

March 1

# Matthew

- 14 **Courage—John Beheaded & Jesus Walks on Water** Jesus Predicts His Death
- 15 **Devotion—What DEFILES, Canaanite Woman & Feed 4,000** His Death
- 16 **Jesus—Peter Declares “You Are the Messiah”** - - - **1st Time**
- 17 **Glory—Transfiguration & Heals Demon Possessed Boy** - **2nd Time**
- 18 **Forgiveness—Greatest in Kingdom & Parables of Wandering Sheep & Unmerciful Servant**
- 28 **Resurrection Commission—Happy Easter**
- 19 **Eternal Life—Divorce, Children, Rich & Kingdom**
- 20 **Grace—Parables Workers & Vinyard & 2 Blind Men SEE** - **3rd Time**
- 21 **Authority—Jesus’ Triumphal Entry & Temple Parables of Two Sons & of the Tenants**
- 22-23 **Honor—Parable of Marriage Banquet – Greatest Commands**
- 24 **Alert—Temple Destruction & NO ONE Knows the HOUR**
- 25 **Active Faith—Parables of Virgins, Bag of Gold, Sheep & Goats**
- 26 **Atonement—Last Supper & Jesus’ Arrest**
- 27 **Our Savior—Betrayal & Crucifixion**



Matthew, c. 1625  
by Frans Hal



Sea  
of Galilee

Christ in the Storm on the  
Lake of Galilee, 1633  
Rembrandt (1606-1669)

