

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW
JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS
The Power of Jesus;
Deviled Ham
Matthew 8:28–34



The Miracles of Power (Matt. 8:23–9:8)

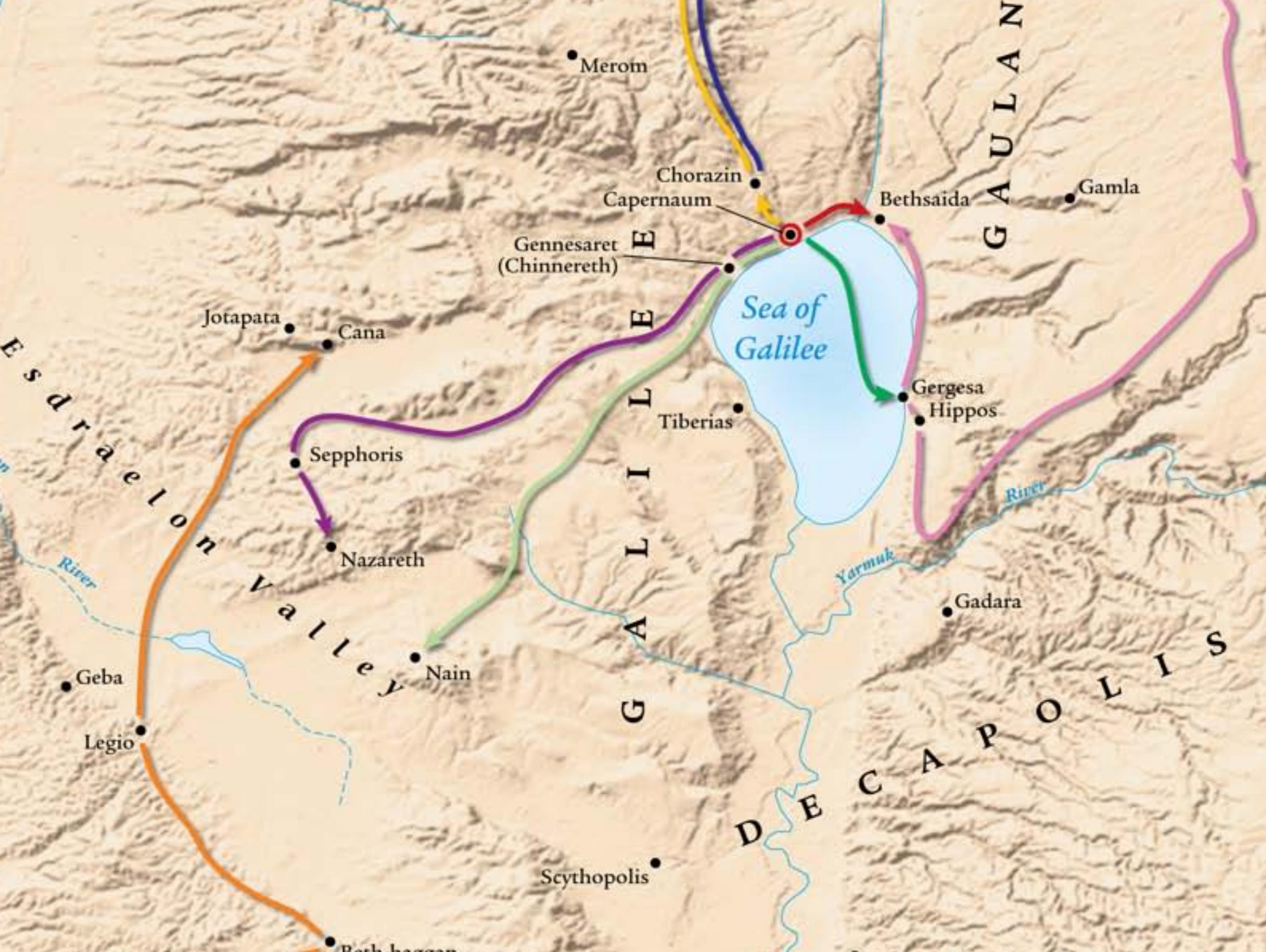
- 1. Jesus stills the storm on the Sea of Galilee**
- 2. Jesus cast out demons from the two demon-possessed men**
- 3. Jesus heals the paralyzed man to demonstrate He can forgive sins**

In the first illustration, Jesus demonstrates His authority and power over the forces of creation to show that He is Creator-God who sustains and controls Creation and who, as Messiah, will reverse the damage of sin on creation during the Kingdom.

In the second illustration, Jesus demonstrates His authority and power over Satan and the fallen angels (the demons), and that He has the power to deliver the creation from the control of Satan who is called the prince of the power of the air (Eph. 2:2), the god of this age (2 Cor. 4:4) and the ruler of this world (John 12:31).

In the third illustration, Jesus shows that He has the divine prerogative to forgive sins, which will be a hallmark of His Messianic reign.

