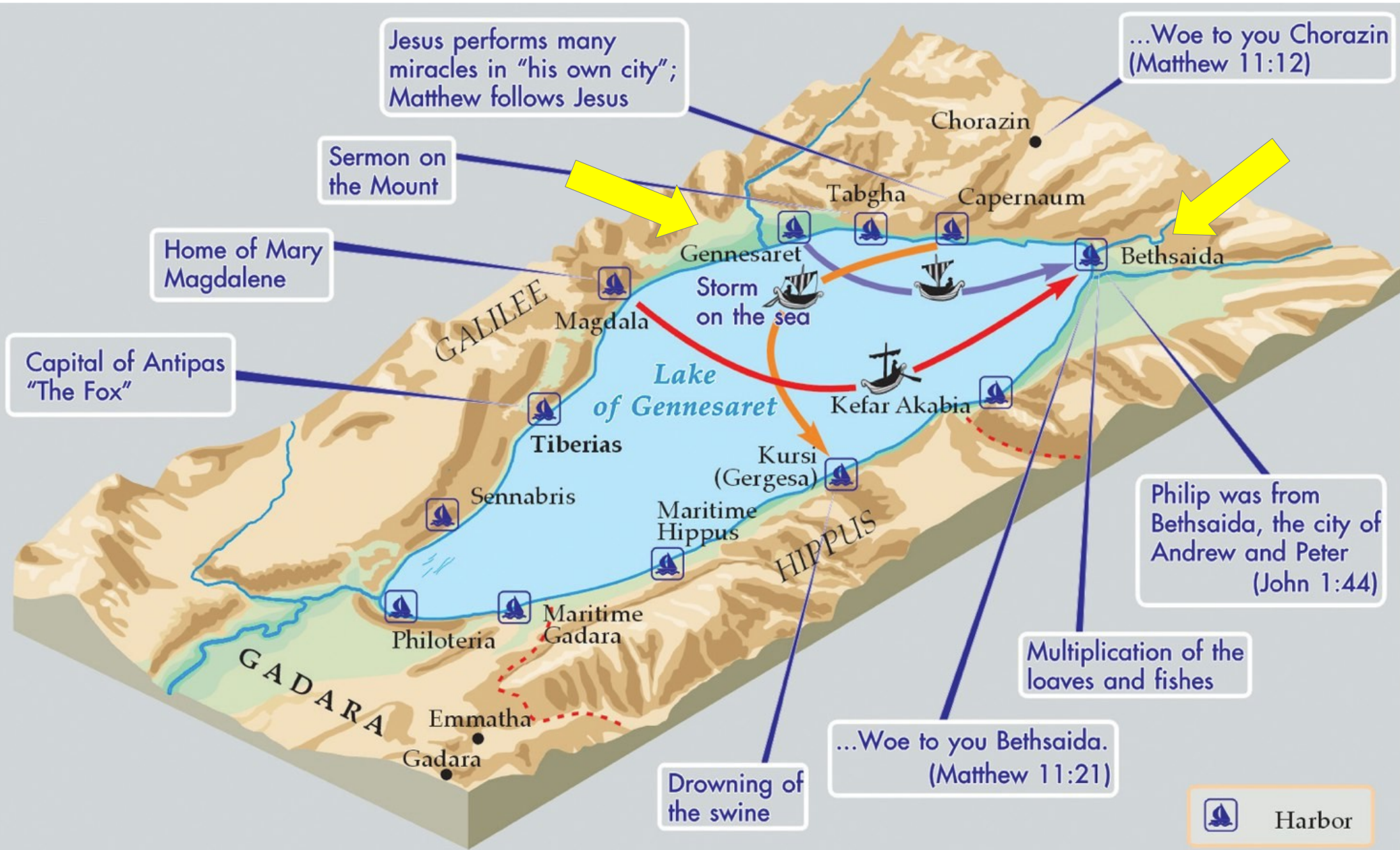
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Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, Some say *that thou art* John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

Locations around Galilee



https://abramkj.files.wordpress.com/2014/07/ch-22_lake-of-gennesaret.png, from Rainey and Notley, *The Sacred Bridge*, Carta, 2006, p. 354

14:35 they brought unto him all that were diseased

Mat 4:24 And his fame went throughout all Syria: and **they brought unto him** all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Mat 8:16 When the even was come, **they brought unto him** many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick:

Mat 9:2 And, behold, **they brought to him** a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.

Mat 9:32 As they went out, behold, **they brought to him** a dumb man possessed with a devil.

Mat 12:22 Then was **brought unto him** one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.

v. 36 Touching his hem

Matt 9	Matt 14
20 And, behold, a woman , which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years,	35 they ... brought unto him all that were diseased
came behind him,	36 And besought him
and touched the hem of his garment:	that they might only touch the hem of his garment:
22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.	(lacking)
And the woman was made whole σωζω from that hour.	and as many as touched were made perfectly whole διασωζω.

Comparing ch. 8-9 with ch. 14:

The Evidence Increases

	Matt 8-9	Matt 14
Feeding	9:20 eats with a few in the house	14:15-21 feeds 5000+
Calming the Sea	8:24-27 speaks to the storm Disciples question who he is	14:24-33 his presence alone Disciples realize who he is
Healing with a Touch	9:20-22 one woman "made whole"	14:35-36 many people "made perfectly whole"