

Mount Arbel  
*Commissioning Faith*  
(Matt. 28:16-20)

~ INFO ~

MOUNT ARBEL IS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR US...

- Because we get a big overview...
  - Of where Jesus did about 70% of His ministry.
- This is the highest mountain around the Sea of Galilee.

AND I THINK...

- This is the perfect place to finish this leg of the tour...
  - As we're reminded about Commissioning Faith.

FLIP TO (Matt. 28:16-20) NLT.

~ TEACHING ~

NOW... SCHOLARS **DIFFER**...

- On the history behind Mt. Arbel.

BUT... THE FACT REMAINS...

- That Jesus gave the disciple's a Great Commission –
  - "... *Go and make disciples...*" (v.19).

AND... ON THIS MOUNTAIN (v.16)...

- The disciples would have been looking around & remembering...
  - All the lives that Jesus touched – the miracles He did.

JUST LIKE THE FIELD-TRIP...

- To Caesarea Philippi...
  - So too... this place...
    - Was a powerful spot for visual learning & faith building!

FROM THIS MOUNTAIN...

- The disciples could see the locations where Jesus demonstrated...
  - His authority & the authenticity of His message.

A FEW MIRACLES:

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1. Sickness healed.
2. Demons cast out of people (c.p. Mary Magdalene).
3. Weather calmed on the Sea below.
4. Nature (cursed fig tree on the way to Jerusalem).
5. Animals - demons cast into a heard of pigs.
6. Food (fed 5,000 Jews & 4,000 Gentiles).
7. Power over Death (raised people to life – Jairus daughter).
8. Restored Peter after his denial on the shores at Tabga.

PLUS...

- Jesus spoke about **salt & light** against the backdrop of things actually...
  - Happening right here.

- 1) In Magdala at the base of Mt. Arbel was where **salt** was used to preserve the fish caught on the Sea.
- 2) Hippos (modern – Ein Gev) was a Roman city, on the Eastern shore known for its impressive **lights** at night.

SO... From the miracles ... to the daily moments...

- The disciple's faith was stirred right here from Mt. Arbel.
  - c.p. (Num 13:22) Moses sent the 12-spies out and they...
    - Passed thru Hebron to stir their faith.

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

- Mount Arbel looks down on Dove Valley below...
  - (Which is part of the Via Maris).
- The **Great Commission** would have had a visual impact...
  - As they looked down to the caravans of the world...
    - Carrying goods (out of the north) and into Jerusalem.

SO TOO...

- The disciples... were to carry the Gospel message to the world...
  - By staring in Jerusalem

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(Acts 1:8) NLT

*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

SO... JESUS CLOSED WITH THE COMMISSION...

(Matt. 28:18-19) NKJV

*“All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...”*