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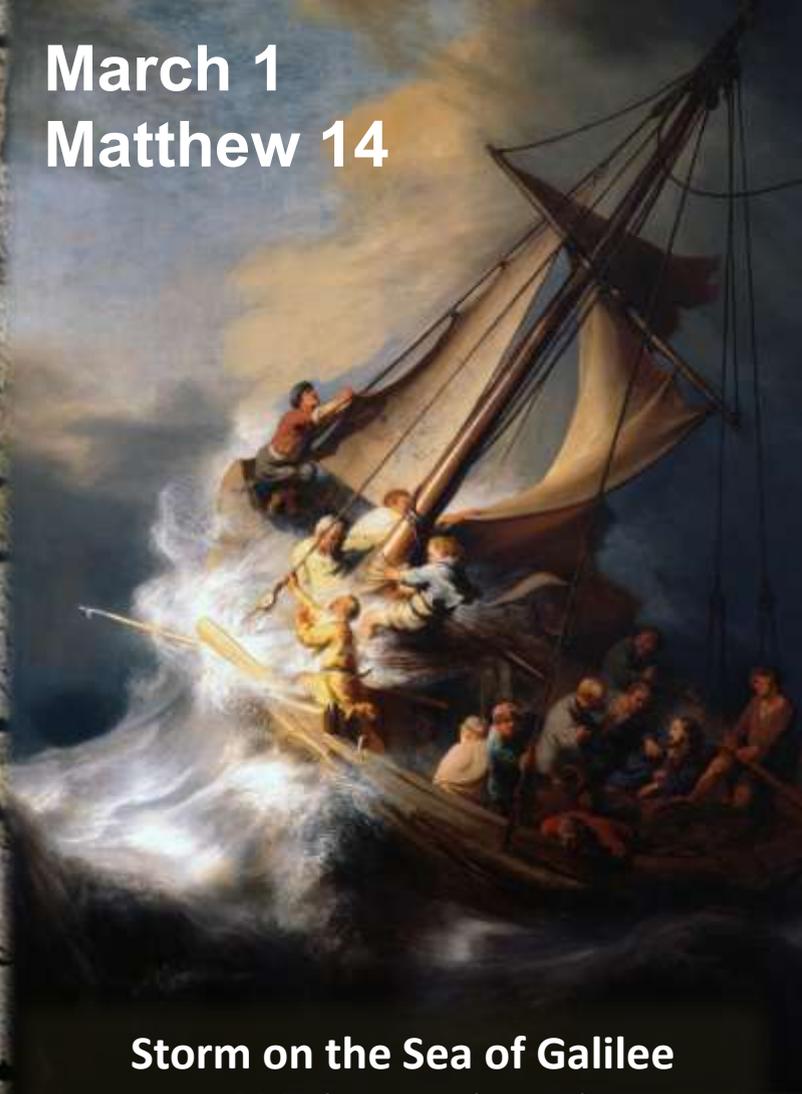
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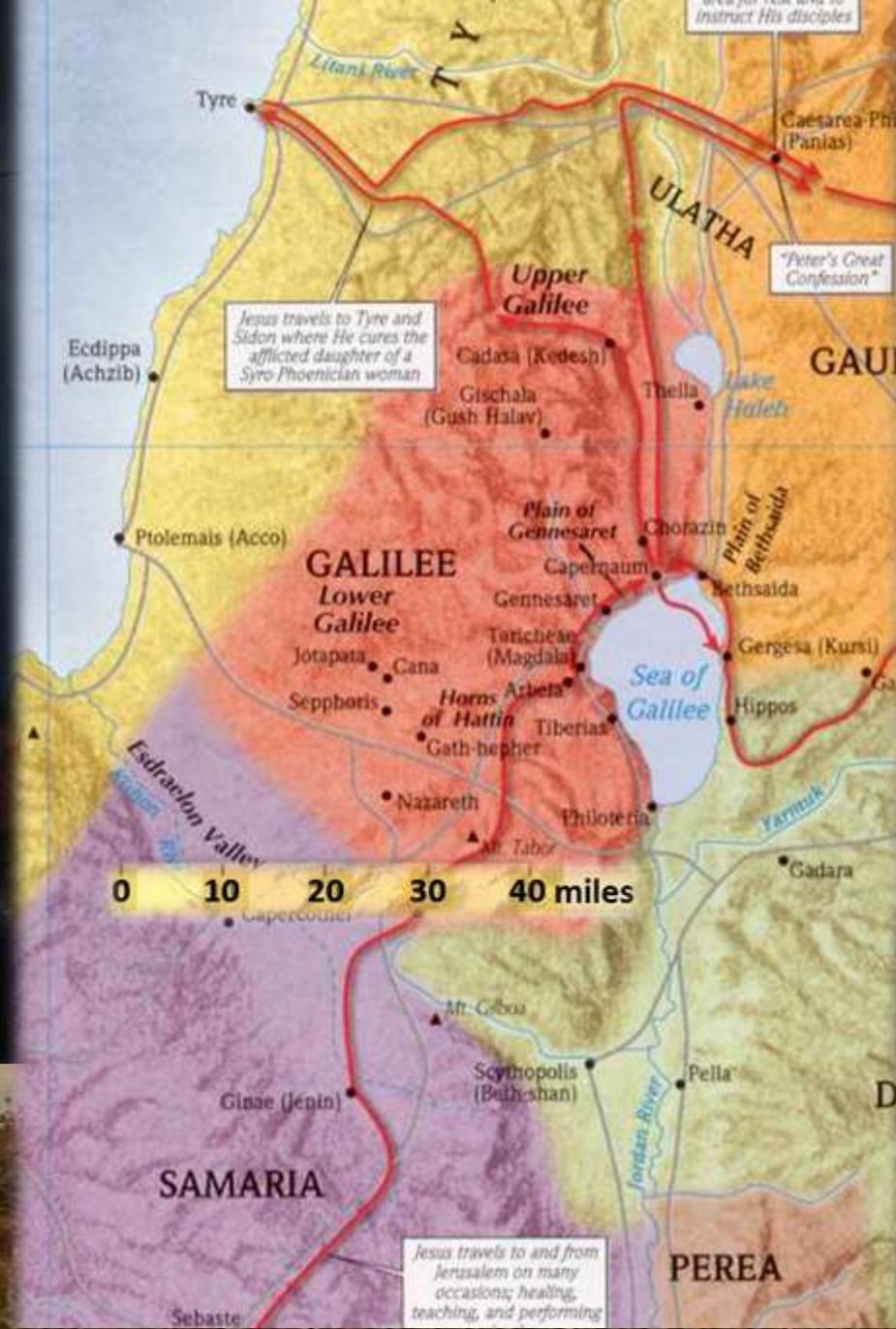
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Storm on the Sea of Galilee  
1633, by Rembrandt



