

Gospel of Mark

Christ & the Canaanite Woman
by Annibale Carracci (1594-1595)

10-1-23

chapter

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- 15 Sacrificed
- 16 ALIVE



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Who Loves Like That?



Meet the ONE person in the
N.T. who **OUTWITTED** Jesus

Rather ... the one person
Jesus **allowed** to OUTWIT

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Three Episodes – ending w Healing a Deaf & Dumb Man

Mark 6 Disciples to Bethsaida

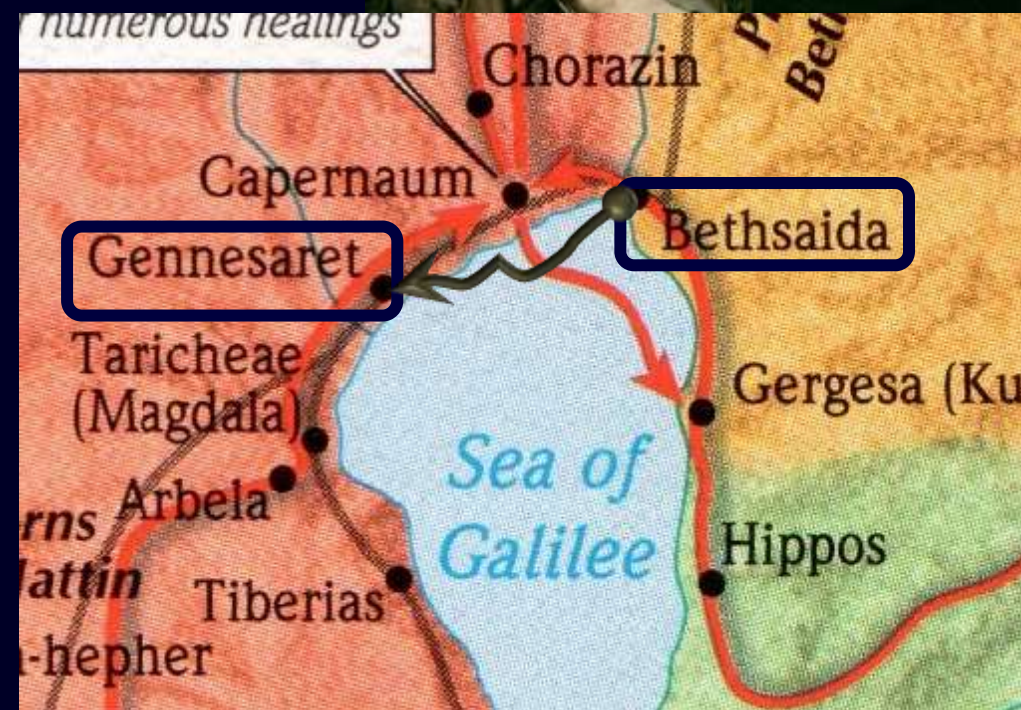
Jesus walks on water – they land Bethsaida
by ship to Gennesaret – maybe 5-6 miles
heals in towns & countryside

**Mark 7 opens with Jews who came
from Jerusalem ... to Jesus**

Their Concern?

**Look at HOW Jesus' Disciples are
EATING**

By now ... as the Pharisees' Hate Grows – so does the Disciples' LOVE



Seems YOUNG Mark is not *merely* in **AWE** at Jesus' work

- Also Mark was in **AWE** of the older Disciples' **AWE**
- How ALL are increasing in **LOVE** for Jesus
- Not just vast healings, but **HOW** Jesus healed
- They watch Jesus **LOVE** the **POOR** like *never before*
NOT as overlord, but as one who genuinely CARED



