

~MAGADAN (42) (Mag'a-dan)

- An area near the Sea of Galilee to which Jesus withdrew after his miraculous feeding of about 4,000 men.
- Finally, after sending the crowds away, he got into the boat and came into the regions of **Magadan**. (**Matthew 15:39**)
- Manuscripts of more recent date here read **Magdala**.
- And immediately he boarded the boat with his disciples and came into the parts of **Dalmanutha**. (**Mark 8:10**)
- According to the best **Greek** manuscripts, referred to the same territory as, **Dalmanutha**.

See Also DALMANUTHA

- No place called **Magadan** is today known in the region around the Sea of Galilee. However, some scholars believe that **Magadan** is the same as **Magdala**.
- Lending some support to this view is the fact that in Aramaic the letter / often replaces the / of **Hebrew** words. Thus Magadan could have been changed to **Magdala**. Others suggest that **Magdala** perhaps came to appear in more recent copies of the Greek text on account of an attempt to equate **Magadan** with modern **Majdal**.
- **Magdala**, possibly **Magada**, is considered to be **Khirbet Majdal**, **Migdal**, about 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) North-Northwest of Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee. Located near the fork formed by the road running along the Sea of Galilee from Tiberias and the one coming down from the western hills, this site occupies a strategic position.
- Ruins of a relatively modern tower found there indicate that Majdal once guarded the southern entrance to the Plain of Gennesaret. Both Majdal and Magdala a form of the **Hebrew**, *migh-dal'*, mean Tower. This place is often suggested as the home of Mary Magdalene.