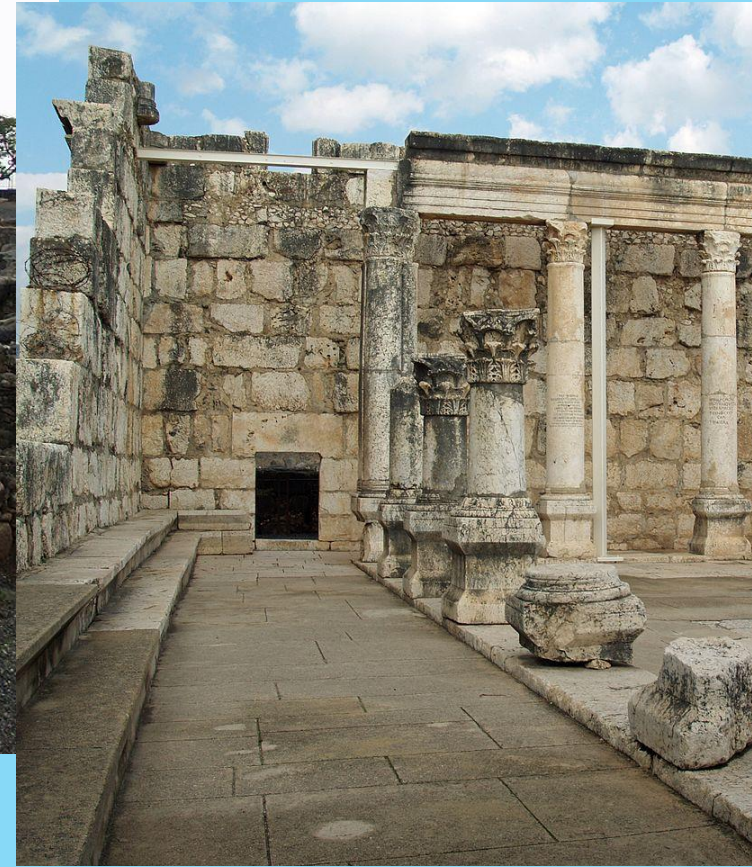


Jesus Cleanses a Leper, but is not ready to reveal
His power to all.

Mat 8:4 "See that you don't tell anyone."



Mat 8:5-13 Jesus heals the centurion's servant in Capernaum, a city between 1,500 and 5,000 population. The ruins above (left) are from the Roman period while the synagogue is 4th century.

Mat 8:8 But the centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy for You to come under my roof, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed. (9) "For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." (10) Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled and said to those who were following, "Truly I say to you, I have not found such great faith with anyone in Israel.

Mat 8:11-12 "I say to you that many will come from east and west, and recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven; (12) but the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Jesus has not yet established his kingdom

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Mat 16:18 "I also say to you that you are Peter,
and upon this rock I will build My church; and the
gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 "I will give
you the keys of the kingdom of heaven;

The cost of following Jesus

Mat 8:19-22 Then a scribe came and said to Him, "Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go." (20) Jesus said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." (21) Another of the disciples said to Him, "Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father." (22) But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead."

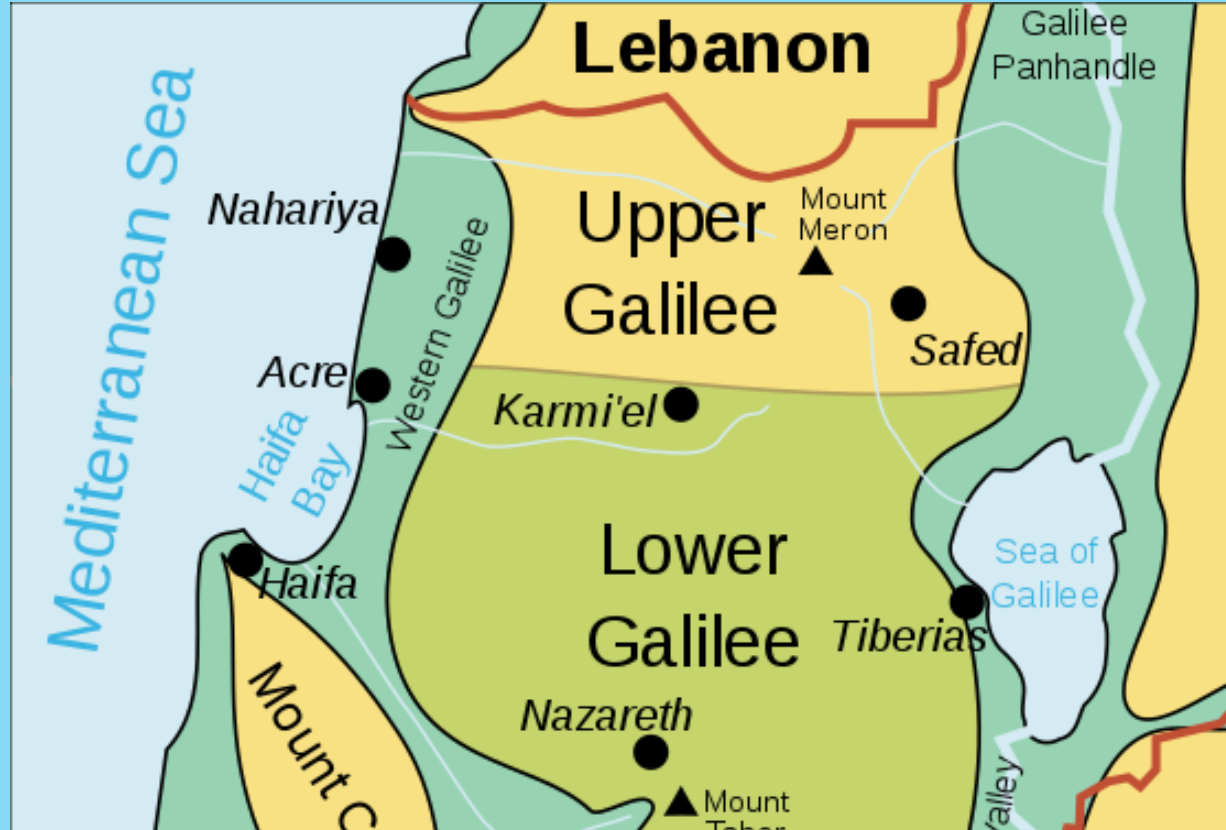
Mat 8:23-27 When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. (24) And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was asleep. (25) And they came to Him and woke Him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing!" (26) He said to them, "Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?" Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. (27) The men were amazed, and said, "What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"