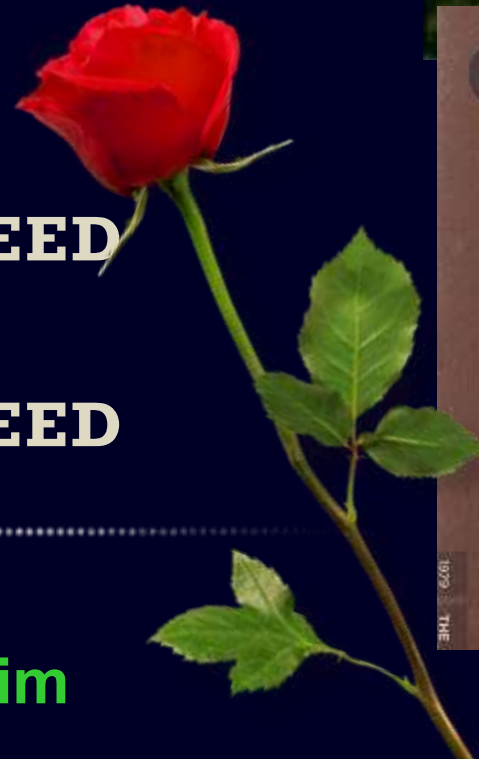
The Rose ~ by Bett Midler, 1979

Some say Love, it is a hunger,
an endless aching **NEED**

I say Love, it is a flower,
and you its only **SEED**



There is a lady whom Jesus let *outwit* him



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- 1 **Pharisees ... teachers of the law ... from Jerusalem ...**
- 2 **SAW ... disciples eating food with hands**
NOT ceremonially cleaned ...
NOT holding to the tradition of the elders....
- 4 ***Mark explains as to Gentiles / Romans Jewish customs***
- 5 **Pharisees & teachers of the law asked Jesus....**

According to SOME ... the following is so UN-Christian
UN-Loving ... UN-Christ-like ... except it was JESUS who said it:

- 6 **Jesus replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about**
YOU Hypocrites

Doesn't give us license to say such at every WHIM ... yet GOOD WORD

Word used is ὑποκριτῶν / hypokritōn – straight from Greek ... 18x in N.T.



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6-7 Jesus replied, “Isaiah was right ... hypocrites;

These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.

Isaiah
29:13

Jesus states obvious ... that all NORMAL people SEE

8-9 You have LET GO of the commands of God & are holding on to HUMAN TRADITIONS.” ... setting aside commands of God to observe your own traditions!

10-11 For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother....

TALK about father & mother but ...

12 then you NO LONGER let them do anything FOR their father or mother.

13 Thus you nullify the Word of God by your tradition....

Pharisees & Teachers of the Law – get SCHOOLED by Son of God



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7:14 Again Jesus called the crowd ... said,
“Listen to me, **EVERYONE**, and understand this.

15 Nothing outside a person can defile by
going **INTO** them

Rather, it is what
comes **OUT**
of a person that defiles them.”

17 After he had left the crowd & entered the house,
his disciples asked him about this parable.

18-19 “Are you so **DULL?**” ... “nothing that enters ... can defile....

19 For it doesn't go into their heart but into stomach... then out...

In saying this, Jesus declared **ALL** foods clean.

20 “What comes **OUT** of a person is what defiles them.

Seems simple enough, Jesus **SAYING** it, yet **WHO** can we **FULLY GRASP?**



7:21-22 For it is from within,
out of a person's heart,
that **EVIL** thoughts come—

sexual immorality, theft, murder,
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,
lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance & folly.

23 All these **EVILS** come from **inside** and defile a person.”

Look at these “**EVIL** thoughts” and see the **WIDE SPREAD** of “**EVIL**”

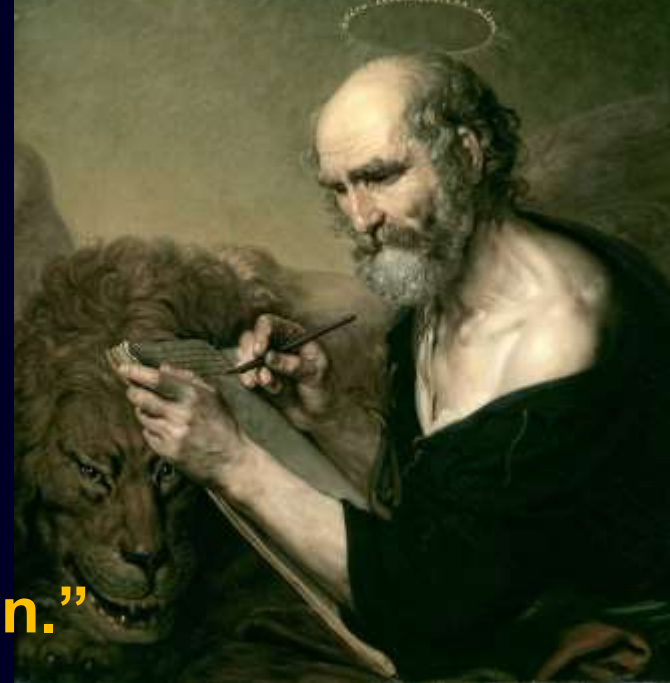
Murder – Greed – Folly ??? ... Who has **NOT THOUGHT** at some time?