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 - a. has authority and power over Satan and the fallen angels (the demons),**
 - b. is Creator-God who sustains and controls creation (Col. 1:16–17),**
 - c. that He as Messiah, has the power to deliver the creation from the control of Satan, the “prince of the power of the air” (Eph. 2:2), the “god of this age” (2 Cor. 4:4) and “the ruler of this world” (John 12:31)**



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σεισμός *seismos*

nom masc sing

“shake, earthquake;
shakedown
(extortion)”

The demons ask *three* things:

- “What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? (Matt. 8:29)
- Have You come here to torment us before the time?” (Matt. 8:29)
- “If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine.”

Jesus took three actions

- He commanded them, “Go”

ὑπάγω *hupagō*

pres act impera 2 plur to go away; to draw off

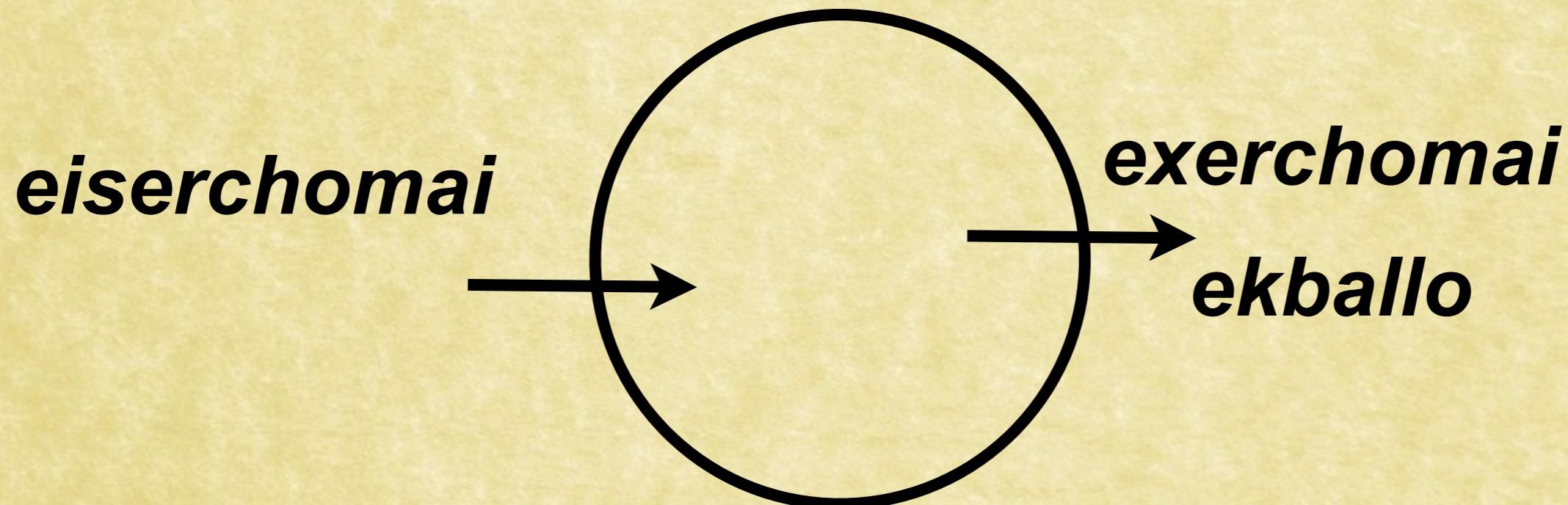
ἐξέρχομαι *exerchomai*, to come out from,
get out, proceed out of

εἰσέρχομαι *eisерchomai*, to enter into

ἐκβάλλω *ekballo*, to cast out

Demon-possessed = *daimonizomai*

To be entered and controlled by a demon,
not merely *demonized*.



1. Rabbi Huna (d. A.D. 297) delineated four characteristics: “walking about at night, spending the night on a grave, tearing one’s clothes, and destroying what one is given.” These four could describe tens of thousands of teenagers on any given Halloween night.

- a) to think oneself possessed,
- b) to lead a wicked life,
- c) to be persistently ill, falling into heavy sleep and vomiting unusual objects (either natural objects: toads, serpents, worms, iron, stones, etc.; or artificial objects: nails, pins, etc.),
- d) to blaspheme,
- e) to make a pact with the Devil,
- f) to be troubled with spirits,
- g) to show a frightening and horrible countenance,
- h) to be tired of living,
- i) to be uncontrollable and violent,
- j) to make sounds and movements like an animal

3. Kurt Koch:

Cursing, grinding teeth, suicide, falling into a trance.

Koch stated that possessing demons “emit a scornful laugh if he hears someone talking about the cross of Christ or the blood of Jesus,” and that the person possessed will display “evil and hateful expressions especially of spiritual things are talked about.”