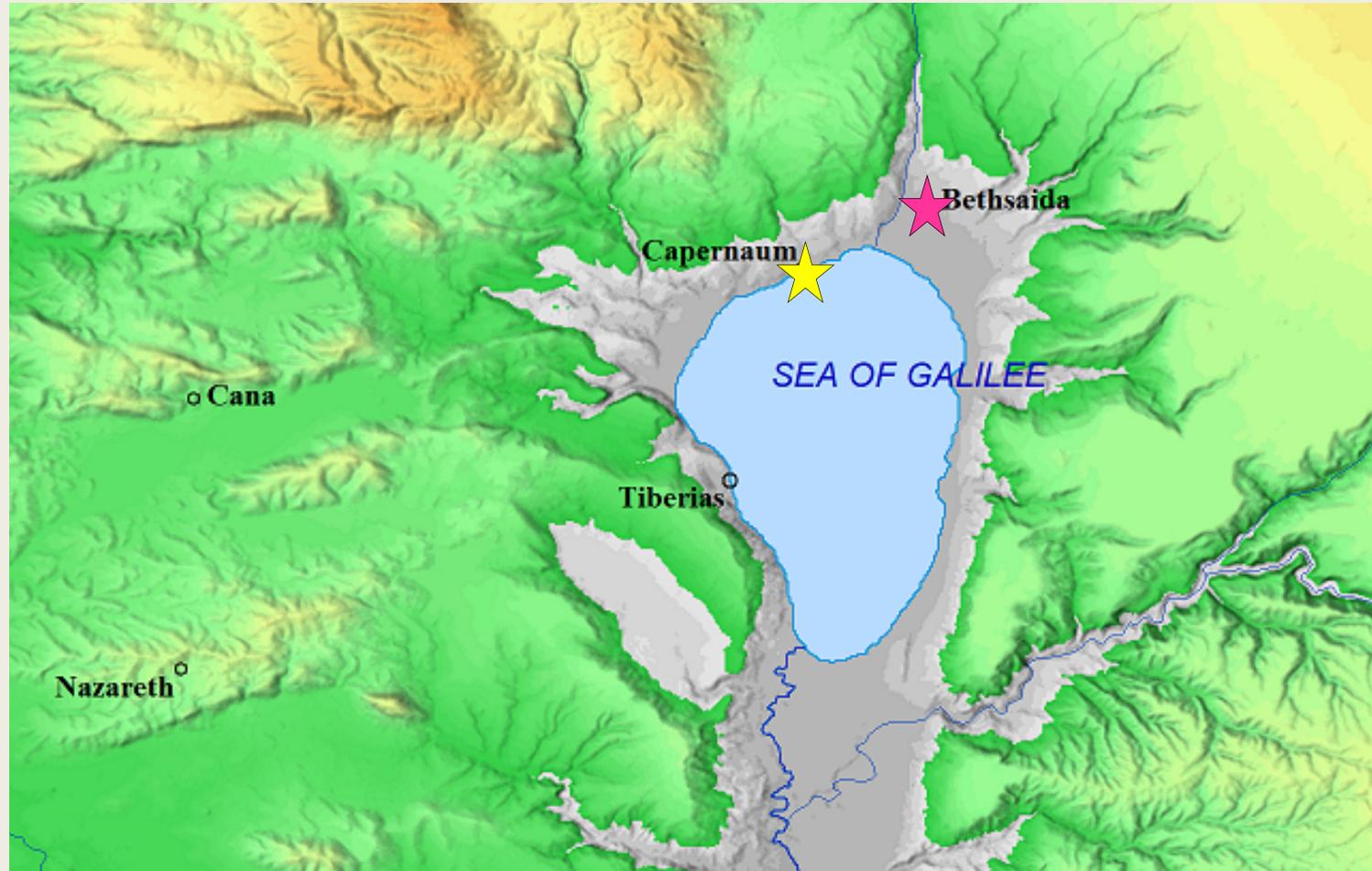


Recap

- ★ **Bethsaida** – site of the feeding of the 5000
- ★ **Capernaum** – where disciples were headed when Jesus walked on water
- The work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent.



