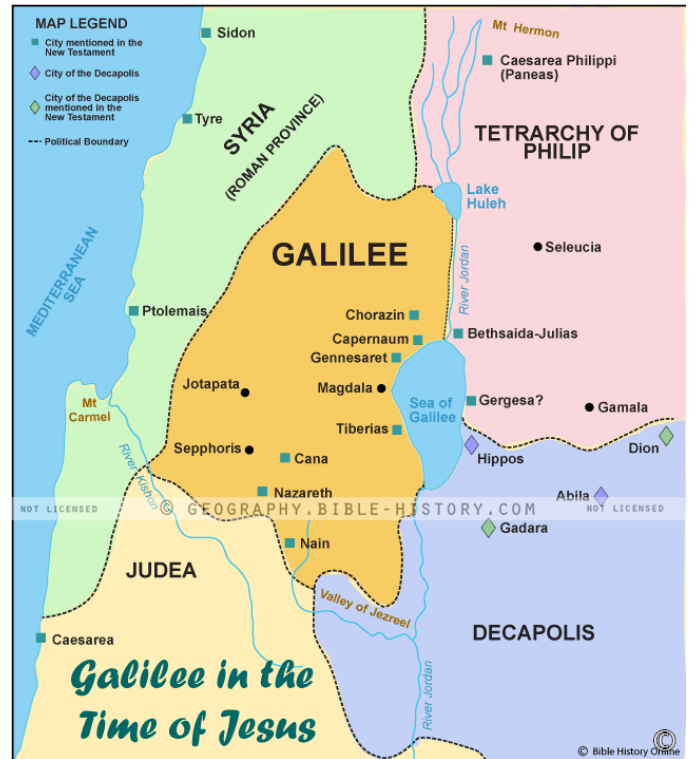


JESUS WALKS ON THE WATER

1. Read Mark 6:45-52. Jesus made/compelled/ordered the disciples to get in a boat and go across the sea to the other side. How is this similar to 6:37a?
2. The 4th watch of the night was between 3 and 6am. Perhaps Jesus comes to them near dawn. The disciples then need help or “look for” help as the Psalmist does. Read Psalm 130:6. How might we pattern our lives this way? Consider LSB 869.
3. How does Jesus walking on the sea (vs 48) relate to Job 9:8?



4. In verse 48, Mark records that Jesus “meant to pass them by.” This is an example of the peculiar things Jesus did as we discussed at the beginning of this class. However, if one considers not just Job 9:8 but also Job 9:11, we see that there may be more going on here.
 - A. Read Job 9:8,11. What is the literal expression that Mark is conveying?

Do not miss the enormity of this!

In Jesus and in His ministry, Israel/His disciples/we are confronted with a literal instantiation of the OT words of description and promise as they relate to Yahweh and His deeds.

- i. Yahweh says He Himself will shepherd His sheep (Ezek 34:15), and so Jesus literally is (Mk 6:34).
- ii. Yahweh says He Himself will lead His blind people on the way to Jerusalem (Is 42:16; 48:17; 52:8), and so Jesus literally does (Mk 10:32; 10:52).
- iii. Yahweh is described as walking on the sea and passing by unrecognized (Job 9:8, 11), and so Jesus literally does (Mk 6:48).

****In Jesus is actually the *full*-fillment of the OT story, history, and hope.**

- B. But wait... there’s more: Reread Job 9:11. What does Job lament?

C. What is different for the disciples?

D. What does this mean for us?

5. In verse 52, Mark records: “for they did not understand about the loaves.” What didn’t they understand? In order to get at that answer, first consider another story in the Scriptures that have to do with treading on water and miraculous giving of bread. So, what did the disciples not understand?

6. Read Mark 6: 53-56.

CLEAN AND UNCLEAR—THE DISCUSSION

7. Read Mark 7:1-23. At first glance, this section of Mark’s Gospel seems out of place. What is a long discussion on purity doing in an action-packed Gospel?

8. How did Jesus answer the complaint that his disciples did not wash their hands before they ate? By what authority did Jesus make his point?

9. In what way did the tradition regarding Corban “[make] void the word of God”?

10. According to Jesus, how could a person’s “cleanness” be determined?

11. A controversy arises in your congregation. New pews must be purchased. Some members insist that the pews must come with kneelers so that worshipers can kneel for the confession of sins and the absolution. Other members insist that this is not necessary. In what way will the words of this lesson be of help in dealing with this problem?

CLEAN AND UNCLEAR—A CONCRETE EXAMPLE

12. Read Mark 7:24-30. How is this story a parallel to 1:23-28?

13. What is the promise Yahweh gives through the Messiah? See Isaiah 42:6 and Genesis 12:3.

14. What is the tremendous insight this Gentile woman has?

15. Why is the woman actually short-sighted?