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- Galilee, located in northern Palestine, was a prosperous and well populated province in Bible times. To this day its geographic features are inviting the deep blue Sea of Galilee, the rugged northern terrain, and the fertile plains. Here in this picturesque region, Jesus spent most of his earthly life, being raised in the Galilean city of Nazareth.
- So he got up and took the young child and its mother and entered into the land of Israel. (Matthew 2:21)
- But hearing that Archelaus ruled as king of Judea instead of his father Herod, he became afraid to depart for there. Moreover, being given divine warning in a dream, he withdrew into the territory of Galilee. (Matthew 2:22)
- And came and dwelt in a city named Nazareth, that there might be fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets; He will be called a Nazarene. (Matthew 2:23)
- And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and he continued subject to them. Also, his mother carefully kept all these sayings in her heart. (Luke 2:51)
- And Jesus went on progressing in wisdom and in physical growth and in favor with God and men. (Luke 2:52)
- Farming, sheepherding, and fishing were common occupations among the **Galileans**, and this is reflected in many of Jesus parables.
- A hardworking, industrious people, the common Galileans were looked down upon by the Pharisees and chief priests at Jerusalem.

Their distinct accent made the **Galileans** easily recognizable to their fellow Jews.

- Peter; Certainly you also are one of them, for, in fact, your dialect gives you away. (Matthew 26:73)
- Galilee was the scene of some of the outstanding events of Jesus ministry. On a mountainside near Capernaum, Jesus gave his famous Sermon on the Mount.
- When he saw the crowds he went up into the mountain, and after he sat down his disciples came to him. (Matthew 5:1)
- And he opened his mouth and began teaching them, saying;(Matthew 5:2)
- Here in Galilee, he miraculously healed many persons.
- After evening had fallen, when the sun had set, the people began bringing him all those who were ill and those demon-possessed. (Mark 1:32)
- And the whole city was gathered right at the door. (Mark 1:33)
- So he cured many that were ill with various sicknesses, and he expelled many demons, but he would not let the demons speak, because they knew him to be Christ. (Mark 1:34)
- And when they got across to land, they came into Gennesaret and anchored ship nearby. (Mark 6:53)
- But as soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized him.
 (Mark 6:54)
- And they ran around all that region and started to carry about on cots those who were ailing to where they heard he was. (Mark 6:55)
- And wherever he would enter into villages or cities or countryside they would place the sick ones in the marketplaces, and they would plead with him that they might touch just the fringe of his outer garment. And as many as did touch it were made well. (Mark 6:56)

- Accordingly he came again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. Now there was a certain attendant of the king whose son was sick in Capernaum. (John 4:46)
- When this man heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went off to him and began asking him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of dying. (John 4:47)
- However, Jesus said to him; Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe. (John 4:48)
- The attendant of the king said to him; Lord, come down before my young child dies. (John 4:49)
- Jesus said to him; Go your way. Your son lives. The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went his way. (John 4:50)
- But already while he was on his way down his slaves met him to say that his boy was living. (John 4:51)
- Therefore he began to inquire of them the hour in which he got better in health. Accordingly they said to him; Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. (John 4:52)
- Therefore the father knew it was in the very hour that Jesus said to him; Your son lives. And he and his whole household believed. (John 4:53)
- Again this was the second sign Jesus performed when he came out of Judea into Galilee. (John 4:54)
- How were Jesus preaching and miracles received in Galilee? When he preached in his hometown, Nazareth, the people at first marveled at the winsome words proceeding out of his mouth. But after Jesus compared them to the Israelites in the days of Elijah and Elisha, they sought to kill him.
- And they all began to give favorable witness about him and to marvel at the winsome words proceeding out of his mouth, and they were saying; This is a son of Joseph, is it not? (Luke 4:22)
- At this he said to them; No doubt you will apply this illustration

to me, Physician, cure yourself. The things we heard as having happened in Capernaum do also here in your home territory. (Luke 4:23)

