

# Treasure Hunt

- What theme is common across each of the middle three miracles in Matthew 8-9?
- What does the unusual nature of the storm teach us about our Christian life?
- Compare and contrast our Lord's shipboard experience with Jonah's.
- What two problems does the Lord address upon awakening, and which has higher priority for him?
- What OT principle lies behind 8:27?
- How could the demoniacs "come out of the tombs"?
- What do the demoniacs perceive more clearly than anyone else so far in Matthew?
- What lessons can we learn by comparing the responses of the people of Gergesa and of Samaria?

# 8:26 “O ye of little faith”

## Worry about physical provision

Mat 6:30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, **O ye of little faith?** [= Luke 12:28]

Mat 16:8 *Which* when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, **O ye of little faith**, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

## Fear for physical danger

Matt 8:26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, **O ye of little faith?**

Mat 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, **O thou of little faith**, wherefore didst thou doubt?

# 8:27 “What manner of man is this?”

Gen 1:9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was so.

Nah 1:3-4 The LORD ... rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers:

Psa 89:8 O LORD God of hosts, who *is* a strong LORD like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee? 9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea: when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

# The Boat Trip in Matthew 8

Majority text:

- Matthew: “country of the Gergesenes”
- Mark, Luke: “country of the Gadarenes”

Modern editions:

- Matthew: “country of the Gadarenes”
- Mark, Luke: “country of the Gerasenes”



# The “Steep Place” at Gergesa





“...coming out of the Tombs”





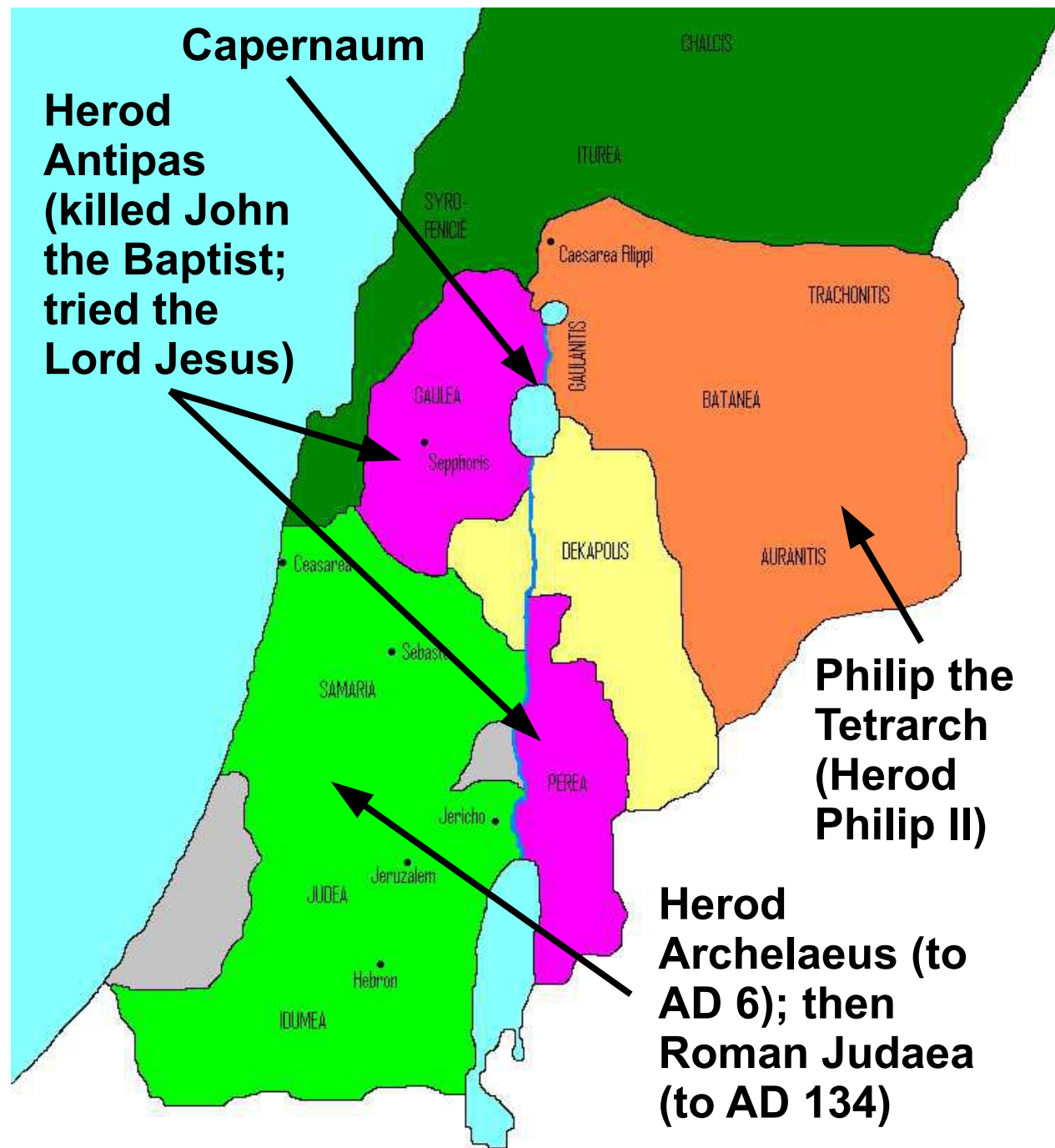
# 8:29 “before the time”

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

1Co 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels?

# Divisions of Palestine 4 BC – AD 34



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# Gergesa and Samaria

<b>Gergesa, Matt 8-9</b>	<b>Samaria, John 4</b>
8:33 And they that kept them fled,	28 The woman then left her waterpot,
and went their ways into the city,	and went her way into the city,
and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.	and saith to the men, 29 Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
34 And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus:	30 Then they went out of the city, and came unto him.
and when they saw him,	40 So when the Samaritans were come unto him,
they besought <i>him</i> that he would depart out of their coasts.	they besought him that he would tarry with them:
9:1 And he entered into a ship,	and he abode there two days.
and passed over,	... 43 Now after two days he departed thence,
and came into his own city.	and went into Galilee.