

# Compassions of Jesus on Display

*Mark 7:31-8:26*

FAITH BUILDERS

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**Mark 5:19–20** <sup>19</sup>...He said to him, “Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and *how* He had mercy on you.” <sup>20</sup>And he went away and began to **proclaim in Decapolis** what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed. *them those who were* lame, crippled, blind, mute, and many others, and they laid them down at His feet; and He healed them. <sup>31</sup>So the crowd marveled as they saw the mute speaking, the crippled restored, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

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- Jesus heals a deaf and mute Gentile (vv32-35)
  - Friends bring the man and ask Jesus to heal him (v32)
  - Jesus takes him away from the crowd, communicates compassion and empathy, and heals him completely (vv33-35)
  - Jesus tells the people not to tell others what has happened...but they do it anyway (vv36-37)

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## ■ Reflections

- Jesus showed a tremendous heart of concern and compassion in how he treated, healed, and shared the gospel
  - To other people groups (e.g., Gentiles)
  - To individual people
  - To the handicapped
- The church and every believer should emulate our Lord in loving and reaching others, including those who are not like us
- You are never lost in the crowd when it comes to Jesus seeing you and knowing your needs!

# The Feeding of the 4,000 (8:1-9)

	<i>Feeding of the 5,000</i>	<i>Feeding of the 4,000</i>
<b>Text:</b>	Matt 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6	Matt 15, Mark 8
<b>How Many:</b>	5,000 men, plus women and children	4,000 men, plus women and children
<b>Location:</b>	Bethsaida	Decapolis
<b>People Involved:</b>	Mostly Jewish	Mostly Gentile
<b>Context:</b>	Adequate food was available, but disciples lacked resources/time to buy it	No adequate food was available
<b>Initial Provisions:</b>	5 loaves and 2 fish	7 loaves and a few small fish
<b>Leftovers:</b>	12 baskets	7 large baskets

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- Jesus compassionately perceives the need of the crowd of people who have been with Him for 3 days (vv1-3)
- The disciples know of no available provisions, except for 7 loaves and a few small fish (vv4-5)
- Jesus performs a miracle in feeding the people from these small provisions (vv6-7)
- The people were satisfied, with an abundance of leftovers (vv8-9)

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**Hebrews 1:3a** And He (*Jesus*) is the radiance of His (*God's*) glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds all things by the word of His power.**

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**Philippians 4:19** <sup>19</sup>And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

