

Sea of Galilee  
*Growing Faith*  
(Matt. 14:22-34)

**~ INTRO ~**

THE SEA OF GALILEE...

- Is the shape of a harp & goes by a variety of names:
  - 1) Sea of Galilee.
  - 2) Lake Ginnosar.
  - 3) Lake of Tiberias.
  - 4) Lake of Gennesaret.
  - 5) Kinneret – Hebrew (because of its harp like shape).

NOW... THIS BODY OF WATER SITS:

- About 700-feet below sea-level...
  - It's roughly 8-miles wide & 12-miles long... +/-
    - And nearly 150-feet at the deepest point.

**~ OBSERVATIONS ~**

NOW...

- Right here on the Sea of Galilee Jesus performed many miracles:
  - 1) He stilled the storm that made His disciple fear (Matt 8:23-26).
  - 2) He gave Peter a large catch of fish (Luke 5:4-7).
  - 3) He walked on the water here (Matt 14:25-26).
  - 4) He called Peter to walk on water (Matt 14:28-31).

JESUS ALSO RESTORED PETER...

- Over there on the shoreline of Tabgha after his denial (John 21:15-17).

**HERE'S THE POINT...**

JESUS DID MIRACLE...

- That forever changed lives & encouraged faith in God.
  - This is also the point of our *Tour of Faith*...
    - I want to encourage you in your faith in God!

**~ IN CLOSING ~**

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JESUS SPENT...

- Most of His time with the disciples... pouring into them.

SCHOLARS ESTIMATE...

- that nearly  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Jesus' time was spent with His disciples...
  - Just doing ordinary tasks – walking / talking / eating / teaching.

TODAY...

- We often say, "*Christianity is more often caught, than taught.*"

YOUR TOUR OF ISRAEL...

- Reaches a new height today...
  - That very few people get a chance to experience.
    - You're in the middle of the water that Jesus walked on.

YOUR EYES...

- Are witnessing the locations where the life & ministry of Jesus...
  - Was done.

AND PERHAPHS...

- One little take from this experience...
  - Can be summed up in (Heb. 13:5) NLT...

MAY WE REMEMBER...

*"[Jesus] will never fail you. [Jesus] will never abandon you."*

THAT'S THE LESSON PETER LEARNED RIGHT HERE!

AMEN!