- But he said; Truly I tell you that no prophet is accepted in his home territory. (Luke 4:24)
- For instance, I tell you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, so that a great famine fell upon all the land. (Luke 4:25)
- Yet Elijah was sent to none of those women, but only to Zarephath in the land of Sidon to a widow. (Luke 4:26)
- Also, there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed, but Naaman the man of Syria. (Luke 4:27)
- Now all those hearing these things in the synagogue became filled with anger. (Luke 4:28)
- And they rose up and hurried him outside the city, and they led him to the brow of the mountain upon which their city had been built, in order to throw him down headlong. (Luke 4:29)
- But he went through the midst of them and continued on his way. (Luke 4:30)
- The Galileans in general, though, were very responsive to Jesus ministry. Thus, it was from Galileans that his early disciples were drawn, and all of his apostles, with the possible exception of Judas Iscariot, were Galilean.
- Walking alongside the sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, letting down a fishing net into the sea, for they were fishers. (Matthew 4:18)
- And he said to them; Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. (Matthew 4:19)
- At once abandoning the nets, they followed him. (Matthew 4:20)
- Going on also from there he saw two others who were brothers,

James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. (Matthew 4:21)

- At once leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. (Matthew 4:22)
- In the progress of these days he went out into the mountain to pray, and he continued the whole night in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)
- But when it became day he called his disciples to him and chose from among them twelve, whom he also named apostles. (Luke 6:13)
- Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew. (Luke 6:14)
- And Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who is called, the zealous one. (Luke 6:15)
- And Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who turned traitor. (Luke 6:16)
- The crowd of about 120 disciples that received the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost 33 C.E. were Galileans.
- Now during these days Peter rose up in the midst of the brothers and said; the crowd of persons was all together about one hundred and twenty. (Acts of Apostles 1:15)
- Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. (Acts of Apostles 2:1)
- And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. (Acts of Apostles 2:2)
- And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. (Acts of Apostles 2:3)
- And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to

make utterance. (Acts of Apostles 2:4)

- As it was, there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, reverent men, from every nation of those under heaven. (Acts of Apostles 2:5)
- So, when this sound occurred, the multitude came together and were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. (Acts of Apostles 2:6)
- Indeed, they were astonished and began to wonder and say; See here, all these who are speaking are Galileans, are they not?

 (Acts of Apostles 2:7)

" Around The Sea Of Galilee

- Surrounded by hills in northern Palestine lies the freshwater inland lake called the Sea of Galilee, Sea of Tiberias, or Lake of Gennesaret. Set like a jewel in a deep basin, the lake is located some 210 meters (700 feet) below sea level.
- It is about 21 kilometers (13 miles) long and about 12 kilometers (7.5 miles) wide. Both on and around this lake many outstanding events of Jesus ministry took place.
- Several times Jesus spoke from a boat to crowds assembled on the shores of the sea.
- And he again started teaching beside the sea. And a very great crowd gathered near him, so that he went aboard a boat and sat out on the sea, but all the crowd beside the sea were on the shore. (Mark 4:1)
- So he began to teach them many things with illustrations and to say to them in his teaching. (Mark 4:2)
- Capernaum, a city on the northern shore, came to be known as Jesus own city, even though he traveled much of the time.
- So, boarding the boat, he proceeded across and went into his own city. (Matthew 9:1)
- However, after some days he again entered into Capernaum and he was reported to be at home. (Mark 2:1)

- Jesus walked on the waters of this sea and appeared near it after his resurrection.
- After these things Jesus departed across the sea of Galilee, or Tiberias. (John 6:1)
- However, he was saying this to test him, for he himself knew what he was about to do. (John 6:6)
- Philip answered him; Two hundred denarii worth of loaves is not enough for them, so that each one may get a little. (John 6:7)
- One of his disciples, Andrew the brother of Simon Peter, said to him. (John 6:8)
- Here is a little boy that has five barley loaves and two small fishes. But what are these among so many? (John 6:9)
- Jesus said; Have the men recline as at meal. Now there was a lot of grass in the place. Therefore the men reclined, about five thousand in number. (John 6:10)
- So Jesus took the loaves and, after giving thanks, he distributed them to those reclining, likewise also as much of the small fishes as they wanted. (John 6:11)
- But when they had their fill he said to his disciples; Gather together the fragments that remain over, so that nothing is wasted. (John 6:12)
- Therefore they gathered them together, and they filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. (John 6:13)
- Hence when the men saw the signs he performed, they began to say; This is for a certainty the prophet that was to come into the world. (John 6:14)
- Therefore Jesus, knowing they were about to come and seize him to make him king, withdrew again into the mountain all alone. (John 6:15)
- When evening fell, his disciples went down to the sea. (John

6:16)

