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- Wrong Answer # 1: "Jesus Is a Myth."
  - Secular Sources Confirm Jesus' Existence and the Key Events of His Life.
  - Jesus Selected Eyewitnesses of His Life.
- Wrong Answer # 2: "Jesus Is a Mystery."
  - The Existing NT Manuscripts
  - Jesus' Authorization of the NT Documents

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- Wrong Answer #3: "Jesus Is A Real Man Who Never Claimed to be God."
  - Jesus claimed to be God (John 8:57-58; Mark 14:60-64).
- Wrong Answer #4: "Jesus Is Only a Good Man In Spite of His Claims to be God."

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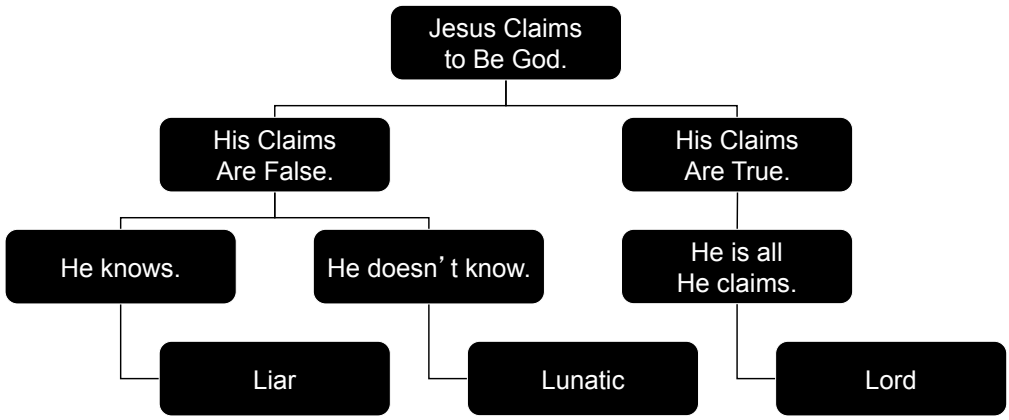
Three Basic Alternatives



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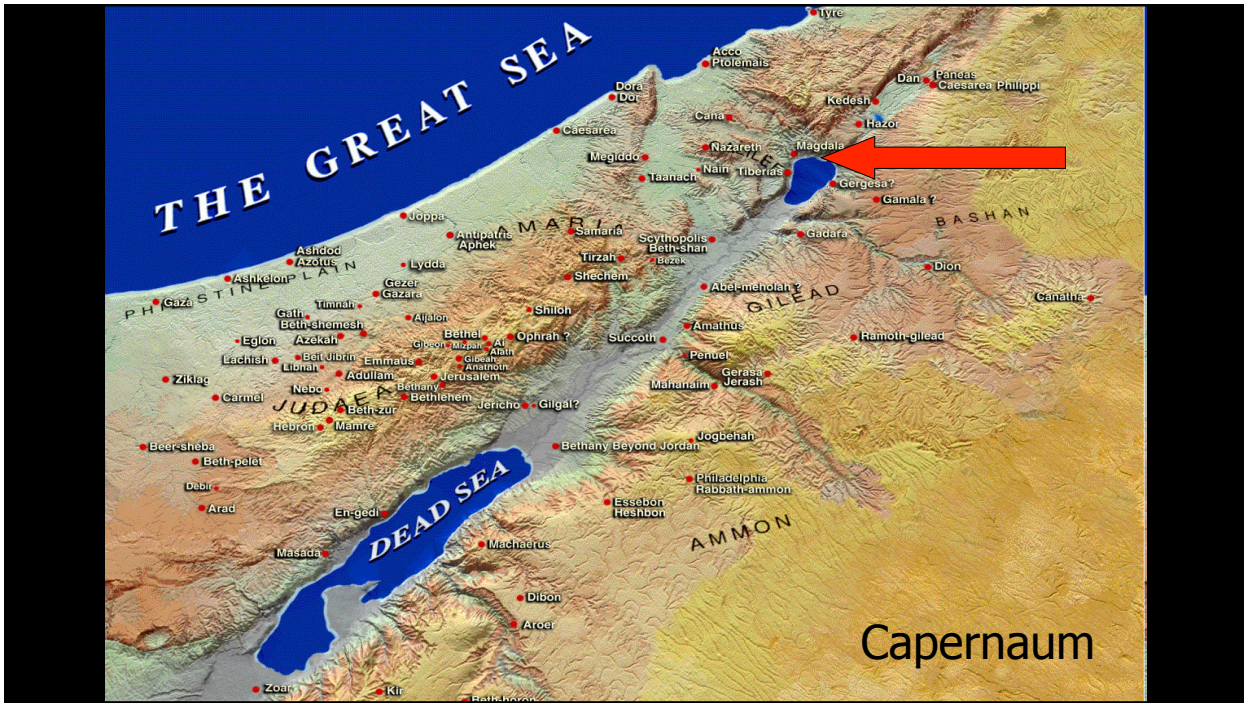

