



Capernaum

The City of Our Lord — Pt. 1



Facts About Capernaum

- ◇ A small Jewish fishing/agricultural community on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee near the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali.
- ◇ The metropolis of Galilee due in part to its prosperous trade.
- ◇ Only ½ mile in length, but contained up to 15,000 people, most of whom were fishermen.
- ◇ Mentioned 16 times in N.T. gospels only, not in O.T.
- ◇ Means “city of Nahum,” or “city of comfort”
- ◇ It was the city Jesus chose to live in – Mt. 9:1
- ◇ Five of the apostles were from there or that area.



Jesus' Move to Capernaum

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6; Matt. 4:12-16

Jesus' Move and Fulfilled Prophecy

- Isaiah prophesied of a great light shining in the area of Capernaum – Isa. 9:1-2, 6
 - Zebulun and Naphtali would have seen gloom and anguish from Assyria's invasion and destruction (722 BC)
 - They would see a great light that would dispel their darkness
- This was fulfilled in Jesus' move to Capernaum – Mt. 4:12-16
 - This move brought the great light of salvation – Isa. 9:6
 - Capernaum experienced *Immanuel*, "God with us" – Mt. 1:23
 - God's Son lived and walked among them, teaching and doing great miracles!

Jesus Teaching in Capernaum



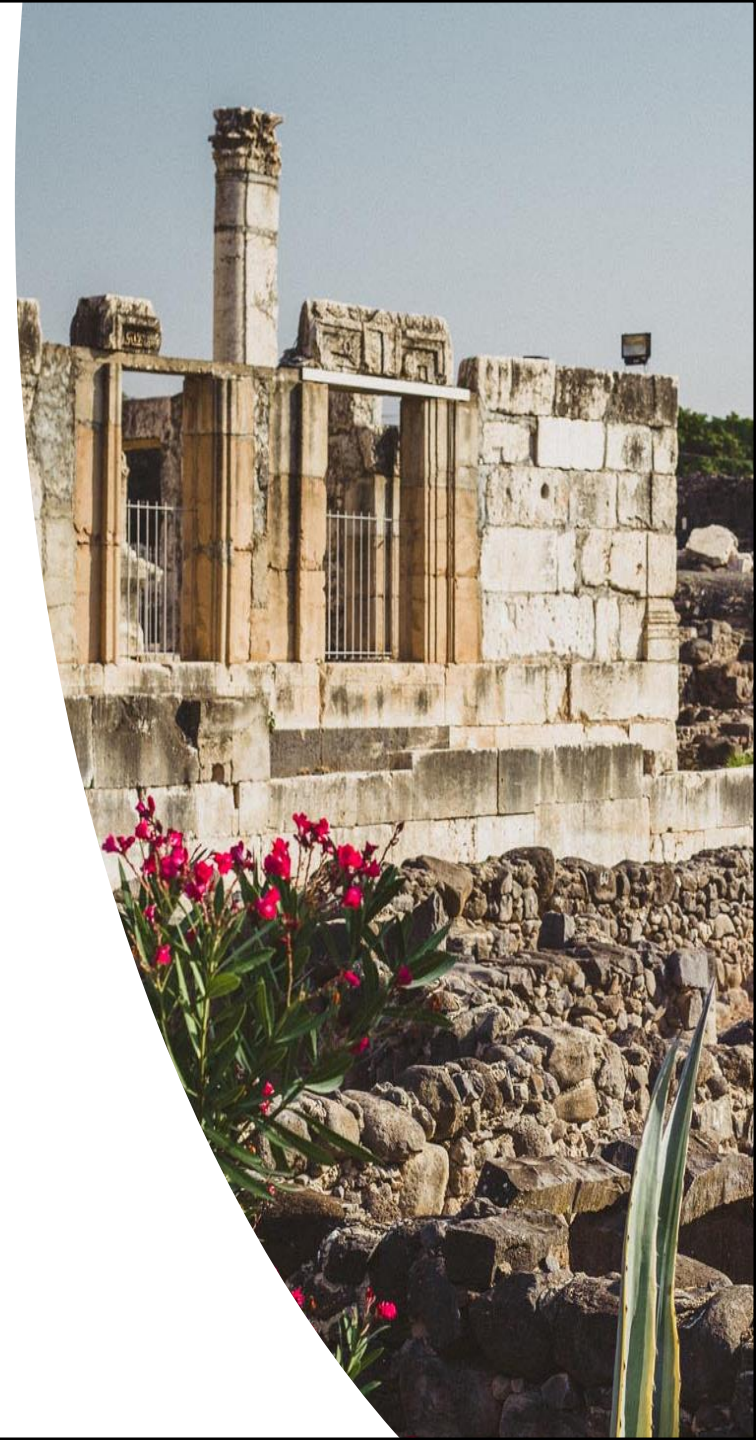


Jesus Taught...

- Concerning the kingdom of God – Lk. 4:14-15; Mk. 1:14-15
- Differently and with power – Mk. 1:21-22
- The spiritual nature of His Messiahship and kingdom – Jn. 6:24-29, 44-45
 - Disciples wanted Jesus to provide them with daily food to eat
 - Jesus told them to work for spiritual food leading to eternal life, seeing God only draws people to Christ *spiritually* – 6:44-45
 - These disciple were the first to leave Jesus – Jn. 6:66
 - People continue to reject Jesus' words, trying to draw the world with food/carnal appeals, rejecting the power of the gospel!

Jesus Taught...

- Concerning being God's Son – Mt. 17:24-27
 - The temple tax was commanded by God – Ex. 30:13
 - Being the Messiah meant that Jesus was God's Son and exempted!
 - Jesus proved His sonship by reading Peter's mind and knowing the fish would have a coin in its mouth.
 - Jesus showed Sonship meant sacrifice – Phil. 2:5-8
- Who is the greatest in the kingdom – Mk. 9:33-37
 - The disciples quickly forgot that Jesus had to die and they returned to their carnal view of the kingdom.
 - Jesus taught that the first must be last and servant of all – Phil. 2:3-4



Conclusion

- If the history of Capernaum stopped here...
 - With them only hearing of the miracle of Jesus performed in Cana – Jn. 2
 - With Jesus coming and living there in the flesh and fulfilling prophecy in doing so
 - With the light of Jesus teaching being shed on these people
 - **Would Capernaum have reason enough to believe and follow Jesus?**
- Answer:
 - Not every Jewish town experienced Jesus and His miracles – Jn. 20:29, 30-31
 - The gospel is to be preached so all can hear, believe, and be saved – Acts 15:6-7; Rm. 1:16
- **What will you do with Jesus?**