

The great
GIFT
*of getting to
know Jesus*



a series from the book of John

I AM...

the bread of life

the light of the world

the door

the good shepherd

the resurrection

the way, truth & life

the true vine



**Mediterranean
Sea**

Sea of Galilee

Jordan River

Jerusalem

Dead Sea

A satellite photograph of the Sea of Galilee, a large body of water in the Middle East. The lake is dark blue and occupies the central portion of the image. To the left of the lake, a yellow arrow points towards the shoreline, with the word "Capernaum" written in black text inside the arrow. To the right of the lake, a red arrow points towards the shoreline, with the word "Bethsaida" written in white text inside the arrow. The surrounding landscape is a mix of brown, tan, and green, showing fields, roads, and some buildings. The terrain appears to be hilly or mountainous, especially on the right side.

Capernaum

Bethsaida

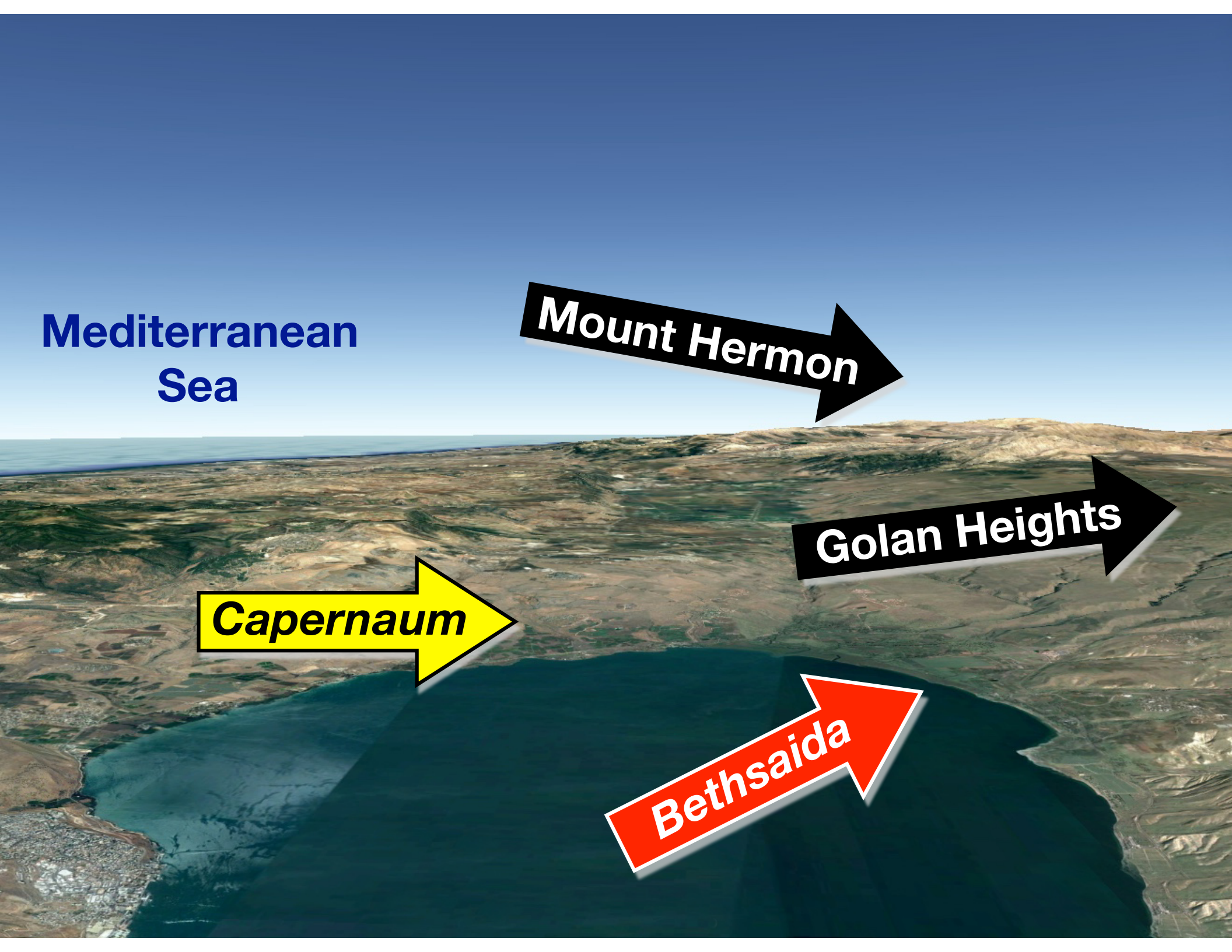
**Mediterranean
Sea**

Mount Hermon

Golan Heights

Capernaum

Bethsaida



**Other than the
resurrection this is
the only miracle that
all 4 story about
Jesus life record!**



John 6:4 The Jewish

Passover Festival was near.

Luke 9:10 withdrew by

themselves to a town

called *Bethsaida*.



Matt. 14:13 1) Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been beheaded...

2) withdrew to a solitary place.

Mark 6:30&31 1) Jesus friends return... 2) so many people they couldn't eat... 3) to get some rest.