Sea of Galilee – tourists in 1892 on left. The Sea is 8 x 13 miles and has a maximum depth of 141 ft, average 84 ft and drops off steeply. It is fed and discharges by the Jordan river. Due to the depth, large waves can occur, even near shore.

Mat 8:28-34 When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. ... (29) And they cried out, saying, "What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time... (31) The demons began to entreat Him, saying, "If You are going to cast us out, send us into the herd of swine." (32) And He said to them, "Go!" And they came out and went into the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the waters.

Notice the Golan heights on the east side of the Sea. In the NT the land of the Gadarenes and the only area where the pigs could run down the slope into the sea.



Mat 9:1-7 Getting into a boat, Jesus crossed over the sea and came to His own city. (2) And they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, "Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven." 3 And some of the scribes said to themselves, "This fellow blasphemes." 4 And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, "Why are you thinking evil in your hearts? (5) "Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, and walk'? (6) "But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins— then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home."

If syphilis is untreated, it can progress to the third and most serious stage, when it may damage the bones, organs, and nervous system, which can result in blindness, paralysis, dementia, heart problems, and sometimes even death. Today, most cases of syphilis can be cured with penicillin, although syphilis has become much more resistant to treatment since the 1960's.

The sin the man committed could have been fornication (sexual immorality).

Mat 9:9 Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector

10 Then it happened that as Jesus was reclining at the table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why is your Teacher eating with the tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick. (13) "But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,' [Hos 6.6] for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luk 19:8-9 Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." (9) And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham.

We are not to associate with those who are unrighteous brethren, but we must go to the lost.

1Co 5:9-11 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. (11) But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

Mat 9:14 Then the disciples of John came to Him, asking, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but Your disciples do not fast?" (15) And Jesus said to them, "The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. (16) "But no one puts a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment; for the patch pulls away from the garment, and a worse tear results. (17) "Nor do people put new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine pours out and the wineskins are ruined; but they put new wine into fresh wineskins, and both are preserved."

Fasting – a practice of Jews and others with no commandment of God – Hannah, who was greatly distressed on account of her childlessness, “wept, and did not eat” (1Sa 1:7). Violent anger produces the same effect (1Sa 20:34). According to 1Ki 21:4,

Ahab, “heavy and displeased” on account of Naboth's refusal to part with his estate, sulked and “would eat no bread.”

mourning customs of antiquity (compare 1Sa 31:13; 2Sa 1:12)

David's fast in 2Sa 12:16-23 intended to make his petition effectual as also in 1Ki 21:27; Eze 8:21; Est 4:16

In the NT, God's children are assured that He will hear their prayers.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1Pe 3:12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

v. 16 indicates one does not use the old when the new is present in both garments and fermentation vessels. The old is useless when the new is present.

new wine Gr *neos oinos*

Isa 65:8 Thus says the LORD, "As the new wine is found in the cluster

– the yeast to inoculate the juice is abundant on the skin of the grape.

fermentation – while oxygen is present, the yeast grows but when the oxygen has been used up (the wine skin is sealed) the yeast uses the remaining sugar present in the juice to make energy and carbon dioxide (bubbly stuff) when The resulting pressure causes the wineskin to burst.

Jesus restores life to the dead

Mat 9:18 While He was saying these things to them, a synagogue official came and bowed down before Him, and said, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live." ... 23 When Jesus came into the official's house, and saw the flute-players and the crowd in noisy disorder, 24 He said, "Leave; for the girl has not died, but is asleep." And they began laughing at Him. (25) But when the crowd had been sent out, He entered and took her by the hand, and the girl got up.

That the girl was dead cannot be doubted as the body would have been washed and perfumed since the mourners had gathered and the musicians called. She would have been buried that day.

The Interlude – Jesus heals an unclean woman of menorrhagia

Mat 9:20-22 And a woman who had been suffering from a hemorrhage for twelve years, came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak; (21) for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well." (22) But Jesus turning and seeing her said, "Daughter, take courage; your faith has made you well." At once the woman was made well.

Mt 9.27-31 Jesus Heals Two Blind Men

Mt 9.32-34 Jesus heals a mute

Mat 9:35-37 Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."