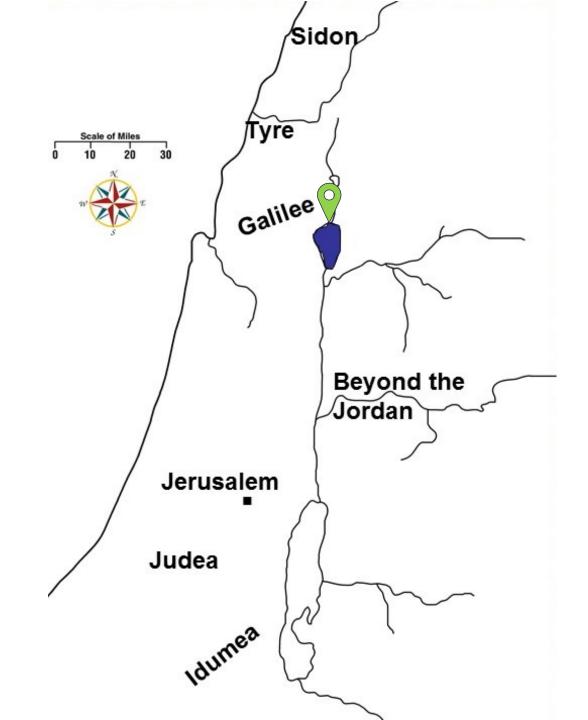
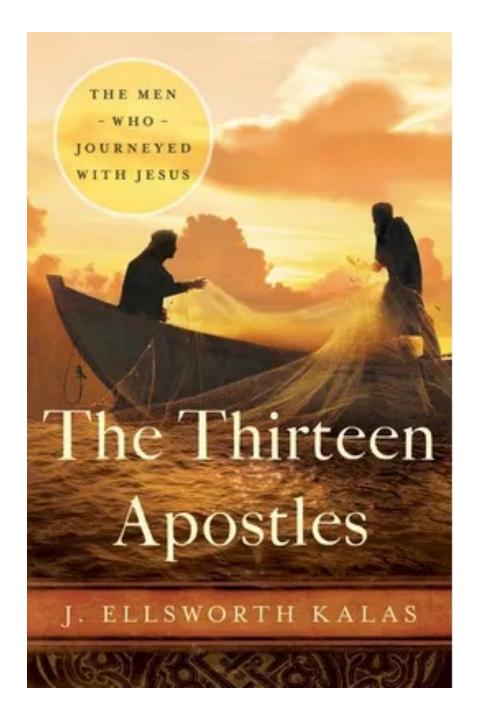


- Jesus = Messiah, the Son of God; demonstrates authority through:
  - Personal presence calling people to follow Him
  - Words and actions
    - Teaching
    - Casting out demons
    - Forgiving sins
    - Declaring what is/isn't acceptable on the Sabbath
- Religious leaders question then reject Him
  - seem to struggle honestly initially, then become stubborn (refuse to open their eyes)











• **Crowds** – approach Jesus from place of need – healing, deliverance, etc.

Jesus has compassion on crowds

• We all begin our relationship with Jesus in this way

Response of crowd to Jesus is not wrong,
 it is just insufficient - no where in Mark do
 we see crowds repenting/believing



• **Disciples** – lit. students, but think 'apprentice,' not about intellectual knowledge alone, but living life in a different way

• Core invitation of Jesus – Follow Me; disciples are those who respond to that call

• **Desire** – to live life like Jesus

 Can see this as pinnacle of relationship w/Jesus, but can become inward-focused; easy to neglect mission of Jesus



- **Apostles** sent ones; those who not only are with Jesus, but also sent out by Him on specific assignments/mission
- All sent Great Commission/as Father sent Me, so I am sending You – but not all go
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  - Assume you are already in your mission
    field people group or 7 walls
  - Pray for eyes to see
  - Plant mustard seeds



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  - Assume you are already in your mission field
    - People group
    - 7 walls Church, Family, Education,
      Business, Science/Medicine, Arts/Culture,
      Gov't/Law
  - Pray for eyes to see where is God working? Apparently not working?
  - Plant mustard seeds small acts of obedience over time