- And, boarding a boat, they set out across the sea for Capernaum.
 Well, by now it had grown dark and Jesus had not yet come to them. (John 6:17)
- Also, the sea began to be stirred up because a strong wind was blowing. (John 6:18)
- However, when they had rowed about three or four miles, they beheld Jesus walking upon the sea and getting near the boat, and they became fearful. (John 6:19)
- But he said to them; It is I. Have no fear! (John 6:20)
- Therefore they were willing to take him into the boat, and directly the boat was at the land to which they were trying to go. (John 6:21)
- After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias, but he made the manifestation in this way. (John 21:1)
- However, just as it was getting to be morning, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not, of course, discern that it was Jesus. (John 21:4)
- Then Jesus said to them; Young children, you do not have anything to eat, do you? They answered No! To him. (John 21:5)
- He said to them; Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some. Then they cast it, but they were no longer able to draw it in because of the multitude of the fishes. (John 21:6)
- Therefore that disciple whom Jesus used to love said to Peter; It is the Lord! Hence Simon Peter, upon hearing that it was the Lord, girded about himself his top garment, for he was naked, and plunged into the sea. (John 21:7)
- But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not a long way from land, only about three hundred feet away, dragging the net of fishes. (John 21:8)

- However, when they disembarked onto land they beheld lying there a charcoal fire and fish lying upon it and bread. (John 21:9)
- Jesus said to them; Bring some of the fish you just now caught.(John 21:10)
- Simon Peter, therefore, went on board and drew the net to land full of big fishes, one hundred and fifty-three of them. But although there were so many the net did not burst. (John 21:11)
- Jesus said to them; Come, take your breakfast. Not one of the disciples had the courage to inquire of him; Who are you? Because they knew it was the Lord. (John 21:12)
- Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the fish likewise. (John 21:13)
- This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after his being raised up from the dead. (John 21:14)
- When, now, they had breakfasted, Jesus said to Simon Peter; Simon son of John, do you love me more than these? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Feed my lambs. (John 21:15)
- Again he said to him, a second time; Simon son of John, do you love me? He said to him; Yes, Lord, you know I have affection for you. He said to him; Shepherd my little sheep. (John 21:16)
- He said to him the third time; Simon son of John, do you have affection for me? Peter became grieved that he said to him the third time; Do you have affection for me? So he said to him; Lord, you know all things; You are aware that I have affection for you. Jesus said to him; Feed my little sheep. (John 21:17)
- Most truly I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself and walk about where you wanted. But when you grow old you will stretch out your hands and another man will gird you and bear you where you do not wish. (John 21:18)
- This he said to signify by what sort of death he would glorify God. So, when he had said this, he said to him; Continue following me. (John 21:19)

... Locations With Related Scriptures

- · Bethsaida
- Now they put in at **Bethsaida**. Here people brought him a blind man, and they entreated him to touch him. (Mark 8:22)
- And he took the blind man by the hand, brought him outside the village, and, having spit upon his eyes, he laid his hands upon him and began to ask him; Do you see anything? (Mark 8:23)
- And the man looked up and began saying; I see men, because I observe what seem to be trees, but they are walking about.

 (Mark 8:24)
- Then he laid his hands again upon the man's eyes, and the man saw clearly, and he was restored, and he was seeing everything distinctly. (Mark 8:25)
- So he sent him off home, saying; But do not enter into the village. (Mark 8:26)
- And when the apostles returned they recounted to him what things they had done. With that he took them along and withdrew to privacy into a city called **Bethsaida**. (Luke 9:10)
- But the crowds, getting to know it, followed him. And he received them kindly and began to speak to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those needing a cure. (Luke 9:11)
- Then the day started to decline. The twelve now came up and said to him; Dismiss the crowd, that they may go into the villages and countryside round about and procure lodging and find provisions, because out here we are in a lonely place. (Luke 9:12)
- But he said to them; You give them something to eat. They said; We have nothing more than five loaves and two fishes, unless perhaps we ourselves go and buy foodstuffs for all these people. (Luke 9:13)
- They were, in fact, about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples; Have them recline as at meals, in groups of about fifty

each. (Luke 9:14)

- And they did so and had them all recline. (Luke 9:15)
- Then taking the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, blessed them and broke them up and began to give them to the disciples to set before the crowd. (Luke 9:16)
- So they all ate and were satisfied, and the surplus that they had was taken up, twelve baskets of fragments. (Luke 9:17)
- Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the powerful works that have taken place in you had taken place in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented sitting in sackcloth and ashes. (Luke 10:13)