John 6:2 and a *great crowd* of people followed him because *they saw the signs* he had performed by healing the sick

Matt. 14:21 *The number of those who ate was about 5,000* men, besides women and children. -Mark 6:44 & Luke 9:14



Mark 3:34 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, *he had compassion on them*, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Luke 9:11 He *welcomed* them



Matt. 14:14 *healed* their sick

Mark 6:34 He began *teaching* them many things

Luke 9:1 *taught them about the Kingdom of God & healed* those in need

John 6:5-8 Jesus use the opportunity to challenge his disciples: *Jesus asks Philip, "where shall we buy bread for all these people?"*



John 6:9 Andrew spoke up,
“Here is a boy with *five barley
loaves and two fish.*”

-Matt. 14:17, Mark 6:38, Luke 9:13



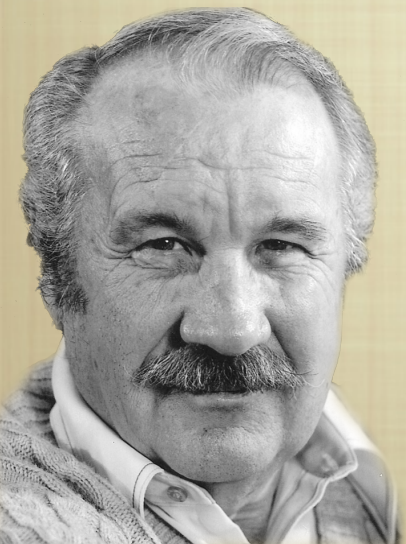
1) A Mistake To Avoid.

Don't fall into the trap of thinking Jesus' power is available to fulfill your best ideas desires.

John 6:14-15 After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "*Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.*" ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that *they intended to come and make him king by force,* withdrew again to a mountain by himself.



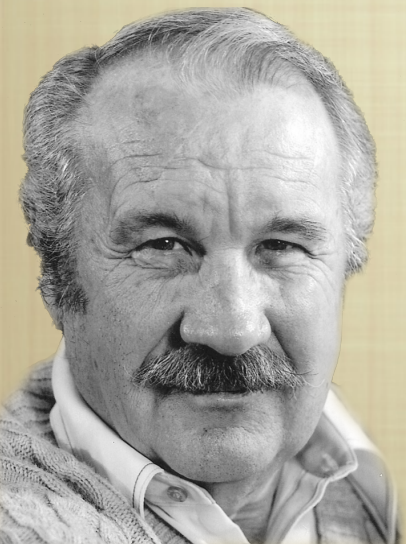
That is a remarkable statement of a proper conclusion, followed by a terribly wrong response... *They were not ready to follow him as the Messiah; they wanted to use him; they wanted God to work for them according to their program and their schedule. Before we judge them too sharply, let us ask ourselves, do we do the same thing?*



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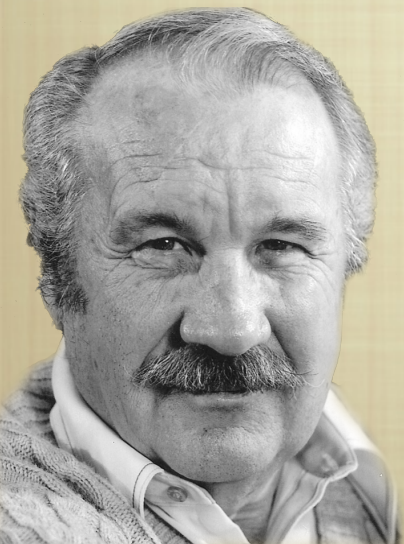
Have you ever become angry with God because he did not give you what you asked for? You were really expecting him to work for you and to do what you wanted? I do not know if you have done that, but I have. I have been very upset with God sometimes because he did not do what I told him to do.



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This story is given to teach us that this is not the kind of relationship that we are to have with God. Our greatest privilege is to see ourselves as his instruments, doing what he wants to do, not using him to do what we want to do. That is the greatest joy and the greatest privilege of life.



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Pastor
John
Ortberg

**“I need God all the
time every day to
save me from
what my head
tells me are good
ideas”**

-Twitter Feed- April 22nd 2017

1) A Mistake To Avoid.

Don't fall into the trap of thinking Jesus' power is available to fulfill your best ideas desires.

Instead seek His best ideas and desires, allowing His power to work through you.



2) A reminder about what is “real”.

Jesus' miracles are hard evidence that His claims about being God are real.

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I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept his claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. **A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher.** He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice.



C.S. Lewis

Mere Christianity, pg. 54–56

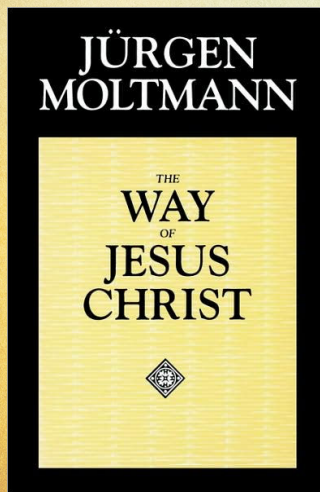
2) A reminder about what is "real".

**Jesus' miracles are not
a suspensions of reality
but acts of restoration.**





“When Jesus expels demons and heals the sick, he is driving out of creation the powers of destruction, and is healing and restoring created beings who are hurt and sick. The lordship of God, to which the healings witness, restores sick creation to health. Jesus’ healings are not supernatural miracles in a natural world. They are the only truly ‘natural’ thing in a world that is unnatural, demonized and wounded.”



Jürgen Moltmann, *The Way of Jesus Christ: Christology in Messianic Dimensions*, pp. 98-99



3) The Best Invitation EVER.

**Jesus' invitation is a
promise to give you
"all" you need and leave
you "satisfied" forever.**



John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. *Whoever comes to me* will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