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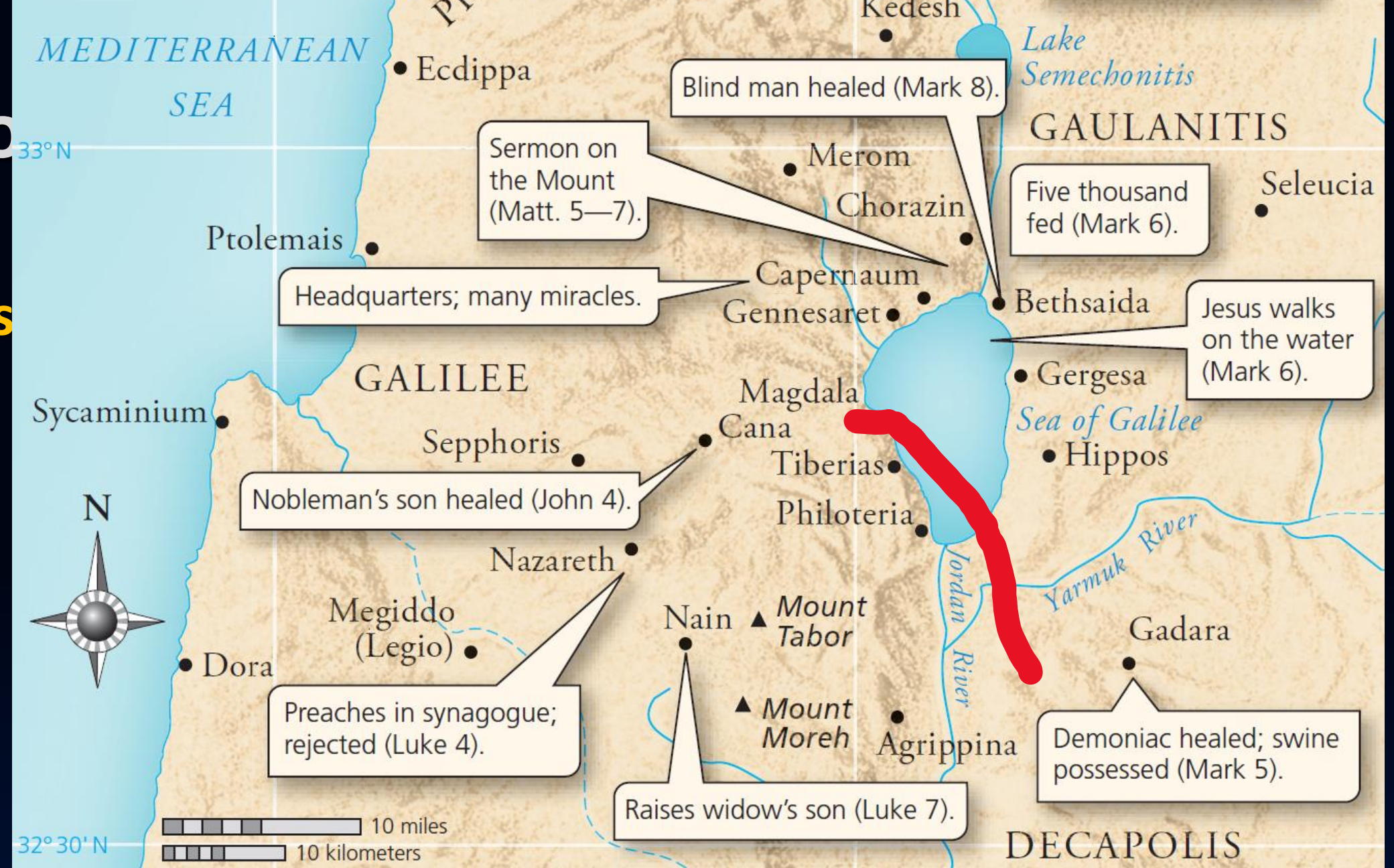
**John 6:35** <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life;** he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

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- The Pharisees (and Sadducees) argue and test Him, seeking a sign from heaven (v11)
- Jesus says no other sign will be given except the sign of Jonah the prophet, and then He leaves (vv12-13)