Decapolis

# Matthew 14

## 1-12 John the Baptist Beheaded

Notice the power of life & death – just an order

Notice the LACK of squeamishness by young girl dancer

## 13-21 Feeding 5,000 Men, plus Women & Children

Matthew, Mark,  
Luke, & John

Notice the absence of logistics – HOW they fed

Notice 12 baskets, very LITTLE left after 5,000

Notice this as a *CREATION* Miracle

## 22-36 Jesus Walks on Water

only in  
Matthew  
& Mark

We shall spend our time here

Notice how this defies ALL we know

Notice the authority of Jesus



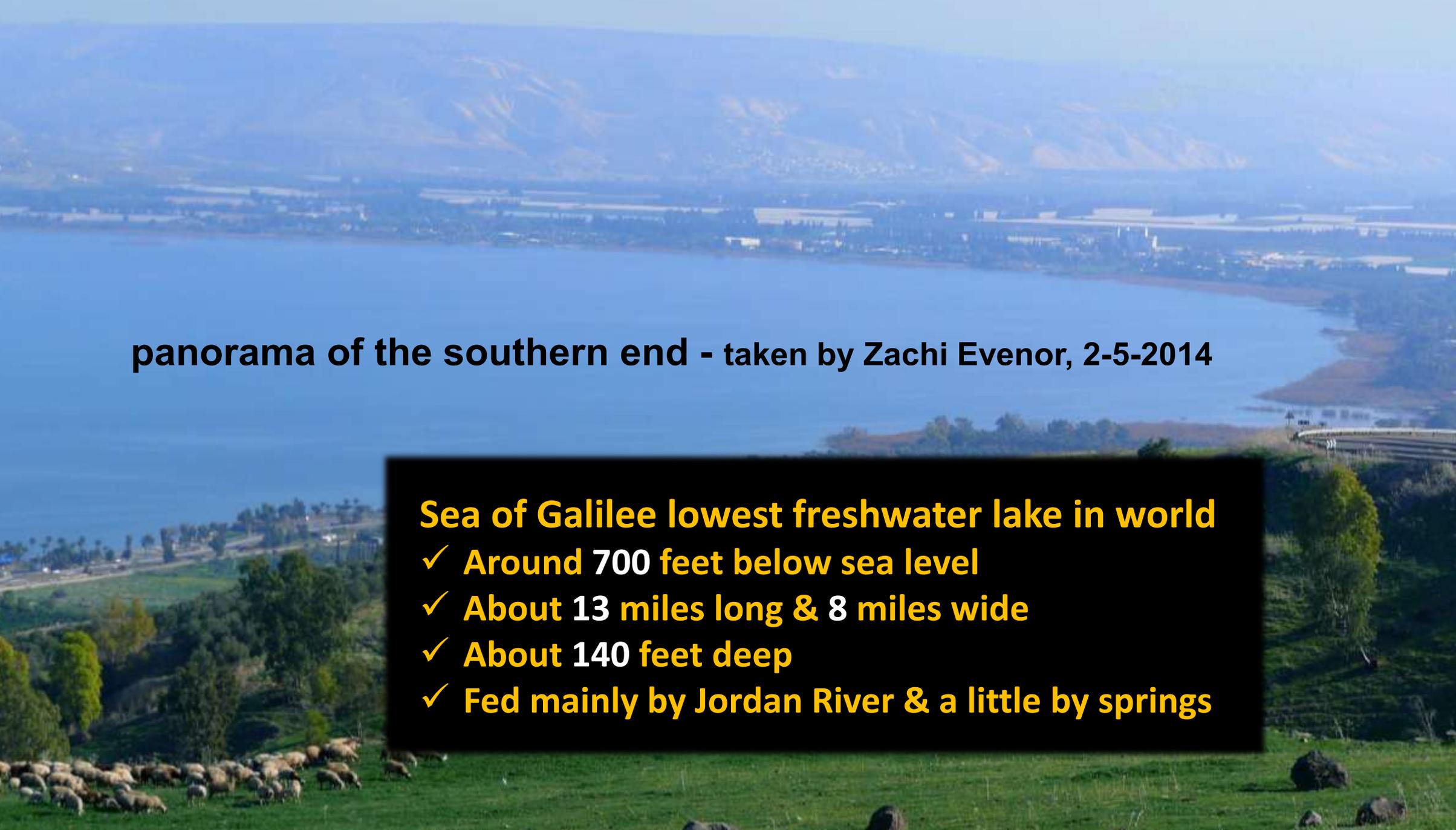
## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

