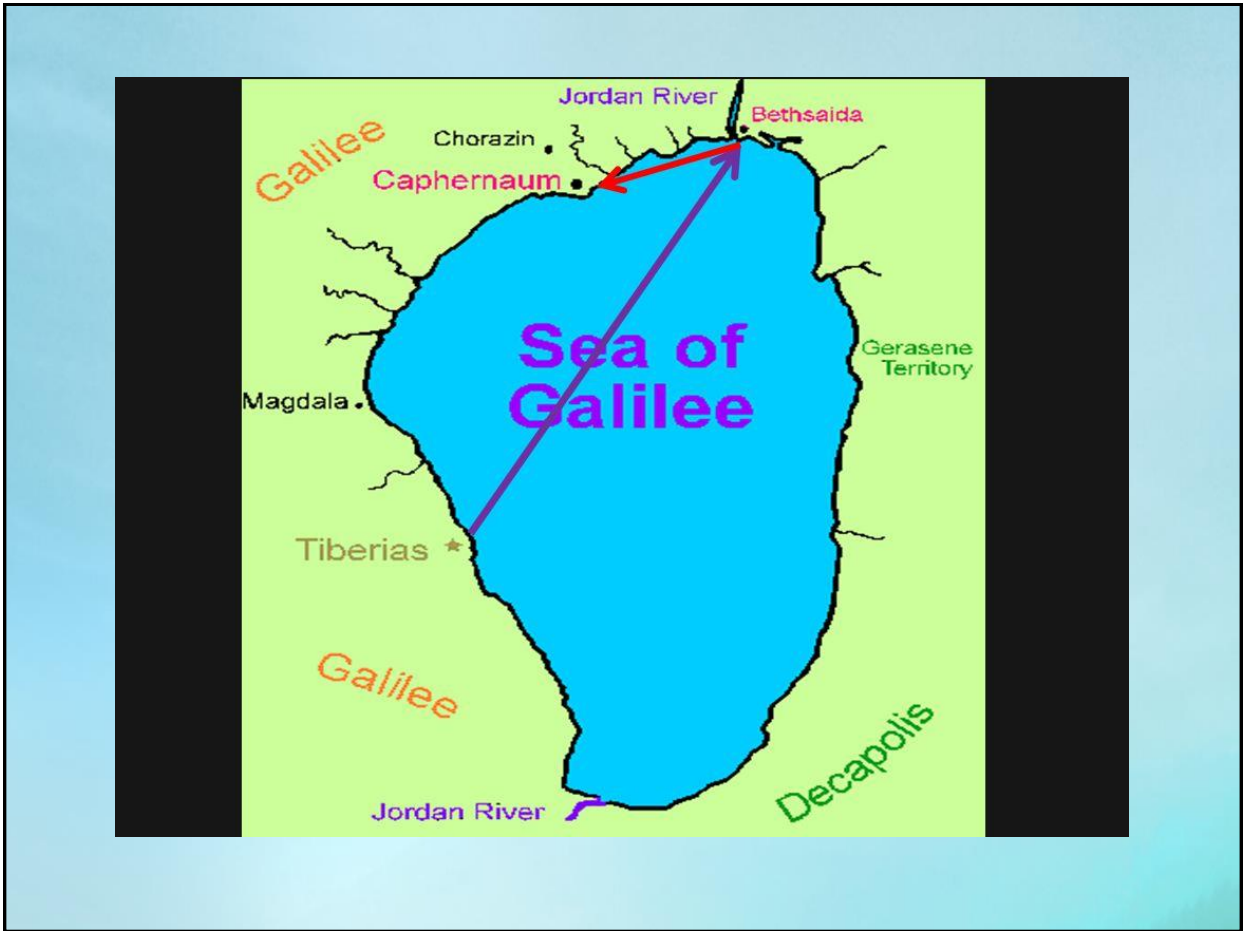


Knowing Christ

Words of Life





^{NIV} **John 6:59** He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Grumbling from Within

- ^{NAS} **John 6:60** Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?... ⁶⁴ "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. ⁶⁵ And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me, unless it has been granted him from the Father."

Hardened Minds

- **NAS 2 Corinthians 3:14** But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. ¹⁵ But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart;
- **NAS 1 Corinthians 2:14** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

Words of Life

- ^{NAS} **John 6:62** "What then if you should behold the Son of Man ascending where He was before? ⁶³ "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
 - ^{NAS} **Acts 1:9** And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Life Giving Spirit

- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 3:2** You are our letter, written in our hearts, known and read by all men; ³ being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone, but on tablets of human hearts. ⁴ And such confidence we have through Christ toward God. ⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God, ⁶ who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life

Words of Eternal Life

- ^{NAS} **John 6:66** As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore. ⁶⁷ Jesus said therefore to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ "And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."
- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Transforming Spirit

- NAS **2 Corinthians 3:16** but whenever a man turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Applications



Falling Away

- ^{NAS} **John 6:60** Many therefore of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"... ⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew, and were not walking with Him anymore.
- ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 1:15** You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.
- ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 4:10** for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

Never In

- ^{NAS} **John 6:64** "But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him...⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did I Myself not choose you, the twelve, and yet one of you is a devil?"
- ^{NAS} **1 John 2:19** They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

Take Care

- ^{NAS} **2 Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you-- unless indeed you fail the test?
- ^{NAS} **1 Corinthians 10:12** Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.
- ^{NAS} **Matthew 26:21** And as they were eating, He said, "Truly I say to you that one of you will betray Me." ²² And being deeply grieved, they each one began to say to Him, "Surely not I, Lord?"

Take Heart

- **John 6:20** But He said to them, "I Am; fear not!"
- ^{NAS} **John 6:69** "And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God."
- ^{NAS} **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.
- ^{NAS} **John 6:37** "All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.

Conclusions

Power of the Spirit

- ^{NAS} **Zechariah 4:6** Then he answered and said to me, "This is the word of the LORD ... saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD of hosts.
- ^{NAS} **Philippians 1:6** For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.
- ^{NAS} **Titus 3:4** But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, ⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- ^{NAS} **2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

Word of God

- ^{NIV} **Matthew 4:4** Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
- ^{NAS} **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes
- ^{KJV} **Psalms 119:105** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
- ^{NAS} **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- ^{NAS} **Ephesians 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Words of Life

- ^{NAS} **John 6:63** "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.
- ^{NAS} **Romans 15:13** Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.