Who has **NOT** been guilty of **FOLLY?** **ENVY?**

Surely **FOLLY & ENVY** are not near as “**EVIL**” as **MURDER** and

Back up ... **WORST** than **THAT** – Jesus is talking about **THOUGHTS**

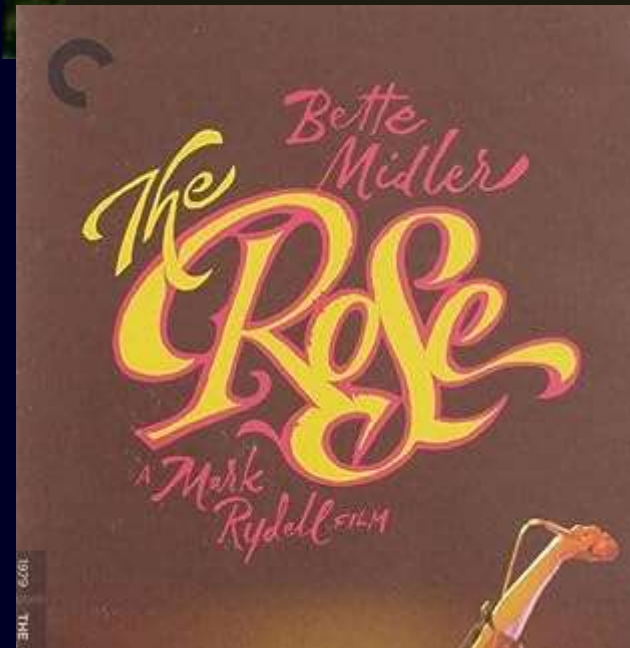
Actions are bad enough ... Jesus **RAISED** the **BAR** to **EVIL THOUGHTS**



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It's the heart afraid of breaking
that never learns to **DANCE**

It's the dream afraid of waking
that never takes the **CHANCE**



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24 Jesus left & went to the vicinity of Tyre.

40 miles from Capernaum ... ????

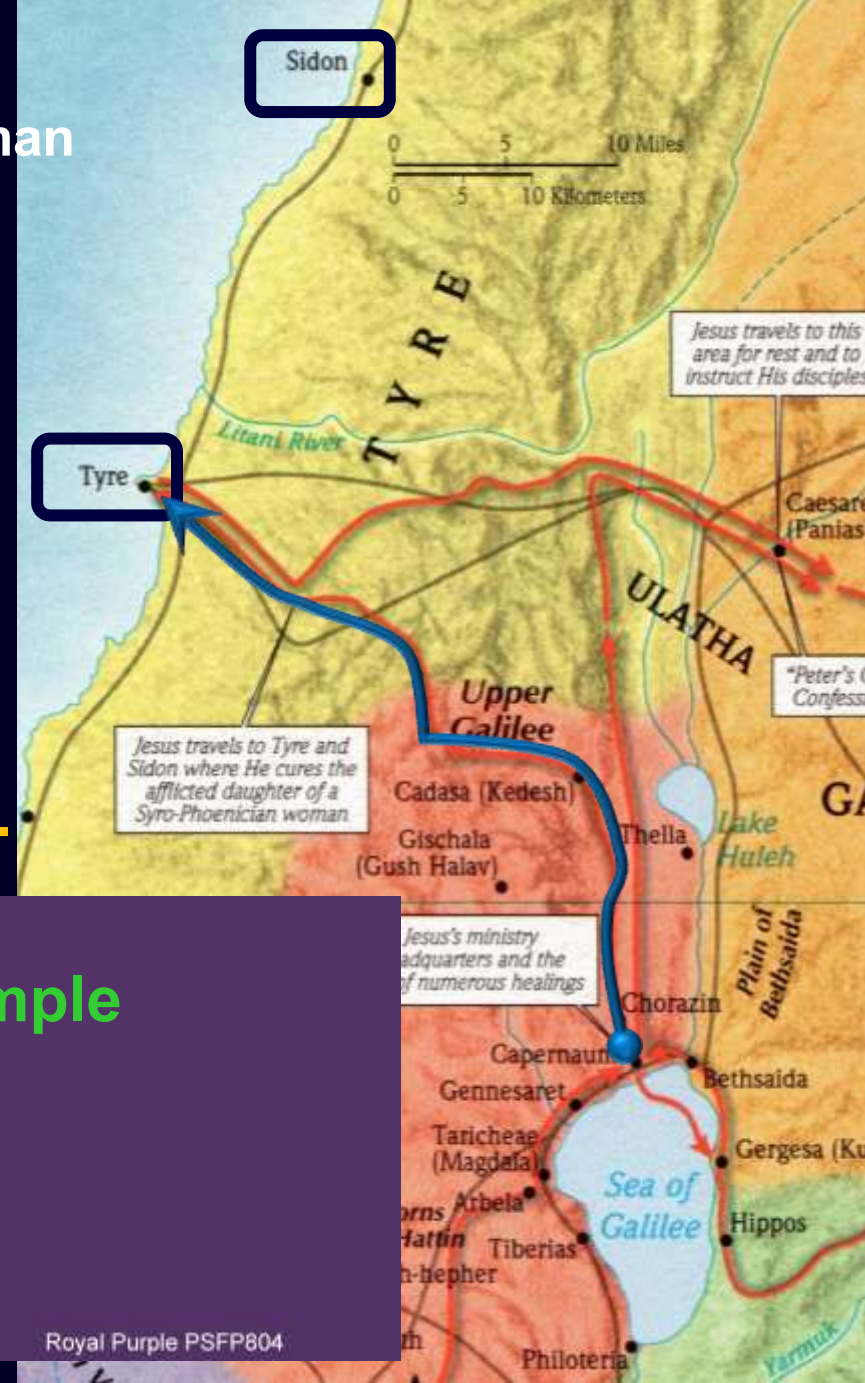
Tyre & Sidon were united in King David's time
Separated about time of Jeremiah, 700 B.C.

