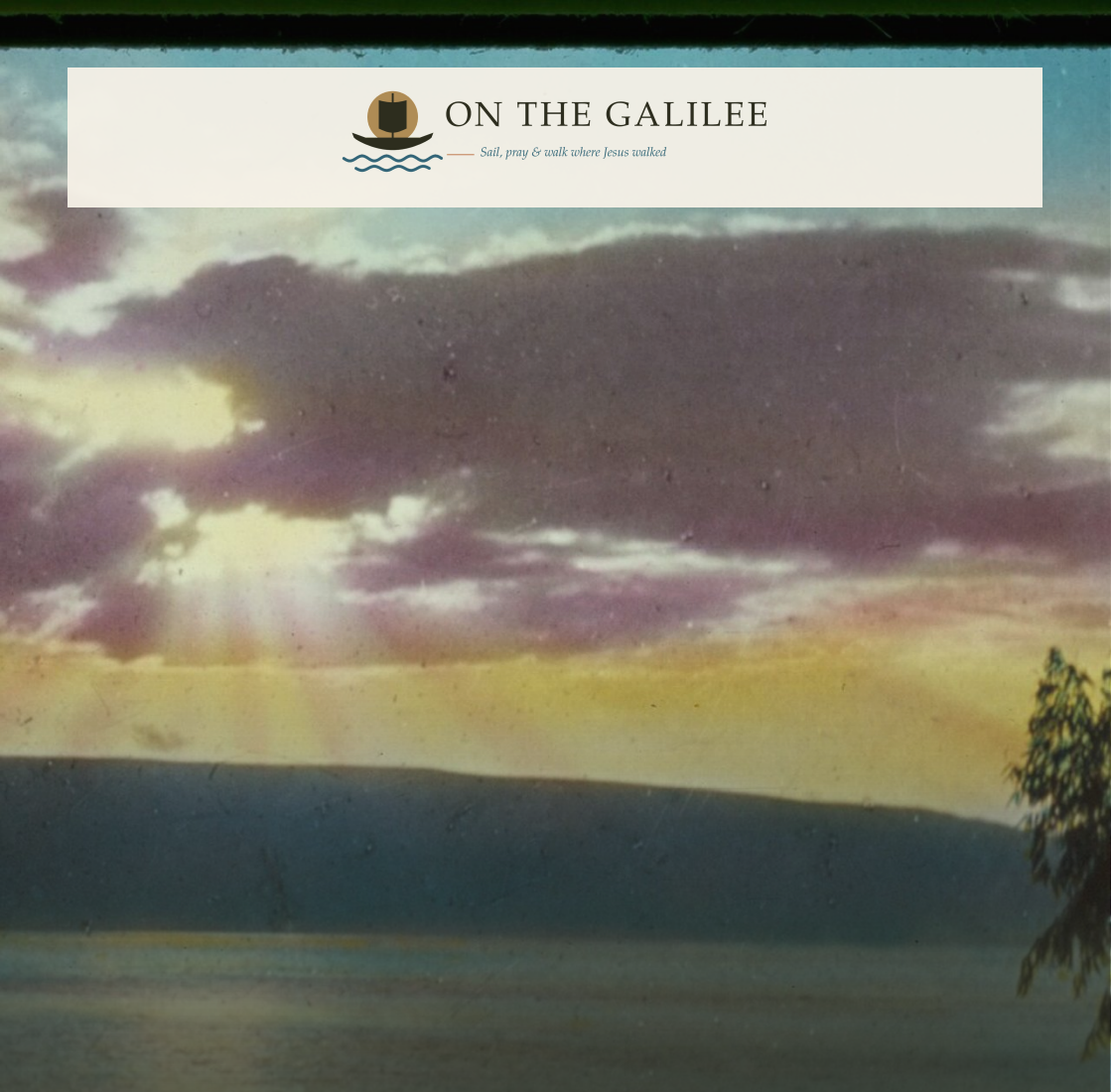
ON THE GALILEE

Sail, pray & walk where Jesus walked



THE COMPLETE COLLECTION · SEVEN PILGRIM GUIDES

The Sea of Galilee

The Complete Pilgrim's Guide

Capernaum · Tabgha · Mount of Beatitudes · The Jesus Boat · Magdala · Arbel, Kursi & Bethsaida · Yardenit

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WELCOME

How to Use This Collection

Seven pilgrim guides, one journey around the Sea of Galilee: the lake where Jesus lived, taught, healed and called his first disciples.