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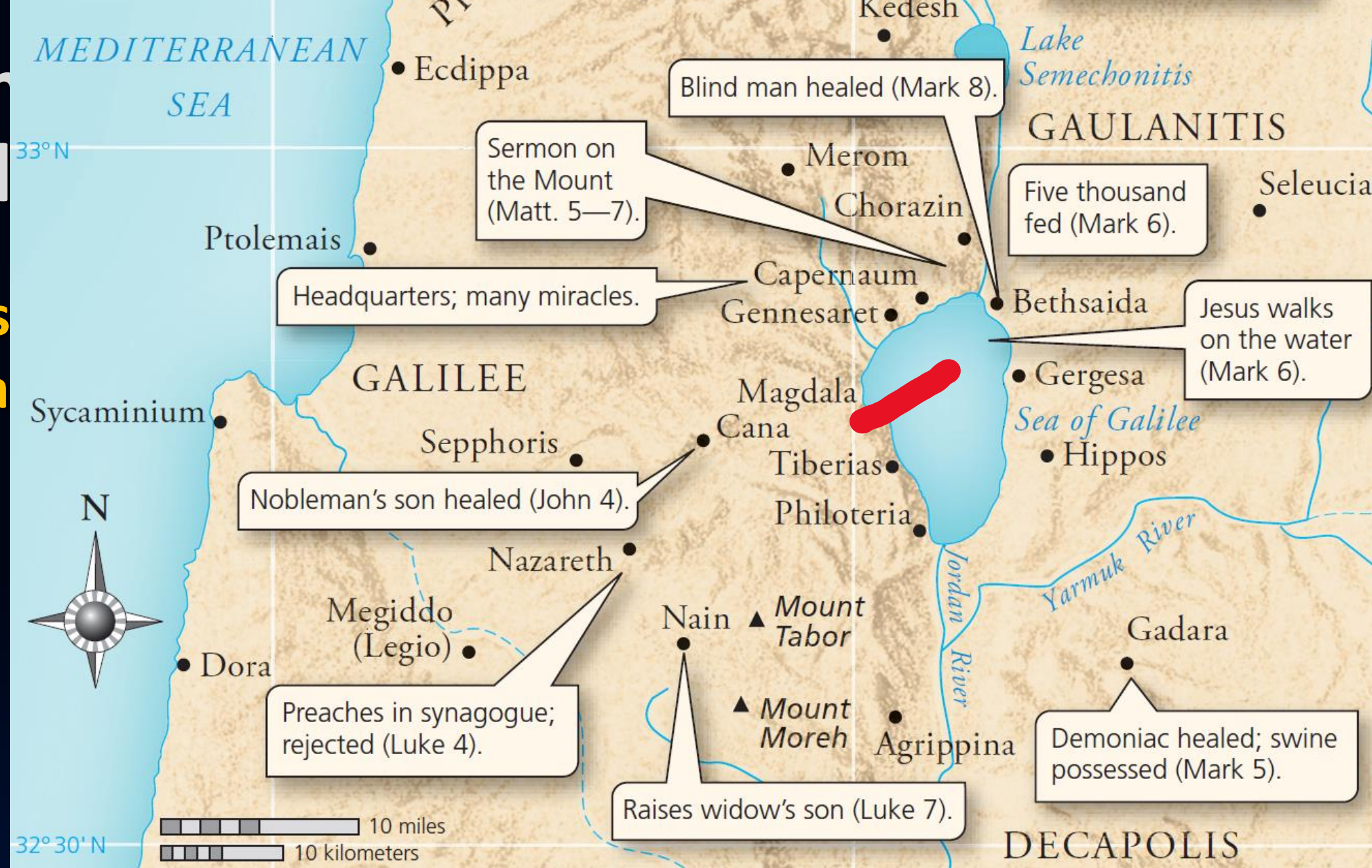
- The proof of miracles is never enough to bring about true saving faith
- Jesus will one day permanently leave those who do not believe in Him

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  - **of the Pharisees** – dead, superficial, traditional religion with a flawed view of Scripture, God, sin, and salvation
  - **of Herod** – secular worldliness, with occasional religious engagement but truly only caring about worldly things
  - **of the Sadducees** – liberal, anti-supernatural religion, holding that God doesn't intervene in the natural world He created, and denying the miracles of the Bible

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- Jesus warns them about the danger of spiritual dullness (vv16-18a)
- Jesus warns them about the danger of weak faith (vv18b-21)

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- Beware of the dangers of today's false religion and secular influences
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**Colossians 3:2** <sup>2</sup>Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.