Jesus entered a house & did not want anyone to know it;
yet he could **NOT KEEP** his presence secret.

Tyre of Lebanon helped supplies cedars & craftsmen for David's palace & Solomon's Temple

Tyre famous for Royal PURPLE from the Murex sea snails – worth weight in gold

Only royalty allowed to wear it in some areas



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You know ... WE know now ... esp from Mark
MANY many many healings ...

Matthew, Mark, Luke, John give **MEMORABLE** ones

I can imagine on the way to Tyre ...

Mark **TRIPS** ... sprains his ankle

Jesus said, **"I can help with that."**

Peter one night **BURNS** himself starting fire

Jesus said, **"Here, let me see your hand."**

Perhaps their wineskin went dry ...

10 PM & all were **STILL** listening to Jesus

Jesus hands back the **FULL** wineskin



7:24 Jesus > Tyre ... enters house ... didn't want any to know it ... could not keep his presence secret.

25 In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed ... came
fell at his feet

26 Woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia.
She begged Jesus to drive the

DEMON out of her daughter

27 “First let the children eat all they want,” said Jesus, “for it is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

Matt 15 a Canaanite Woman from Tyre region
Feed “children” first ... HER A “DOG”?



Christ Healing the Deaf Mute of Decapolis
by Bartholomeus Breenbergh, 1635

How Do I Love Thee? Sonnet 43

by Elizabeth Barrett Browning 1806–1861

- ❖ 1 of 12 children, began writing poetry at 4 yrs old!
- ❖ She wrote “Cry for the Children” opposing child labor
- ❖ She married famous poet Robert Browning 1846
- ❖ Candidate for Poet Laureate w Lord Tennyson 1850



How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach, when feeling out of sight

For the ends of being and ideal grace.

I love thee to the level of every day's
Most quiet need, by sun and candle-light.

I love thee freely, as men strive for right.



Elizabeth Barrett Browning
1806–1861

Remarkable miracle ... w Demons
What are the physics of this World?
Jesus does NOT even need to be
present or speak *directly* to Demons



Woman of Canaan at the Feet of Christ, 1784
by Jean-Germain Drouais (1763-1788)



Everything that Jesus says is an
IMPORTANT Lesson on Life & Living
To US – what Jesus said *appears offensive*
Yet He *knew* her **LOVE** for her daughter ...
knew her **BELIEF** in his miracles ...
knew her **Love/Belief** pushed **OUT**
pushed **OUT ALL** Offense ...
Jesus could NOT OFFEND her ...

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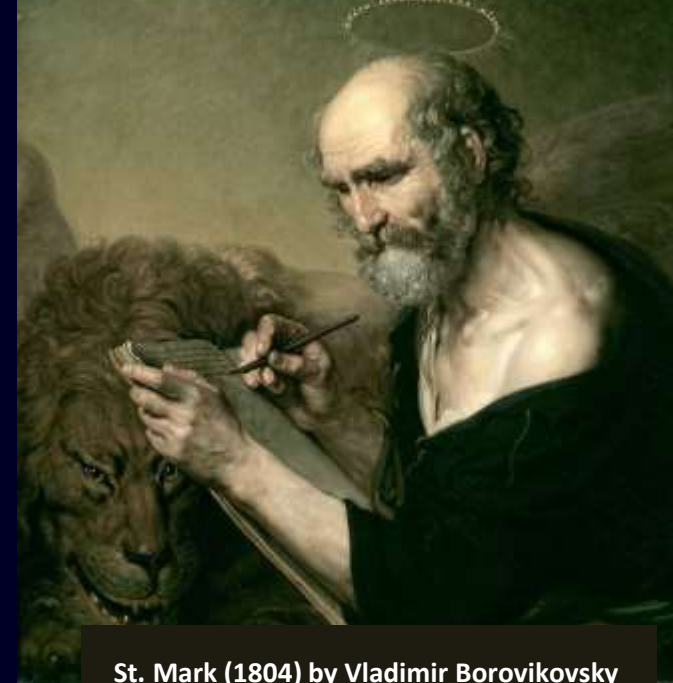
**It's the one who won't be taken
who cannot seem to GIVE
And the soul afraid of dying
that never learns to LIVE**

**She took NO Offense of Jesus
MORE than that ...**

**She looked PAST the Offense
Her LOVE for her daughter
Her BELIEF in Jesus' LOVE**

**She looked PAST the Offense
to the HEALING she KNEW Jesus could do**

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7:27 “First let the children eat not right to take
“children’s bread & toss it to the dogs.”