· Capernaum

- And he went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath. (Luke 4:31)
- And they were astounded at his way of teaching, because his speech was with authority. (Luke 4:32)
- Now in the synagogue there was a man with a spirit, an unclean demon, and he shouted with a loud voice: (Luke 4:33)
- Ah! What have we to do with you, Jesus you Nazarene? Did you come to destroy us? I know exactly who you are, the Holy One of God. (Luke 4:34)
- But Jesus rebuked it, saying; Be silent, and come out of him. So, after throwing the man down in their midst, the demon came out of him without hurting him. (Luke 4:35)
- At this, astonishment fell upon all, and they began to converse with one another, saying; What sort of speech is this, because with authority and power he orders the unclean spirits, and out they come? (Luke 4:36)
- So the news concerning him kept going out into every corner of the surrounding country. (Luke 4:37)
- After getting up out of the synagogue he entered into Simon's

- home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was distressed with a high fever, and they made request of him for her. (Luke 4:38)
- So he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Instantly she rose and began ministering to them. (Luke 4:39)
- But when the sun was setting, all those who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. By laying his hands upon each one of them he would cure them. (Luke 4:40)
- Demons also would come out of many, crying out and saying; You are the Son of God. But, rebuking them, he would not permit them to speak, because they knew him to be the Christ. (Luke 4:41)
- So, boarding the boat, he proceeded across and went into his own city. (Matthew 9:1)
- And, look! they were bringing him a paralyzed man lying on a bed. On seeing their faith Jesus said to the paralytic; Take courage, child. Your sins are forgiven. (Matthew 9:2)
- And, look! Certain of the scribes said to themselves; This fellow is blaspheming. (Matthew 9:3)
- And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said; Why are you thinking wicked things in your hearts? (Matthew 9:4)
- For instance, which is easier, to say; Your sins are forgiven, or to say; Get up and walk? (Matthew 9:5)
- However, in order for you to 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 to your home. (Matthew 9:6)
- And he got up and went off to his home. (Matthew 9:7)
- At the sight of this the crowds were struck with fear, and they glorified God, who gave such authority to men. (Matthew 9:8)
- Next, while passing along from there, Jesus caught sight of a man named Matthew seated at the tax office, and he said to him; Be my follower. Thereupon he did rise up and follow him. (Matthew 9:9)

- Later, while he was reclining at the table in the house, look!

 Many tax collectors and sinners came and began reclining with

 Jesus and his disciples. (Matthew 9:10)
- But on seeing this the Pharisees began to say to his disciples;
 Why is it that your teacher eats with tax collectors and sinners?
 (Matthew 9:11)
- Hearing them, he said; Persons in health do not need a physician, but the ailing do. (Matthew 9:12)
- Go, then, and learn what this means, I want mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came to call, not righteous people, but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)
- And you, Capernaum, will you perhaps be exalted to heaven?

 Down to Hades you will come, because if the powerful works that took place in you had taken place in Sodom, it would have remained until this very day. (Matthew 11:23)

· Chorazin

- Then he started to reproach the cities in which most of his powerful works had taken place, because they did not repent: (Matthew 11:20)
- Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! Because if the powerful works had taken place in Tyre and Sidon that took place in you, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes. (Matthew 11:21)
- Consequently I say to you, It will be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on Judgment Day than for you. (Matthew 11:22)

Gadara

- When he got to the other side, into the country of the Gadarenes, there met him two demon-possessed men coming out from among the memorial tombs, unusually fierce, so that nobody had the courage to pass by on that road. (Matthew 8:28)
- And, look! They screamed, saying; What have we to do with

- you, Son of God? Did you come here to torment us before the appointed time? (Matthew 8:29)
- But a long way off from them a herd of many swine was at pasture. (Matthew 8:30)
- So the demons began to entreat him, saying; If you expel us, send us forth into the herd of swine. (Matthew 8:31)
- Accordingly he said to them; Go! They came out and went off into the swine, and, look! The entire herd rushed over the precipice into the sea and died in the waters. (Matthew 8:32)
- But the herders fled and, going into the city, they reported everything, including the affair of the demon-possessed men. (Matthew 8:33)
- And, look! All the city turned out to meet Jesus, and after having seen him, they earnestly urged him to move out from their districts. (Matthew 8:34)
- · Magadan
- Finally, after sending the crowds away, he got into the boat and came into the regions of Magadan. (Matthew 15:39)
- A wicked and adulterous generation keeps on seeking for a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah. With that he went away, leaving them behind. (Matthew 16:4)
- Plain of Gennesaret
- And they got across and came to land in Gennesaret. (Matthew 14:34)
- Upon recognizing him the men of that place sent forth into all that surrounding country, and people brought him all those who were ill. (Matthew 14:35)
- And they went entreating him that they might just touch the fringe of his outer garment, and all those who touched it were made completely well. (Matthew 14:36)
- Sea of Galilee