Shifting Opinions

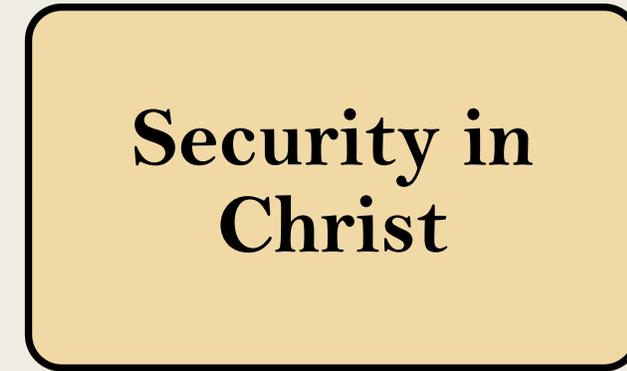
V14 – they intended to come and make Him king by force

V34 - ‘Sir’ they said, ‘always give us this bread’

V41 – they began to grumble about Jesus because He said, ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven’

V52 - Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’

Process of Salvation



Prevenient Grace

- Grace that goes before/precedes faith
- No one can come to Me unless the Father draws them
- Holy Spirit 'working on' us from 'the outside'
- Heb 4.7: don't harden your heart

Faith

- Faith = trust
- Work of God is this: to believe in the One He has sent
- 'To believe' is not intellectual but relational
- 'To believe' is not a one time event but an ongoing reality

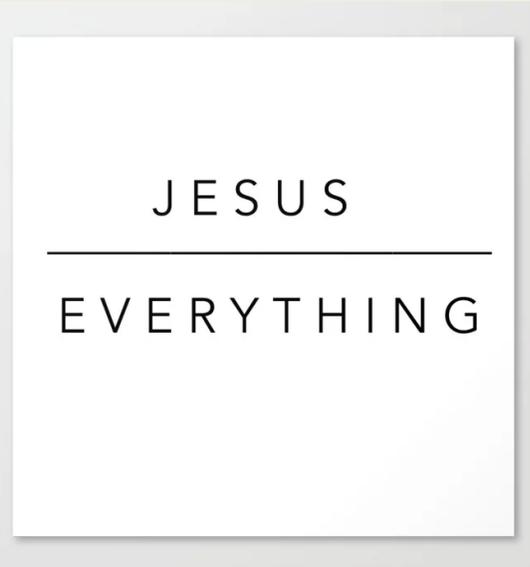
Preserving Grace

- Grace that keeps us in relationship with God
- I will never drive them away/I shall lose none of all those He has given me
- Rom 8.38-39: nothing can separate us from love of God
- 2 for marriage/1 for divorce

What words of Jesus cause you to stumble?



Exclusivity: I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.



Priority: Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

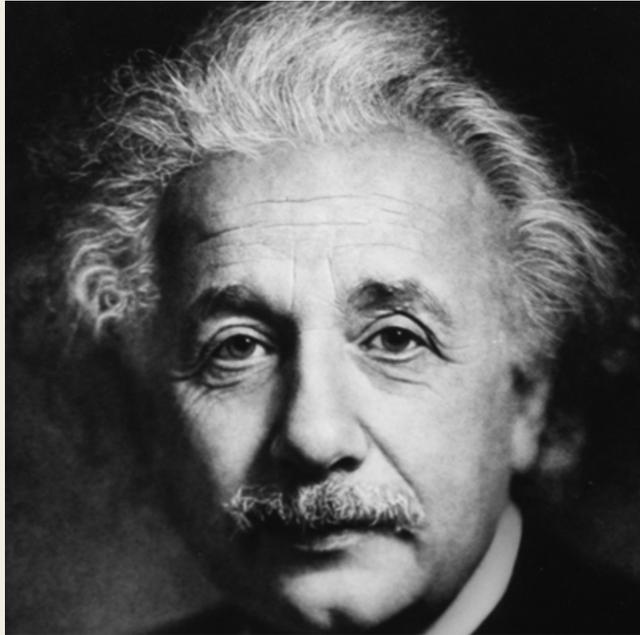


Demand: Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

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- Turn the other cheek.
- Forgive seventy times seven times.
- You cannot serve God and Money.
- Do not worry about tomorrow.
- Ask for anything in My name and I will do it.

Where do you go for words of life?



Look up- experts;
gurus; professionals;
the successful



Look around-
friends; trends; the
crowd



Look in- what I
think/feel