28 “Lord,” she replied, “even the dogs under the table
eat the children’s crumbs.”

29 Then he told her, “For such a reply,
you may go, the **DEMON** has left your daughter.”

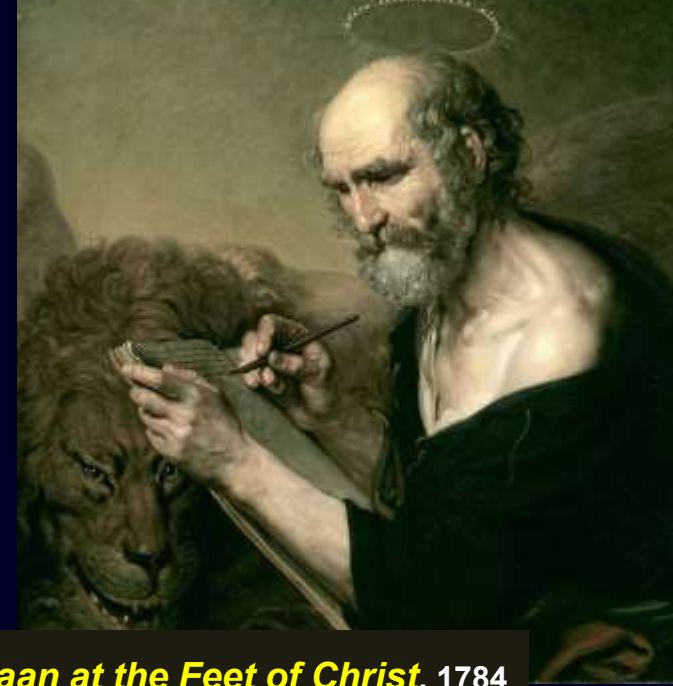
30 She went home and found her child
lying on the bed & the **DEMON GONE**.

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To us today, this is an *EXTRA*ordinary miracle
NOT of creation, but of TWO REVELATIONS

1. How Physical Interlaces w Spiritual and
How Christ RULES over both

2. How this Woman Believed like FEW,
Her **Love/Belief** in Christ COULD
NOT be offended



How Do I Love Thee? (Sonnet 43)

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I love thee purely, as they turn from praise.

I love thee with the passion put to use

In my old griefs, and with my childhood's faith.

I love thee with a love I seemed to lose

With my lost saints. I love thee with the breath,

Smiles, tears, of all my life; and, if God choose,

I shall but love thee better after death.



Elizabeth Barrett Browning
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31 Then Jesus left ... Tyre & went through Sidon down to the Sea of Galilee ... the region of the Decapolis.

Deca = 10 – league of 10 Cities est. by Ptolemy the Great c. 63 B.C.

By 1st century A.D. – defined area
Struck own coinage, paid imperial taxes
This is a huge area ... to WALK

How many MORE “talks”

Between Tyre & 70-100 miles thru Decapolis?

Many more Healings and ??