**22** Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

Where on Sea of Galilee?

Where did they enter their small boat?





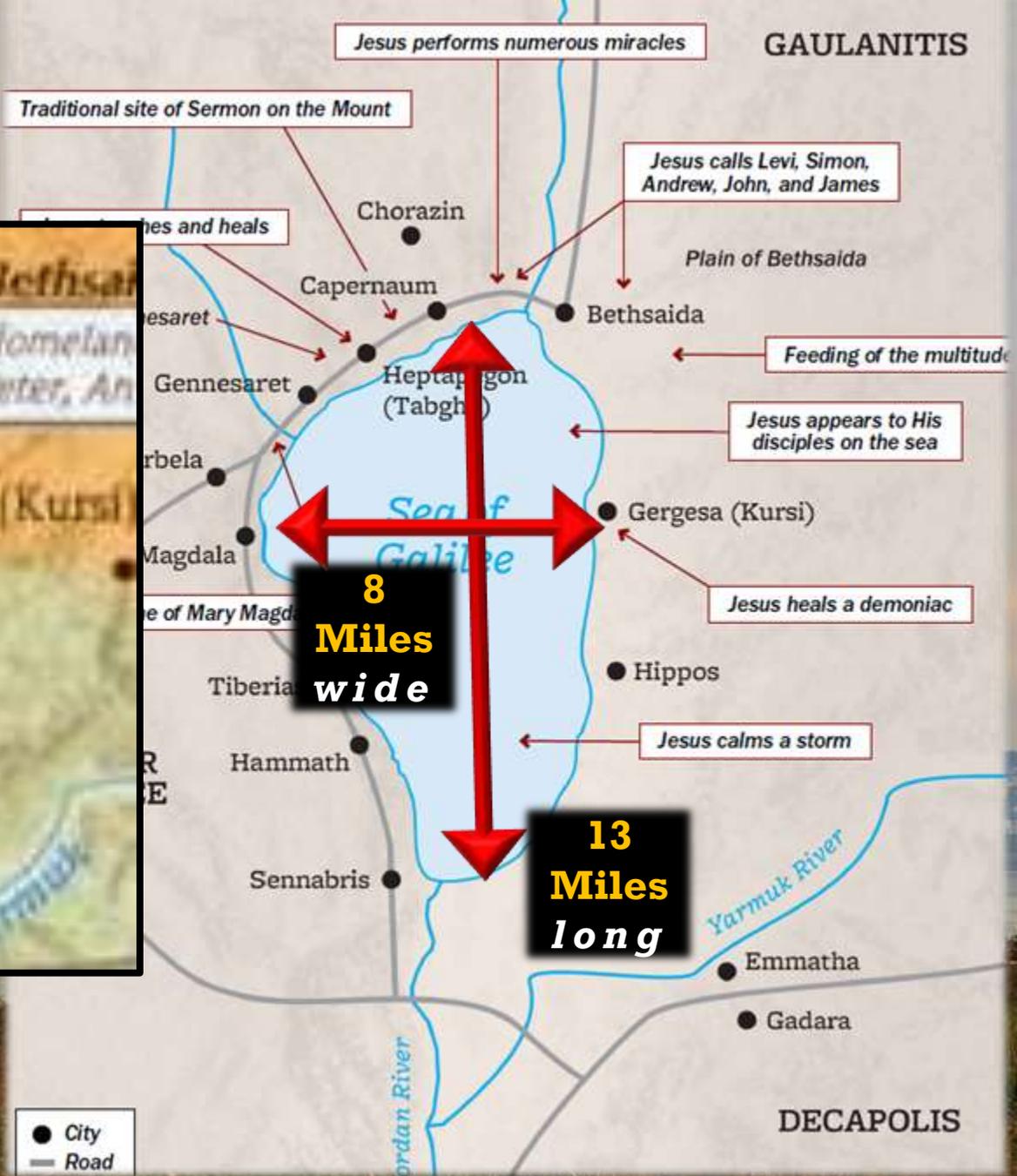
**panorama of the southern end - taken by Zachi Evenor, 2-5-2014**