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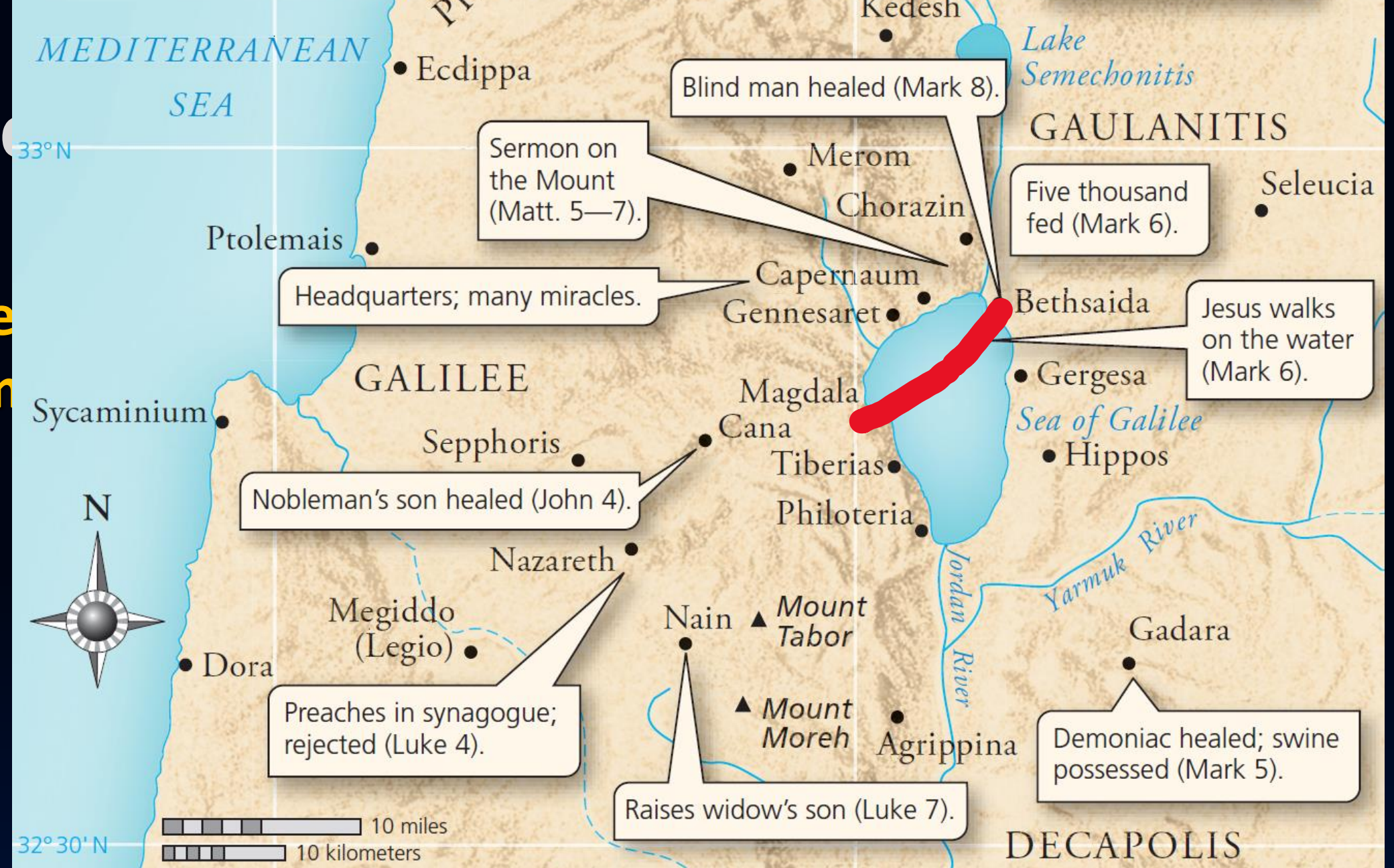
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- Remember how Jesus has cared for you in the past and let that build your faith so that you trust Him for current and future needs**

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- In Bethsaida, the friends of a blind man bring him to Jesus and beg Jesus to heal him (v22)
- Jesus takes the man out of the village and heals his blindness (vv23-24)
- Jesus again lays His hands on the man's eyes and makes his sight clear (vv25-26)

# The Healing of a Blind Man (8:22-26)

## ■ Reflections

- The spiritual blindness of a disciple of Jesus is instantly cured at salvation
- The spiritual vision and understanding of a disciple of Jesus become perfect gradually