How well do yah get to know one under so many starry nights



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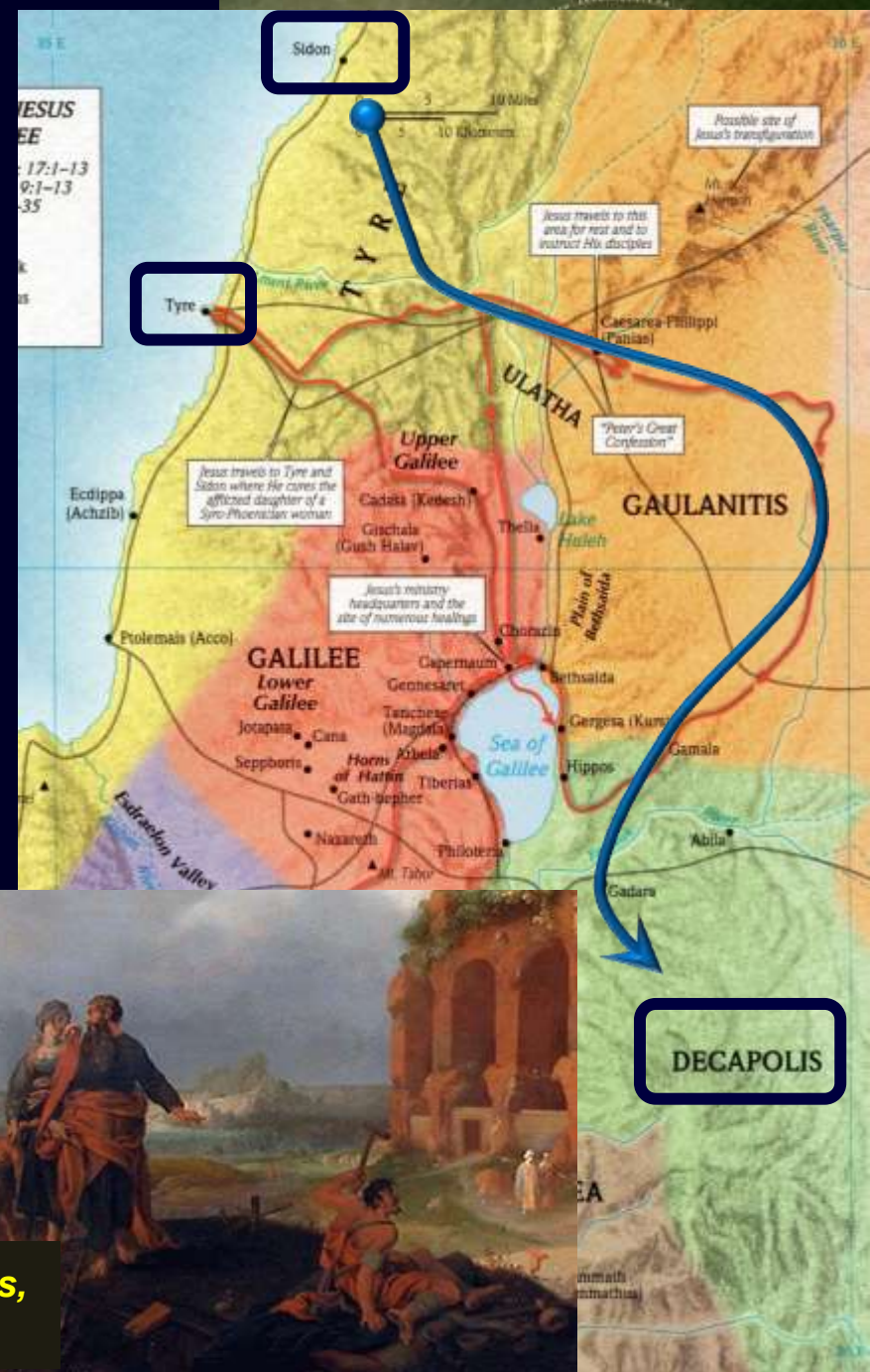
32 People brought to Jesus a man who was deaf & could hardly talk ...

begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

I want FRIENDS like that ... *forgive me for asking*
Are YOU such a friend? ... *for sure, some*

33 After he took him aside, away from crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. ... spit & touched the man's tongue.

34 He looked up to heaven & with a deep sigh said, "Ephphatha!" > "Be opened!"



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Right after two-sided REVELATION
1. Physical/Spiritual Interlaced
2. Woman's Love/Belief Strength
Jesus Touches & Heals FOR Others

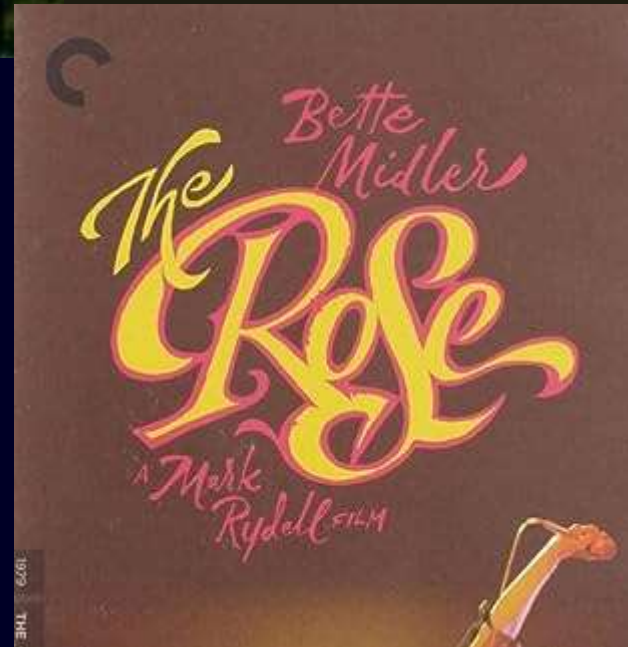
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You KNOW ... know VERY well
Those who CANNOT Hear
who CANNOT Talk – but can SEE
Loneliest of ALL