**Sea of Galilee lowest freshwater lake in world**

- ✓ **Around 700 feet below sea level**
- ✓ **About 13 miles long & 8 miles wide**
- ✓ **About 140 feet deep**
- ✓ **Fed mainly by Jordan River & a little by springs**

# Sea of Galilee

GALILEE IN THE TIME OF JESUS  
ECONOMY:



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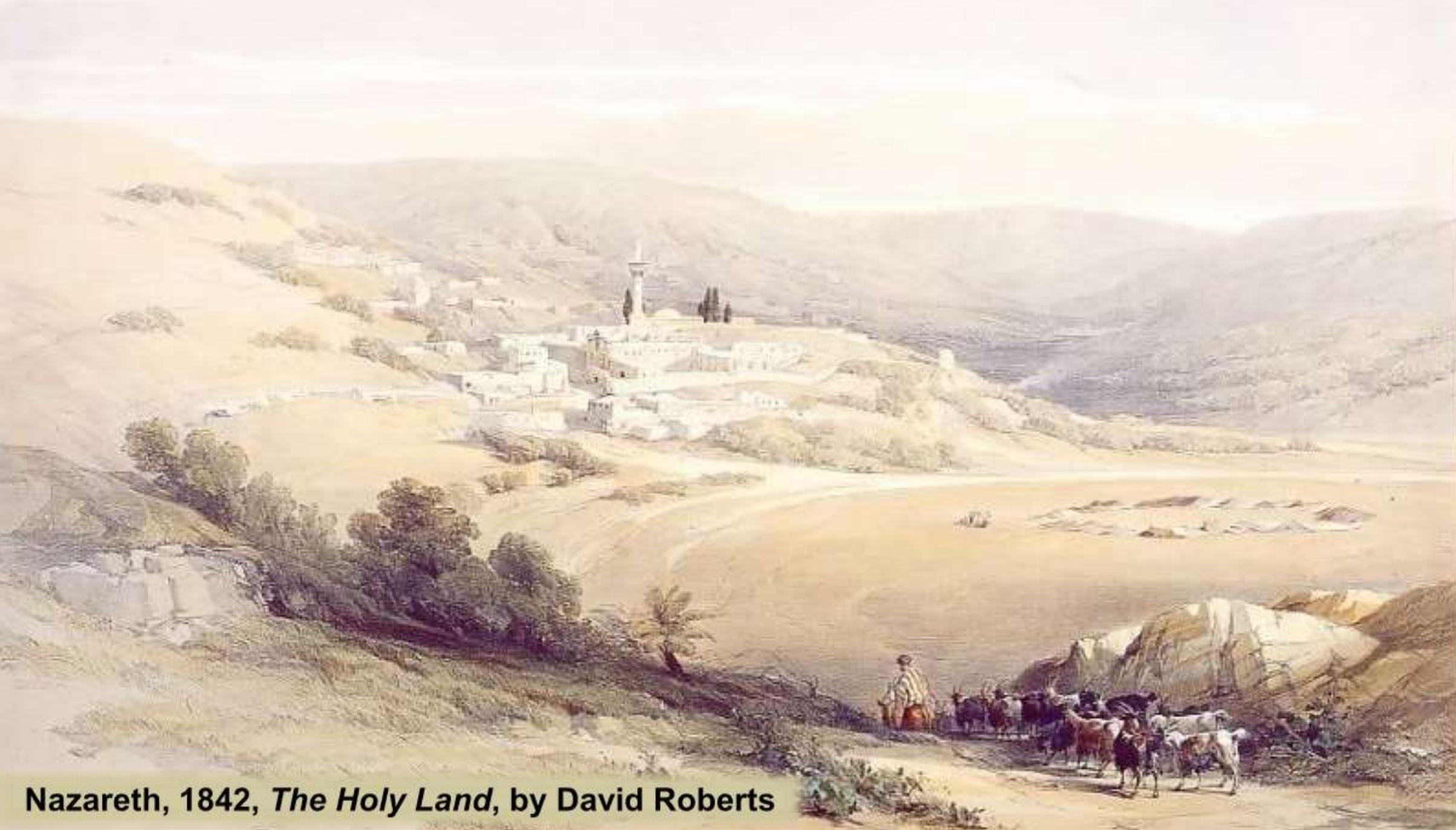
Where on Sea of Galilee?

