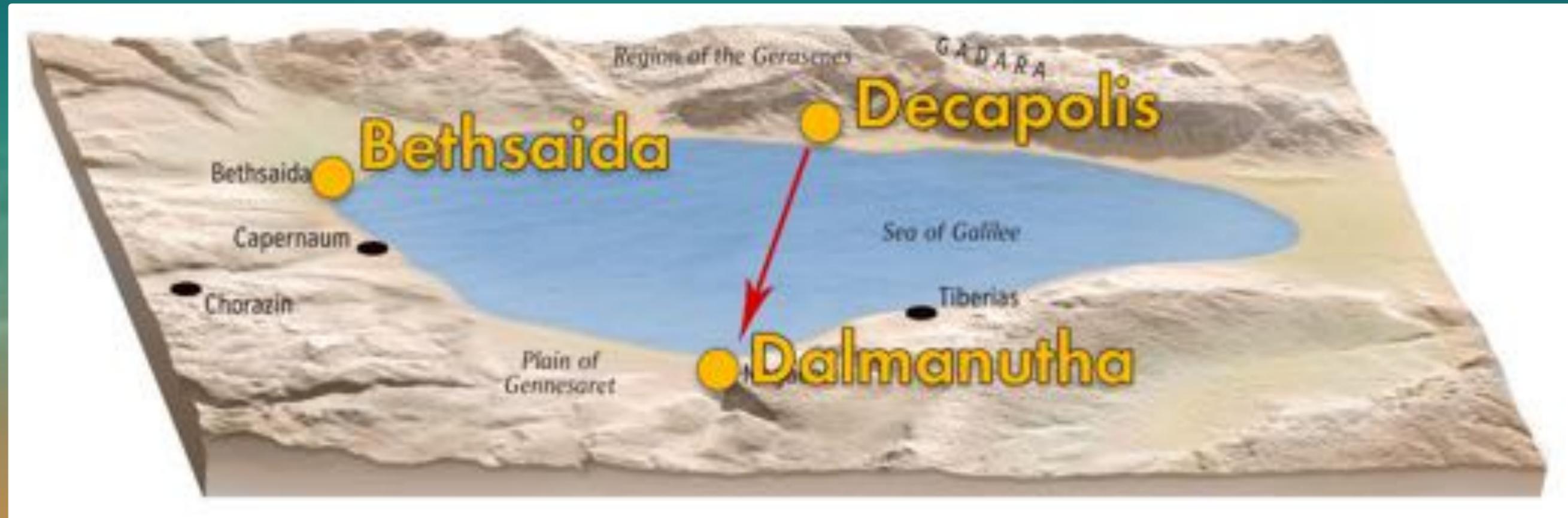


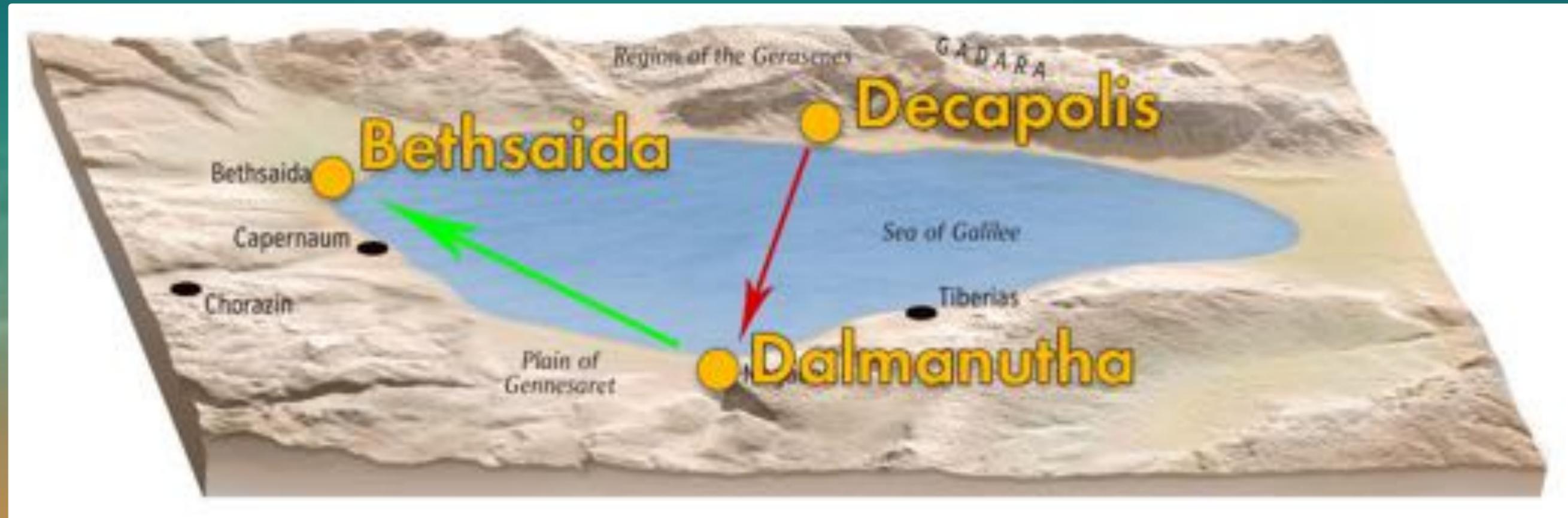
THE BOOK OF MARK



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⁹ About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away, ¹⁰ he got into the **boat** with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.

Mark 8:9-10 (NIV 2011)

¹¹ The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. ¹² He sighed deeply and said, *“Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it.”* ¹³ Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.

Mark 8:11-13 (NIV 2011)

¹⁴ The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. ¹⁵ “Be careful,” Jesus warned them. “Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod.”

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Mark 8:22-26 (NIV 2011)

²⁵ Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. ²⁶ Jesus sent him home, saying, "*Don't even go into the village.*"

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Romans 8:38-39 (NIV 2011)