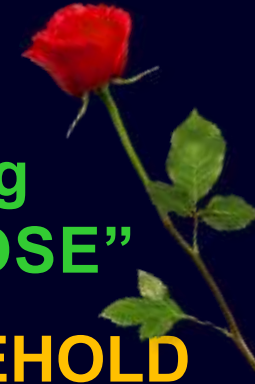


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**When the night has been too lonely
and the road has been too LONG
And you think that love is only
for the lucky and the STRONG**



**7:35 At this, the man's ears were opened,
his tongue was loosened and
he began to speak plainly.**



**Isaiah 35:1-10 mentions the Rose symbolizing
how the DESERT will "blossom as the ROSE"**

**Is 35:4-6 fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: BEHOLD
your God will come ... and save you....**

Eyes of the blind opened ... ears of the deaf unstopped....

Lame man leap as a hart ... Tongue of the dumb SING ...

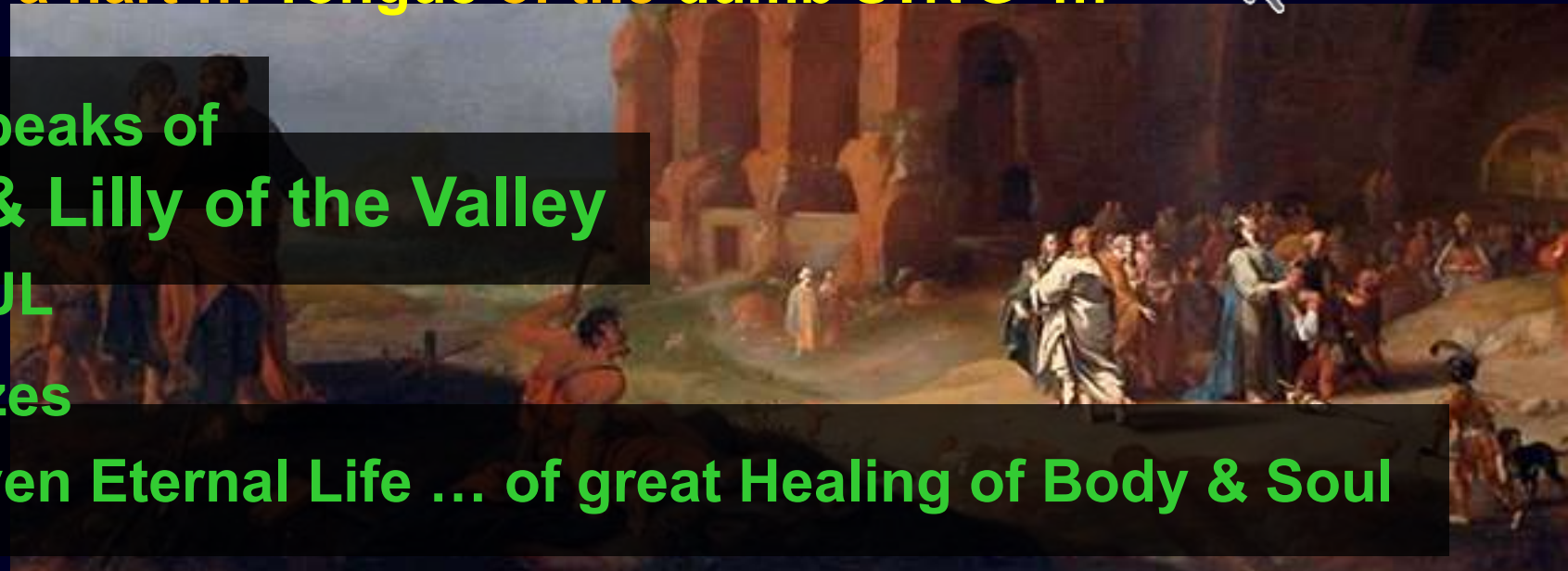


**Song of Solomon 2 speaks of
Rose of Sharon & Lilly of the Valley**

Love & Beauty of SOUL

Spring Rose symbolizes

Giving of New Life, even Eternal Life ... of great Healing of Body & Soul



34 He looked up to heaven & with a deep sigh said, “*Ephphatha!*” (“Be opened!”).

35 At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

36 Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.

Only Mark remembered this journey thru Decapolis

Only Mark recalls this handicapped man with such very

Good Friends

What’s the lesson from Jesus’ Command?

Could be He **KNEW** the more He said “**NO**” the **MORE** they’d **TELL**?



37 People were overwhelmed with amazement.

“He has done everything well,” they said.

“He even makes the Deaf Hear & Mute Speak.”

This is—what?—A.D. 31? ... Who are the Deaf & Mute
Gentile WOMEN ... the POOR ... and most certainly
Handicapped were DEAF & MUTE ...

