

The Crowd Amazed

Mark 1:21-34

The Gospel According to **MARK**

1 The beginning of the good news^a of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.^b

2 As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,^c
“See, I am sending my messenger
ahead of you,^d
who will prepare your way;

16 As Jesus passed along Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **17** And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19**

Key Concept

**Jesus, as God the Son, has
authority over all in the
spiritual and physical
realms**

**Jesus is tempted in the
wilderness
(Mark 1:12-13)**

**Jesus forgives and heals a
paralyzed man
(Mark 2:1-12)**

**Jesus demonstrates His
authority in Capernaum
(Mark 1:21-34)**

**Jesus ministers in Galilee
(Mark 1:14-15)**

**Jesus heals a leprous man
(Mark 1:35-45)**

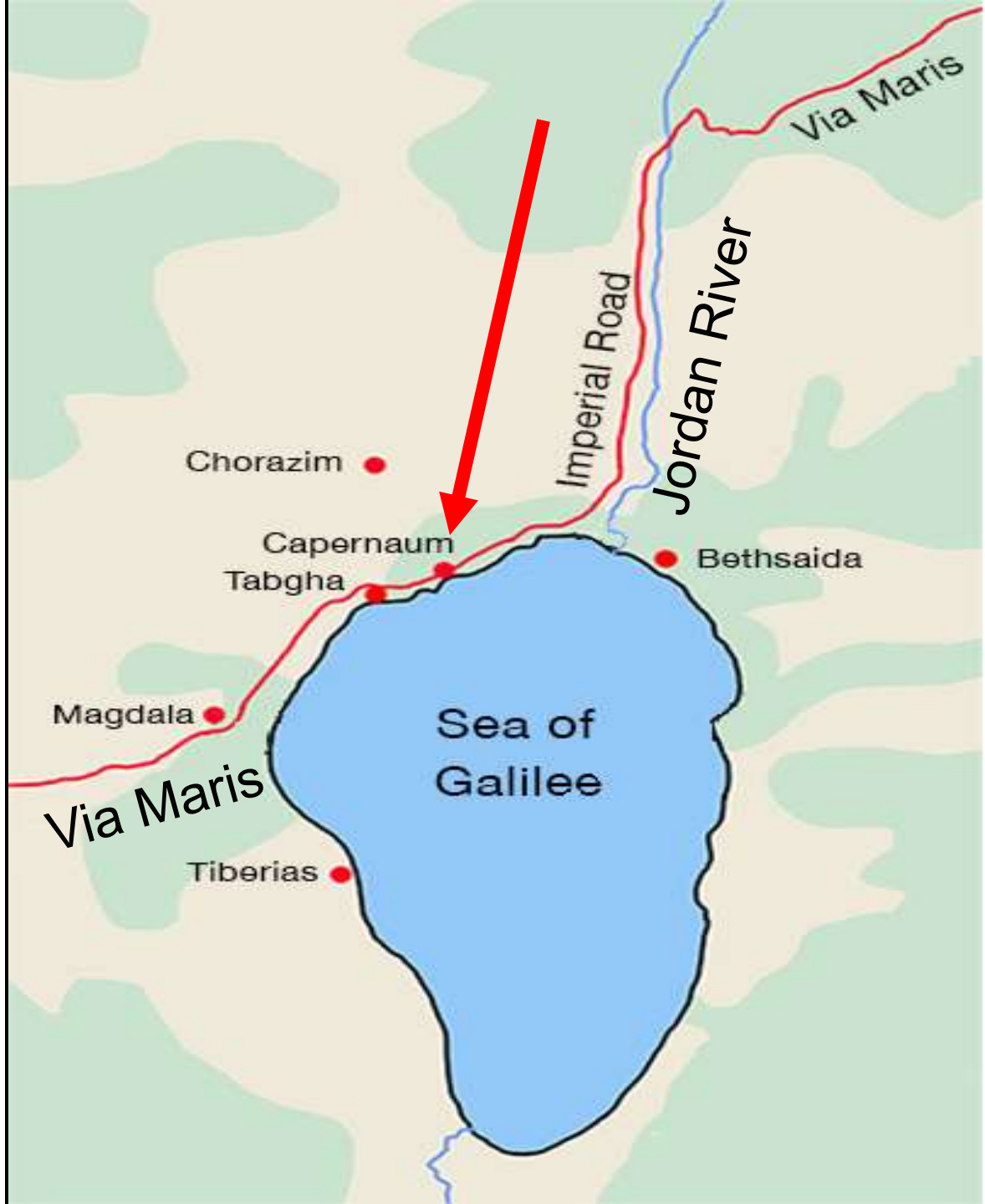
Map of Ancient Galilee



Jesus concentrated His ministry near Capernaum because of the major trade route known as Via Maris “Way of the Sea”.

Jesus knew it was a cosmopolitan melting pot, with a diverse flow of travelers, merchants, and foreigners.

Jesus’ intentional reason to minister in this region was strategically perfect!





**Ruins in present day
Capernaum**

- What is clear about the identity of Jesus as you read through these events in Mark?

During this time, Jesus had not revealed Himself, only the demons truly knew who He was.

- (T/F) The book of Mark is the newest and longest of all four gospels?

False – Mark's gospel is the shortest and oldest and heavily focuses on Jesus' actions rather than His teachings

- Jesus rising early, highlighted in Mark, often exhausted, reminds us that time is the greatest Enemy to Prayer!
- (T/F) Peter was not the only married disciple.
True – 1 Cor 9:5 Paul defends the right to bring a believing wife on missionary journeys
- What is so distinguished about how Jesus teaches in the synagogue? He didn't quote other rabbis and scholars. Instead He taught with unique, inherent authority amazing the crowds. He commanded spirits and established authority over spiritual darkness.

•Can you name key points we should remember about Jesus in Mark Chp 1?

- 1) He established unprecedented teaching authority**
- 2) Supremacy over the demonic**
- 3) Power to heal afflictions**
- 4) Compassion for the suffering**
- 5) Control over his ministry (silenced demons)**
- 6) Prioritized prayer and solitude**
- 7) Reminded the disciples to stay focused on His purpose to preach the Kingdom of God in neighboring towns (not just to amaze the crowds by performing miracles)**