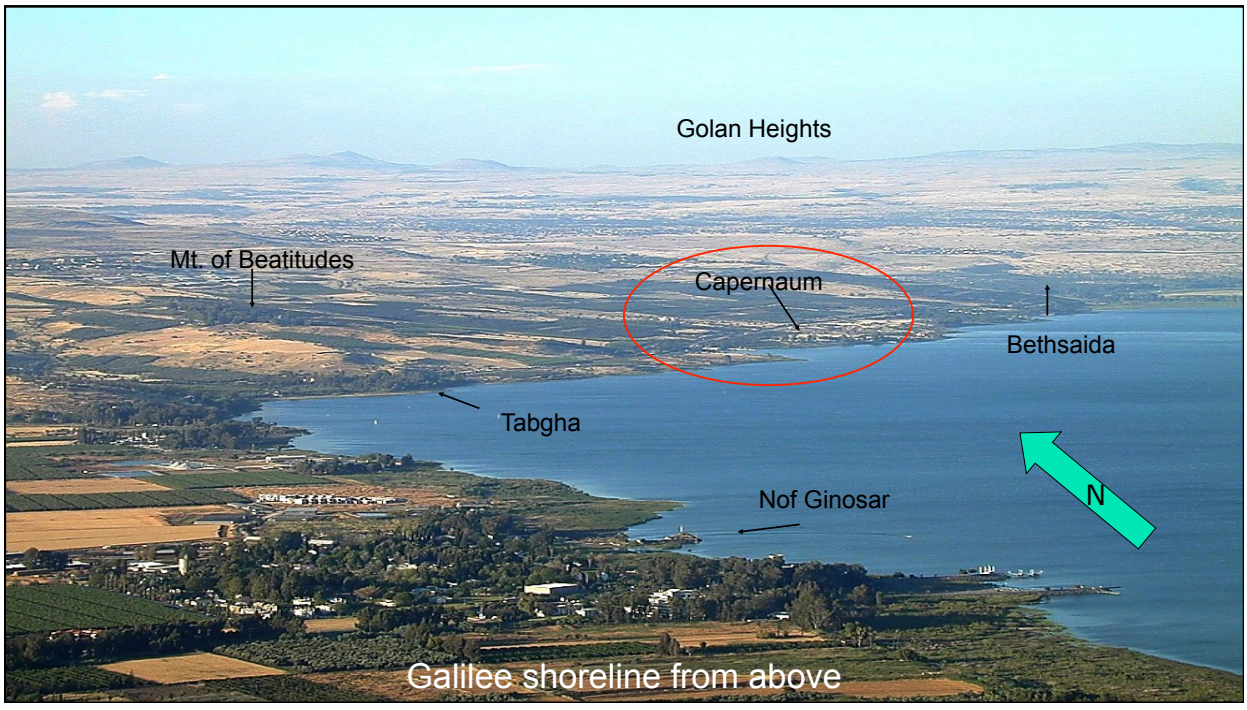

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The Implications

- **1)** This is one of only three legitimate ways to respond to Jesus Christ and His claims.
- **2)** As Jesus' followers, we too will often be thought of as nuts, delusional, part of the lunatic fringe.
- **3)** If you are serious about the Bible, your unbelieving family and friends may conclude as Jesus' family did that you are taking your faith too far.
- **4)** This tragic episode also teaches us the power of God, confirms Jesus' claims, and reinforces the reality of His resurrection.

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