Now the Pharisees & Teachers of the LAW have a problem

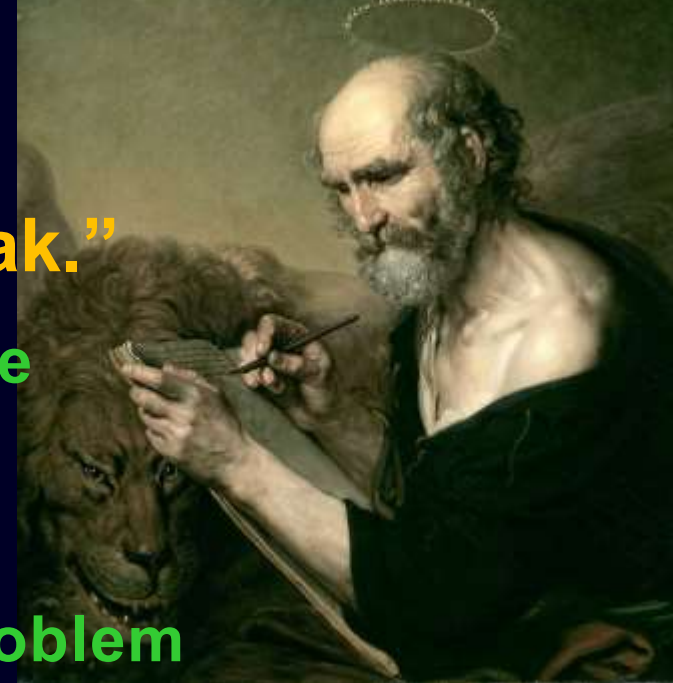
Jesus does not need to WRITE anything ... cause

EVERYONE is telling
His Story = HisStory

What He's doing

Oh yes ... unlike Pharisees
they're telling how

Jesus & God Love the POOR



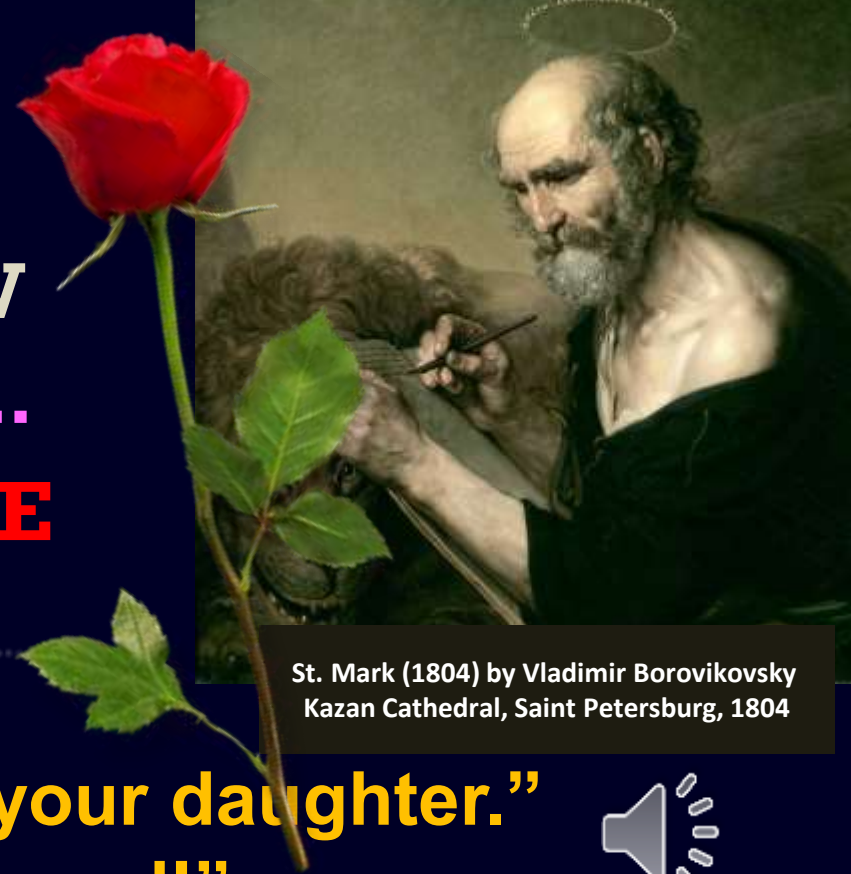
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Just remember in the winter

far beneath the bitter SNOW

Lies the seed that with the SON's Love ...

in the spring becomes the ROSE



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7:9 Jesus said, "go, the DEMON has left your daughter."

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Wonderful *Healing* Counselor ... and as the Rose is the

Perfect Flower, so Christ is Perfect in Nature

giver of Life Eternal

OUR Rose of Sharon