

# Jesus Calms Troubled Seas and Troubled Souls

*Mark 4:35-5:20*

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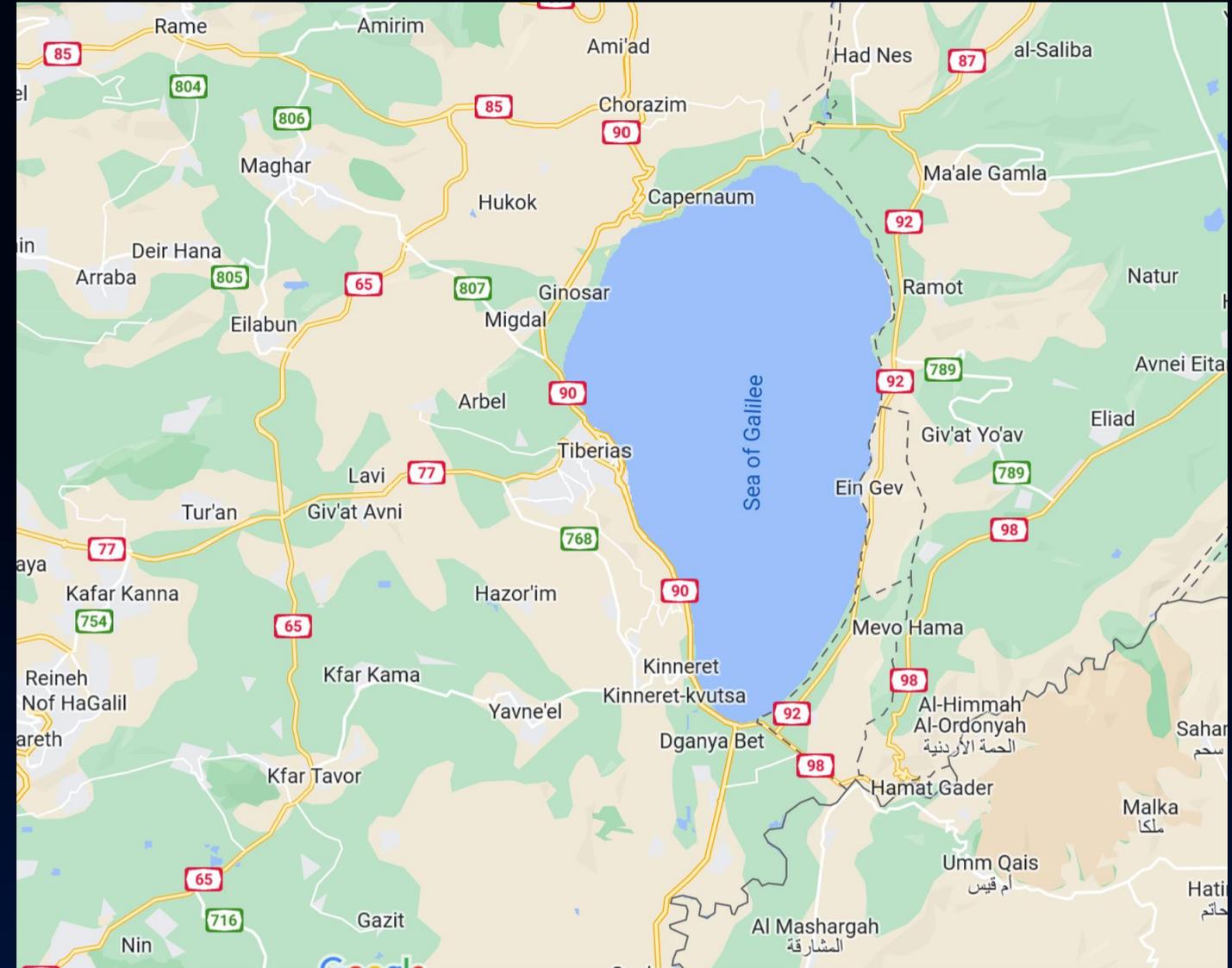
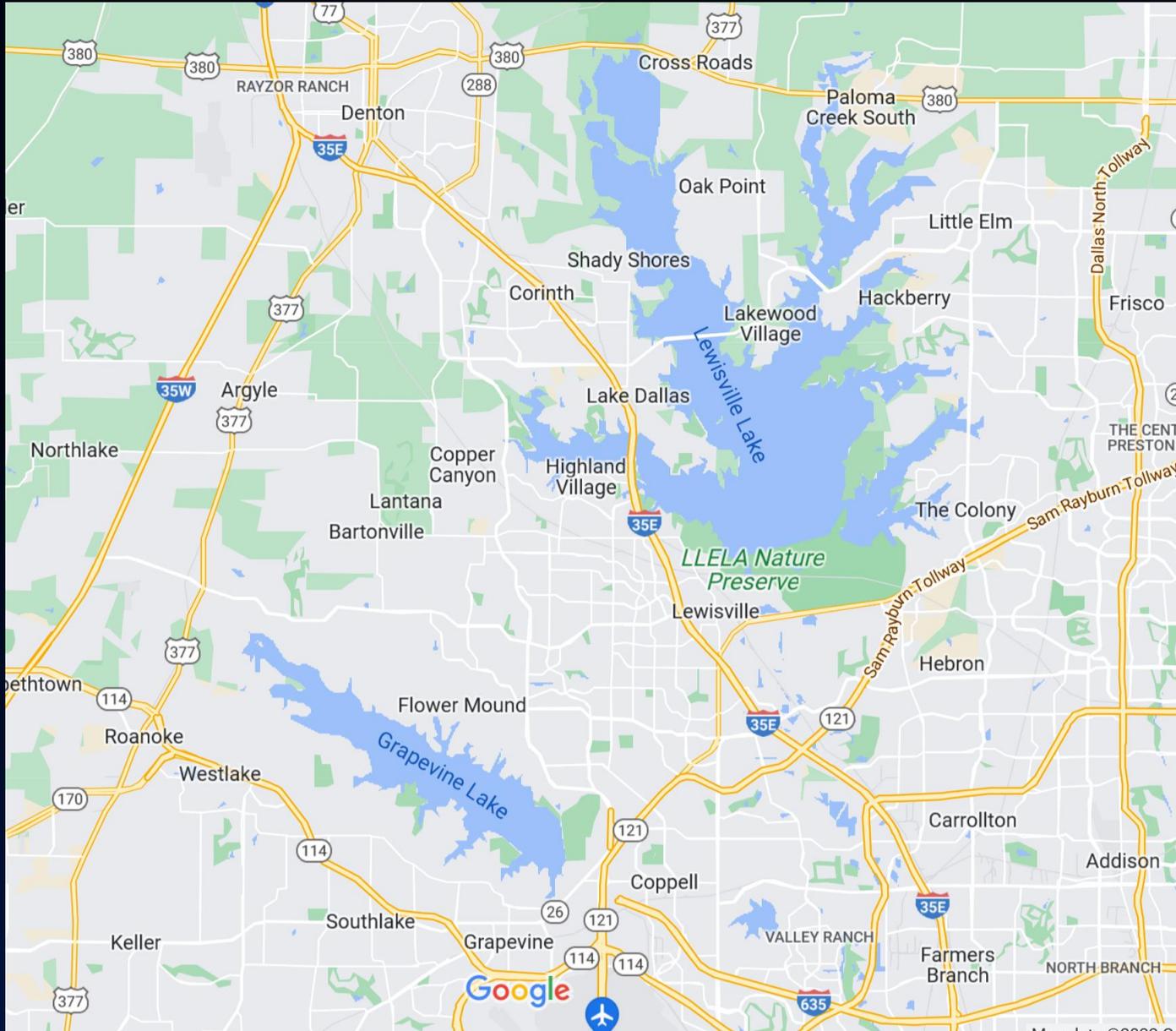
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# (Lake Grapevine + Lewisville Lake ) + 11% = Sea of Galilee