Each guide in this collection can be read on its own. Together they follow a natural route around the lake, from the northern shore where Jesus made his home, past the hills and harbors of his ministry, to the Jordan River where his public life began.

Use the map and itineraries on the next pages to plan your days. Then, at each site, open its guide: the story, the Scriptures, a walking tour, meditations and prayers are all there.

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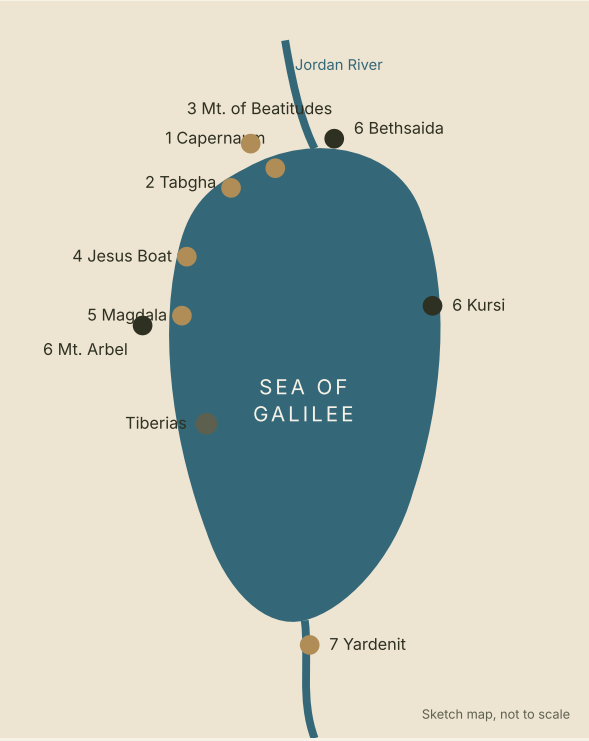
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THE LAKE

The Sea of Galilee

It is not really a sea at all, but a freshwater lake about 21 km long and 12 km wide, lying some 210 meters below sea level. The Bible calls it by many names: the Sea of Kinneret, the Lake of Gennesaret, the Sea of Tiberias. Fed by the Jordan River from the north, it is still the largest freshwater lake in Israel.

In the days of Jesus, the shores were lined with fishing villages and busy towns. Most of his ministry took place within a short walk or boat ride of the water. He called fishermen, taught from a boat, calmed a storm, walked on the waves, and after his resurrection cooked breakfast on the beach.



PLAN YOUR DAYS

Suggested Itineraries

ONE DAY AROUND THE NORTHERN SHORE

Morning: Mount of Beatitudes at opening (Guide 3), then walk or drive down to Tabgha (Guide 2) and on to Capernaum (Guide 1). **Afternoon:** lunch by the lake, then the Jesus Boat at Ginosar (Guide 4) and a boat ride on the water. **Evening:** sunset at Magdala (Guide 5).

TWO DAYS

Day 1: the northern shore as above: Beatitudes, Tabgha, Capernaum, ending with a boat ride. **Day 2:** sunrise on Mount Arbel (Guide 6), Magdala and the Jesus Boat in the morning, then south to Yardenit (Guide 7) for baptism or renewal of vows in the afternoon.

THREE DAYS, AT A PILGRIM'S PACE

Day 1: Capernaum and Tabgha, with time for prayer at the shore. **Day 2:** Mount of Beatitudes in the morning, the Jesus Boat and a boat ride at midday, Magdala at sunset. **Day 3:** sunrise on Arbel, then around the eastern shore to Kursi and Bethsaida (Guide 6), ending at Yardenit (Guide 7).

Tips for the whole journey

Start early: many sites close at midday. Carry modest clothing and water. Most sites are 15–20 minutes apart by car. Always confirm opening hours before you go.

WHY THESE GUIDES

For Every Pilgrim

For two thousand years, pilgrims have come to the Sea of Galilee to stand where Jesus stood.

Yet many arrive with only a few rushed minutes at each site, a crowded bus and a fading memory of the Gospel stories. And many more will never make the journey at all.

These guides were created for both: for those who will soon stand on these shores, and for those who long to walk here in prayer from far away. Our hope is that every page helps you slow down, open the Scriptures where they happened, and meet the One who made this lake his home.

If you visit, take a boat out onto the water and read the calming of the storm in the middle of the lake. And wherever you are, may the peace of the Sea of Galilee be with you.

With blessings from the shore,
On the Galilee



Fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, early 20th century. Matson Collection, Library of Congress.

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