

Power over Nature

Mark 4:35-41

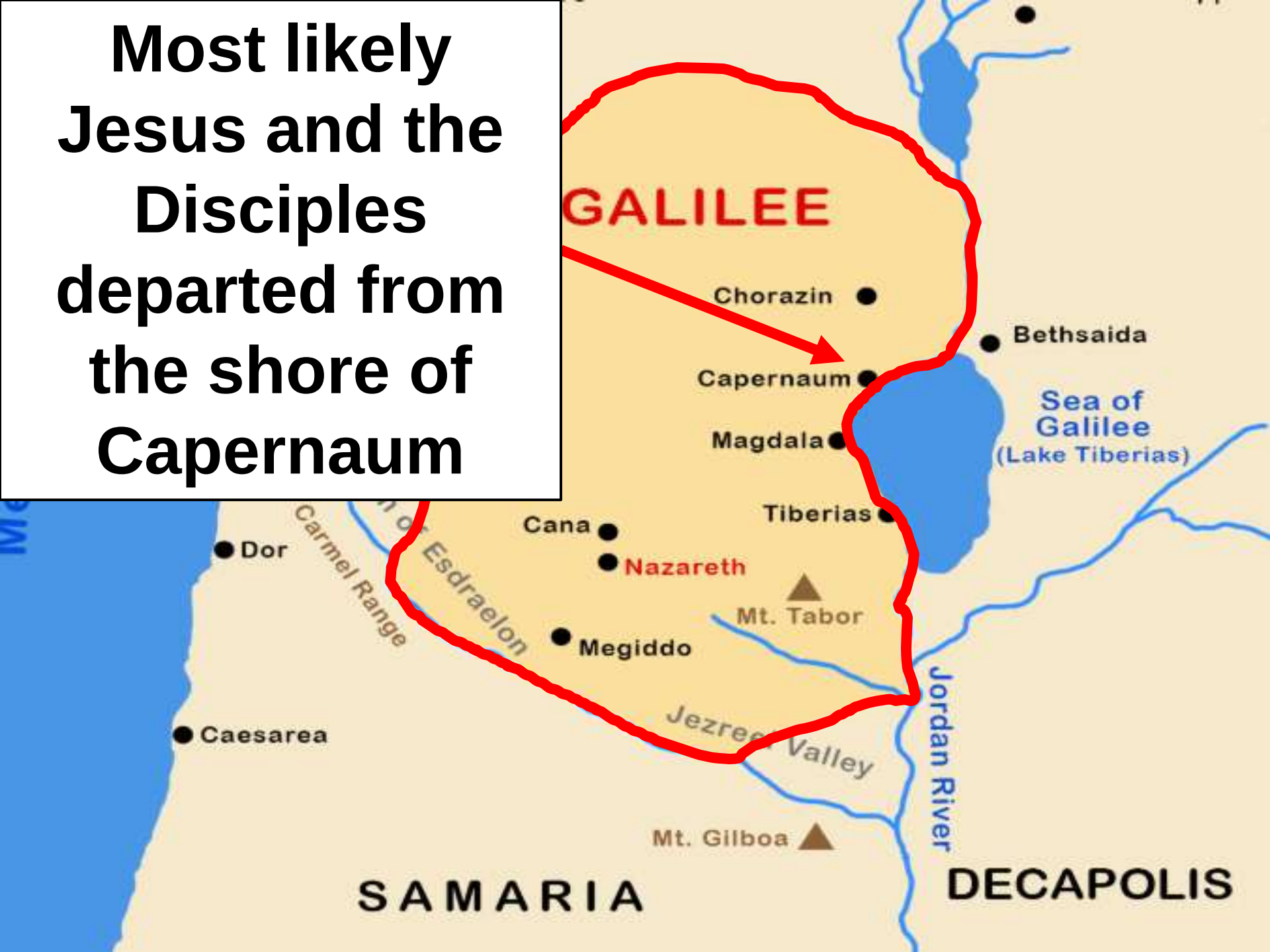


Key Concept

**We can have faith in Jesus
because He is God,
sovereign over all things,
including nature.**



**Most likely
Jesus and the
Disciples
departed from
the shore of
Capernaum**



Sea of Galilee western shore





**Model of ancient
Israel fishing
boat – 27ft long
7.5ft wide – 15
people total**

**Fishing boat
dated
100BC – 50AD
Recovered in
Sea of Galilee
circa 1986**



•Can you list some reasons Jesus would have traveled to the other shore?

- 1) Noise / large crowds / difficult to speak**
- 2) Jesus / Disciples were tired needed rest**
- 3) Test the faith of the Disciples**
- 4) Gentile villages / spreading His ministry**
- 5) Rescue mission for man with evil spirits**

•Why do think a storm arose during the trip to the other side?

- 1) To expose disciples fear and lack of faith**
- 2) To demonstrate Jesus has authority over the forces of nature**

- **How was Jesus' behavior during the storm in such contrast to the disciples and many times us too?**

Although He was susceptible to injury and death, Jesus knew through faith that no harm would come apart from the Father's will

- **Why do you think Mark 4:38 specifically mentions Jesus using a pillow?**

It is meant to highlight Jesus' true physical human exhaustion as proof that He was human, but He alone still retains the power and characteristics of God.

•Can you list some important reminders we can learn from this scripture?

- 1) Jesus is always with us in the storm**
- 2) We must anticipate rough weather in life**
- 3) Don't give into panic, trust in God**
- 4) Fear and trials reveals the state of our faith**
- 5) Jesus' divine power has supreme absolute authority over the forces of nature**
- 6) This event (miracle) caused even the disciples to ask the ultimate question "Who is this?"**