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First century AD Sea of Galilee boat





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**Matthew 8:24** <sup>24</sup>And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being **covered with the waves**; but Jesus Himself was asleep.

**Luke 8:23** <sup>23</sup>But as they were sailing along He fell asleep; and a fierce gale of wind descended on the lake, and they **began to be swamped and to be in danger**.

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- With a simple command, Jesus perfectly calmed the wind and the sea (v39)
- Jesus tells the disciples that they should have faith in Him instead of being afraid of their circumstances (v40)
- Great fear overcame the disciples in considering who Jesus really is (v41)

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## ■ Lessons for us

- Part of Jesus' plan for his disciples can include going through trouble and difficulty
- Jesus has the power to control all surrounding circumstances in the difficult storms of life
- In the storms of life, don't be afraid – rather, have faith in Jesus who is with you

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**Matthew 8:29b** Have You come here to torment us before the time?

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  - **Being commanded to come out of the man, the demons beg Jesus that they may enter a herd of pigs (vv10-12)**
  - **The demons enter the herd of pigs, run them off of a steep bank, and are drowned (v13)**

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**Matthew 8:34a** And behold, **the whole city** came out to meet Jesus

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  - Those who embrace Jesus and what He offers want to follow and obey Him (vv18-20)

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- Christ has the power to set one free from the enslavement of sin and Satan
- Those who reject Jesus are most satisfied in being away from Him, while those who accept Him are most satisfied in being with and obeying Him
- Jesus sometimes says “no” to your requests because He has greater plans
- Tell others about the great things Jesus has done for you!

# Table Discussion

## Questions:

- 1. What difficult storm of life have you experienced where God demonstrated (or is demonstrating) His loving care for you?**
- 2. If you are currently in a difficult storm, what are you most afraid of and how does this text speak to your situation?**
- 3. From what enslavements to sin has Christ set you free?**
- 4. How are you different now from how you were before Christ?**