Matt 13, they go to Jesus' "Hometown" which is Nazareth ...

Matt 14:34, they CROSS the Sea and Land in Gennesaret

*perhaps* Matt 14:22, got in a boat at Tiberias  
Maybe sailed & rowed 8 miles from Tiberias to Gennesaret





Nazareth, 1842, *The Holy Land*, by David Roberts

## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

**23** After he had dismissed them [*and they rowed away*],  
Jesus went up on a mountainside by himself to *PRAY*.  
Later that night, he was there *ALONE* . . .

A mountain or hill ...

Perhaps around town of Tiberius

Certainly grieving the loss of John the Baptist

John was Jesus' friend from childhood ...

**LARGER** story – perhaps – we all **NEED** time **ALONE**

**Time a ALONE with God**



# Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

23 ... Later that night, he was there ALONE,  
24 and the boat was already a considerable distance  
buffeted by the waves because the wind

How far can one SEE from shore?

Based upon the curvature of the EARTH

There are equations to figure that out

Yeah ... too much for me ...

Asked Google how far a 6-foot man  
could see over the SEA

Google AI said about 3 Miles

currently in tenth grade of high school. Author has 88  
answers and 108.7K answer views · Updated 3y

Originally Answered: How many miles can you see before the Earth curves?

that depends on your height. i'll assume the average eye height, which i'll call  $h=1.524\text{m}$  (yes, i'll be using the international system of units)

it also depends on the radius of the earth, which i'll call  $r=6371200\text{m}$

now, we need the equation of a circle with the radius of the earth and of a line that crosses the eye of the observer, which are, respectively:

$y = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$  and  $y = ax + h + r$  (we can ignore the bottom half of the circle since that is never going to be seen;  $a$  is the slope of the line, the value that we don't know)

now, we want to know  $a$ , the slope of the line. but first we have to solve for  $x$ :

$$\sqrt{r^2 - x^2} = ax + h + r$$

$$-x^2 + r^2 = (ax + (h + r))^2$$

$$-x^2 + r^2 = a^2x^2 + 2a(h + r)x + h^2 + 2hr + r^2$$

$$(-a^2 - 1)x^2 - 2a(h + r)x - h^2 - 2hr = 0$$

now, we **could** turn this into a bhaskara formula, but, actually, we just need to know for what values of  $a$   $\Delta$  is 0, so that we get the tangent of the circle.

Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

25 Shortly before dawn – *that is, after most of the night passed*

25 Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to them,

## **WALKING ON THE LAKE**

We love this story ... is it a myth, just a story?