- By now the boat was many hundreds of yards away from land, being hard put to it by the waves, because the wind was against them. (Matthew 14:24)
- But in the fourth watch period of the night he came to them, walking over the sea. (Matthew 14:25)
- When they caught sight of him walking on the sea, the disciples were troubled, saying; It is an apparition! And they cried out in their fear. (Matthew 14:26)
- But at once Jesus spoke to them with the words; Take courage, it is I. Have no fear. (Matthew 14:27)
- In reply Peter said to him; Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you over the waters. (Matthew 14:28)
- He said; Come! Thereupon Peter, getting down off the boat, walked over the waters and went toward Jesus. (Matthew 14:29)
- But looking at the windstorm, he got afraid and, after starting to sink, he cried out; Lord, save me! (Matthew 14:30)
- Immediately stretching out his hand Jesus caught hold of him and said to him; You with little faith, why did you give way to doubt? (Matthew 14:31)
- And after they got up into the boat, the windstorm abated. (Matthew 14:32)
- Then those in the boat did obeisance to him, saying; You are really God's Son. (Matthew 14:33)
- And they got across and came to land in Gennesaret. (Matthew 14:34)
- And on that day, when evening had fallen, he said to them; Let us cross to the other shore. (Mark 4:35)
- So, after they had dismissed the crowd, they took him in the boat, just as he was, and there were other boats with him. (Mark 4:36)
- Now a great violent windstorm broke out, and the waves kept

- dashing into the boat, so that the boat was close to being swamped. (Mark 4:37)
- But he was in the stern, sleeping upon a pillow. So they woke him up and said to him; Teacher, do you not care that we are about to perish? (Mark 4:38)
- With that he roused himself and rebuked the wind and said to the sea; Hush! Be quiet! And the wind abated, and a great calm set in. (Mark 4:39)
- So he said to them; Why are you fainthearted? Do you not yet have any faith? (Mark 4:40)
- But they felt an unusual fear, and they would say to one another;
 Who really is this, because even the wind and the sea obey him?
 (Mark 4:41)
- On an occasion when the crowd was pressing close upon him and listening to the word of God, he was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret. (Luke 5:1)
- And he saw two boats docked at the lakeside, but the fishermen had got out of them and were washing off their nets. (Luke 5:2)
- Going aboard one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to pull away a bit from land. Then he sat down, and from the boat he began teaching the crowds. (Luke 5:3)
- When he ceased speaking, he said to Simon; Pull out to where it is deep, and you men let down your nets for a catch. (Luke 5:4)
- But Simon in reply said; Instructor, for a whole night we toiled and took nothing, but at your bidding I will lower the nets. (Luke 5:5)
- Well, when they did this, they enclosed a great multitude of fish. In fact, their nets began ripping apart. (Luke 5:6)
- So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and assist them, and they did come, and they filled both boats, so that these began to sink. (Luke 5:7)
- Seeing this, Simon Peter fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying;

Depart from me, because I am a sinful man, Lord. (Luke 5:8)

- For at the catch of fish which they took up astonishment overwhelmed him and all those with him. (Luke 5:9)
- And likewise both James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were sharers with Simon. But Jesus said to Simon; Stop being afraid. From now on you will be catching men alive. (Luke 5:10)
- So they brought the boats back to land, and abandoned everything and followed him. (Luke 5:11)

· Tiberias

- At that particular time Herod, the district ruler, heard the report about Jesus (Matthew 14:1)
- And said to his servants; This is John the Baptist. He was raised up from the dead, and this is why the powerful works are operating in him. (Matthew 14:2)
- For Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him away in prison on account of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother. (Matthew 14:3)
- For John had been saying to him; It is not lawful for you to be having her. (Matthew 14:4)
- However, although he wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they took him for a prophet. (Matthew 14:5)
- But when Herod's birthday was being celebrated the daughter of Herodias danced at it and pleased Herod so much (Matthew 14:6)
- That he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. (Matthew 14:7)
- Then she, under her mother's coaching, said; Give me here upon a platter the head of John the Baptist. (Matthew 14:8)
- Grieved though he was, the king out of regard for his oaths and for those reclining with him commanded it to be given. (Matthew 14:9)

- And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. (Matthew 14:10)
- And his head was brought on a platter and given to the maiden, and she brought it to her mother. (Matthew 14:11)