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COME, FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Matthew 4:12-25

12 Now when He heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee.

13 And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

14 so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

15 “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,

“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

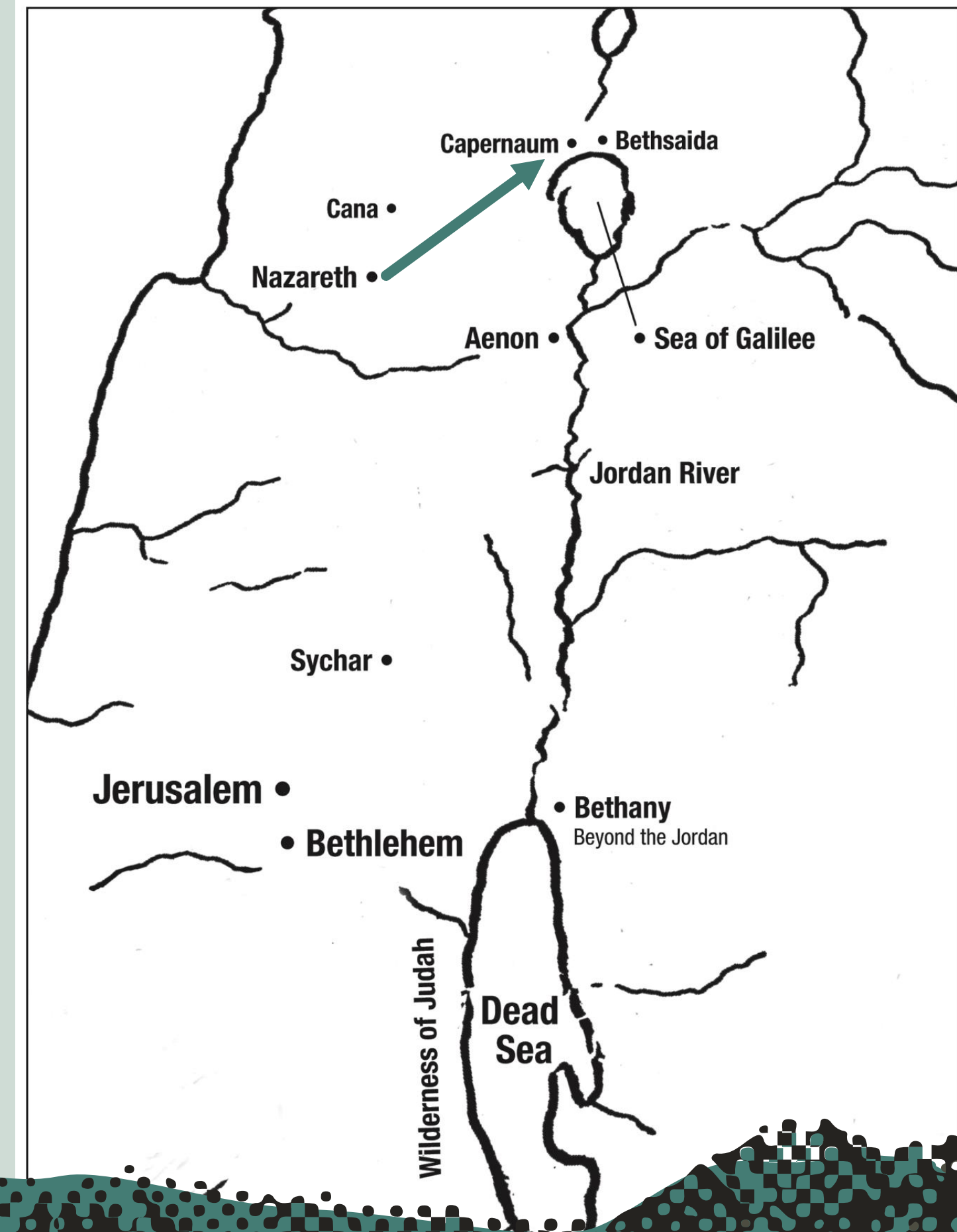
When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, **“I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”** – John 8:12

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For Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. – 2 Cor 7:10

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Jesus answered, **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, *‘You must be born again.’*”**
– John 3:5-7



Isaiah 9:1-2

18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (Also called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

19 And He said to them,

“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.

21 And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them.

22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

The Call – “Come, Follow Me, and I Will Make You Fisher’s of Men.”

The Cost – Family, Career, Status, Plans, Comfort, Life, Self, Ownership

26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’”

- Luke 14:26-30

“ME”

Who is He to you?

You – Follow

Him – Makes

“Follow”

What are you following?

Then Jesus told His disciples,

“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” – Matthew 16:24

23 And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

24 So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and He healed them.

25 And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

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60 When many of His disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?”

66 After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “**Do you want to go away as well?**”

68 Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,
69 and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God.”

- John 6:60,66-69

Great Crowds
“Followed Him”
- Comfort
- Curiosity
- Consumer
- Celebrity
- Conceited