Believing it TRUTH ... the moment we THINK,

the impossibility of comprehension arises

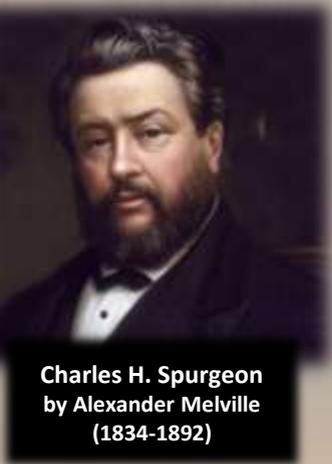
Jesus defies the physics of gravity & buoyancy

TODAY – with magic tricks & fancy TV graphics

We cannot imagine how MIRACULOUS to THEM



## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36



On this verse 14:26, as Jesus nears walking on the water – they FEAR –  
In 1870, C.H. Spurgeon eloquently opened his message titled “Jesus NO Phantom”

**SOME** of the richest comforts are lost to us  
for want of clear perception.

**What consolation could be GREATER to the tempest-tossed disciples than to know their Master was present, and to see him manifestly revealed as Lord of sea as well as land? Yet because they did not discern him clearly, they missed the incomparable consolation. What is worse, at times the dimness of our perception will even turn the rarest consolation into the source of FEAR.**



# WALKING ON THE LAKE

26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake,  
they were **TERRIFIED**.

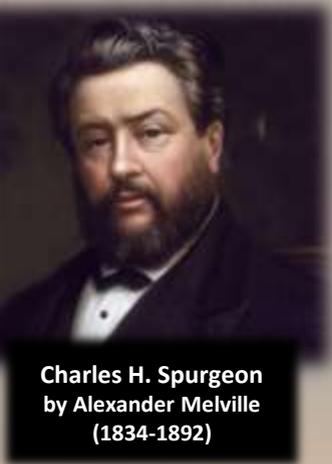
“It’s a **GHOST**,” they said, & cried out in **FEAR**.

# TERRIFIED

Do you know the meaning?  
On August 22, 2025, Ukrainian  
Iryna Zarutska ... on her way home  
**ALL** of us **FELT** her **TERROR**  
Her **TERROR** as she was murdered



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Jesus is come, and  
in his coming the SUN of their JOY has RISEN,

But they do not perceive it to be Jesus, and  
therefore thinking it to be a phantom,  
they are filled with alarm, and cry out in dread.  
He who was their BEST FRIEND, they were as much  
afraid of as though he had been the arch enemy.



Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

## WALKING ON THE LAKE

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27 But Jesus immediately said to them:  
“Take courage!

**It is I. Don't be afraid.”**

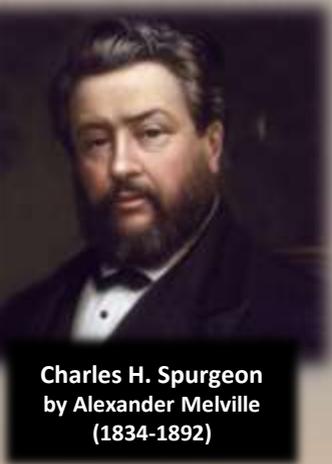
We can & do rightly spiritualize this ...

Don't be Afraid of the Storms of LIFE

to the disciples—this was a **REAL**



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**Christ walking on the wave  
should have put ALL FEAR TO REST,**

**But instead thereof they mistake him for a phantom  
appearing amidst the storm, foreboding darker ill.**

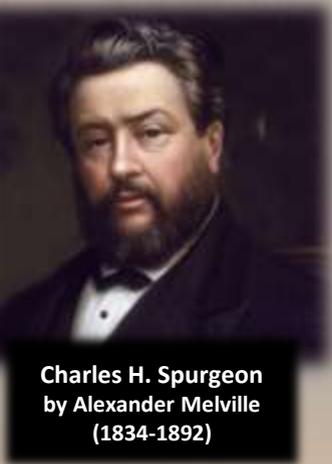
**They were filled with dismay by that which ought  
to have lifted them up with exultation.**

**Oh, the benefit of the heavenly eyesalve  
by which the eye is cleared!**

**May the Holy Spirit anoint our eyes therewith.**



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Oh, the excellence of faith which,  
like the telescope,

brings Christ near to us, and lets us see him as he is!  
Oh, the sweetness of walking near to Christ, and  
knowing him with an assured, confident, clear knowledge,  
for this would give us comforts which now we miss,  
and at once remove from us distresses  
which today unnecessarily afflict us.



Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

## WALKING ON THE LAKE

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied,  
“tell me to come to you on the water.”

29 “**COME,**” Jesus said.  
Then Peter got down out of the boat,  
**WALKED ON THE WATER**  
& came toward Jesus.

Now Peter too – Jesus’ power & authority  
If ALL had been as brave, ALL could have followed



Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

## WALKING ON THE LAKE

30 But when Peter saw the **WIND**,  
he was **AFRAID** and, beginning to **SINK**,  
cried out, **“LORD, SAVE ME!”**

FEAR caused Peter to doubt – FEAR is a real enemy

FEAR causes us to doubt – Fear is a reality

FEAR – is not easy to fight – honest DOUBT is reasonable

FEAR – is not a sin, but rude, cruel reality this side of heaven

FEAR – we cannot conquer ALL Fears & Doubts

Thus, with Peter, we have the **BEST PRAYER**



Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

## **WALKING ON THE LAKE**

30 Peter saw the **WIND**,

cried out, **“LORD, SAVE ME!”**

31 Immediately Jesus reached out

Jesus reached out his hand & caught him.

Spurgeon preached a whole message here

Titled “Peter’s Shortest Prayer”

This is the Prayer of ALL Saints

Prayer of ALL People & Key to Heaven



Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

## WALKING ON THE LAKE

31 ...Jesus reached out his hand & caught him.

“You of little faith,” Jesus said,

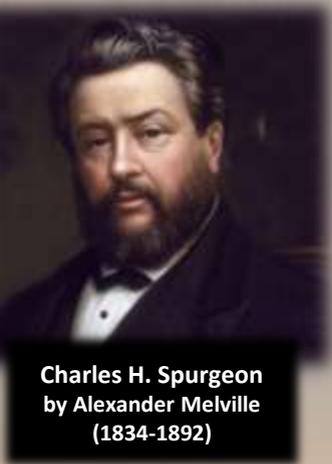
“**why did you doubt?**”

32 And when they climbed into the boat,  
**the wind died down.**

# Jesus **SAVED THEM**



## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36



On this verse 14:31, “Why did you Doubt”  
In 1859, C.H. Spurgeon eloquently opened his  
message titled “Mr. Fearing Comforted”

It seems as if **DOUBT** were doomed to be the  
perpetual companion of **FAITH**.

As dust attends the chariot wheels  
so do doubts naturally becloud faith.

Some men of little faith are perpetually enshrouded with fears;  
their faith seems only strong enough to enable them to doubt.  
If they had no faith at all, then they would not doubt....

Others, who have attained to great strength & stability of faith,  
are nevertheless, at times, subjects of doubt.

He who has a colossal faith will sometimes find that  
the clouds of fear float over the brow of his confidence.



## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

On this verse 14:31, “Why did you Doubt”

In 1859, C.H. Spurgeon eloquently opened his message

It is not possible, I suppose,

so long as man is in this world,

that he should be perfect in anything;

and surely it seems to be quite impossible that

he should be perfect in faith.

Sometimes, indeed, the Lord purposely leaves His children,

withdraws the divine inflowings of His grace,

and permits them to begin to sink,

in order that they may understand that

**faith is NOT their OWN work,**

**but is at FIRST the GIFT of GOD**



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## WALKING ON THE LAKE

33 Then those in the boat **WORSHIPED** Jesus,  
saying, “Truly you are the **Son of God.**”

34 When they had crossed over,  
they landed at Gennesaret.

What a night?

**NIGHT** with Jesus on the Sea of Galilee

So short in the Gospels ...

yet **ALL NIGHT LONG**



## Jesus Walks on the Water – Matthew 14:22-36

34 When they crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret.

35 And when the men ... recognized Jesus,  
they sent word to all the surrounding country.  
People brought all their sick to him

36 and begged him to let the sick just  
touch the edge of his cloak, and

**ALL** who touched it were **HEALED**

You **KNOW** what **ALL** were singing

**Joy to the World** 

