

BEHOLD THE KING

MATTHEW

“Touch is far more essential than our other senses. . . . it’s ten times stronger than verbal or emotional contact.”

Saul Schanberg

“The first sense to ignite, touch is the last to burn out; long after our eyes betray us, our hands remain faithful to the world. . . .

“In describing such final departures, we often talk of losing touch.”

Frederick Sachs



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“As for her milk, there is probably not a town, a monastery, or a nunnery, where it is not displayed in large or small quantities.

“In fact, if the Virgin had breast-fed babies her entire life, or been a dairy farm, she could not have produced more milk than they display as hers in various places!

“How they acquired all this milk they do not say. It is hardly worth adding that there is no basis in the Gospels for such foolish and blasphemous absurdities.”

John Calvin

“I do not know how these things could have been acquired, for it is certain that the apostles and early Christians were not so trivial-minded as to amuse themselves by collecting such things.”

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“Please get consent before touching people.”

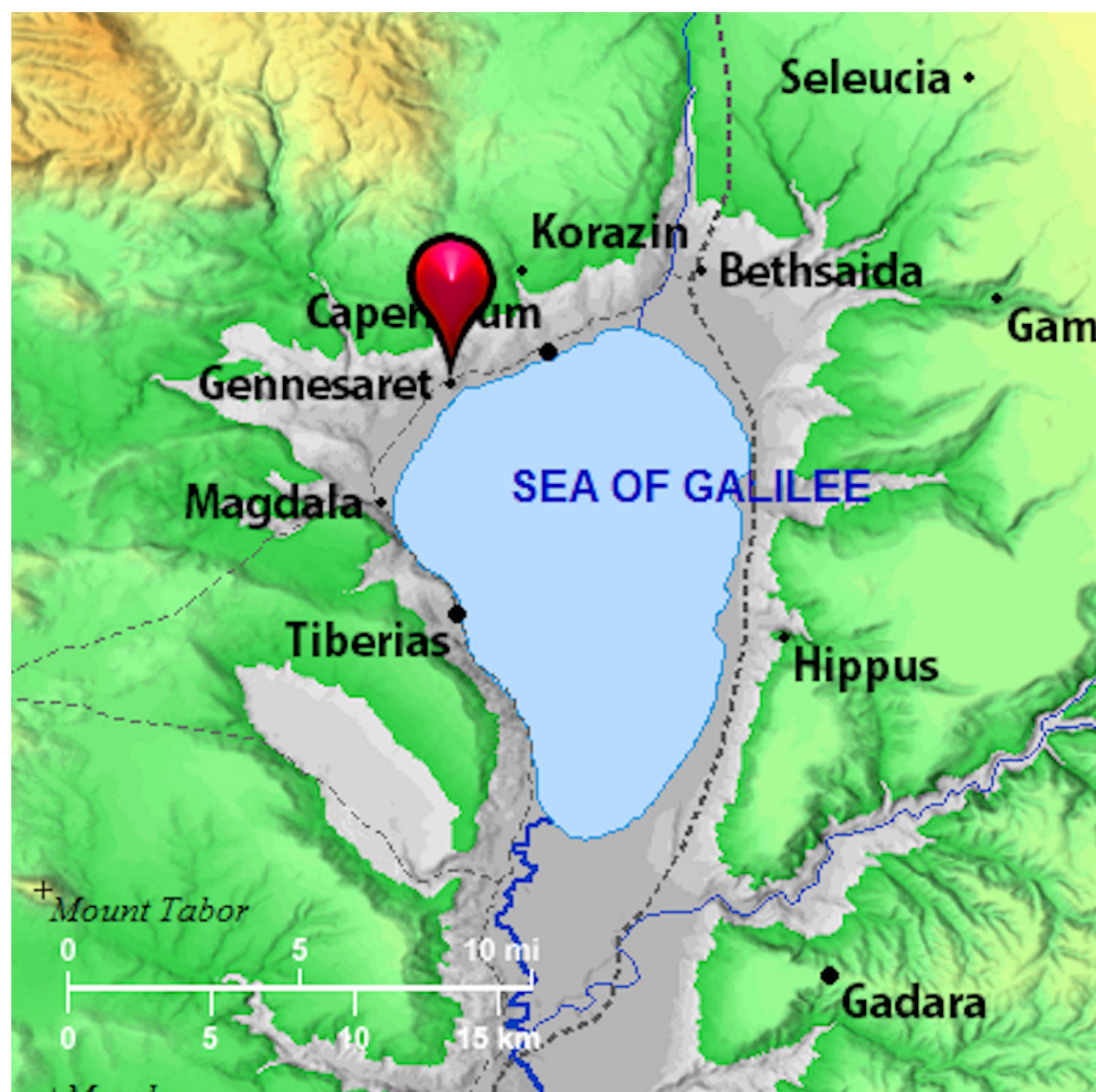
Sophia Bush

“It has gotten to the point that people won’t even say hi to me or recognize me as a human. I feel like a zoo animal, and I wanna be able to keep my sanity.”

Justin Bieber

Setting -

“And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.” (34)



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“And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick” (35)

kakos = “to have it badly,” wrongly, sickly

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Sennacherib

“The power of prayer does not reside in the place it **starts** but the place it **reaches**.”

Alec Motyer

“I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.”

Hebrews 2:12

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kanaph = edge, fringe, or wings
(literal or metaphorical)

“You shall make yourself tassels on the four **corners** of the garment with which you cover yourself.”

Deuteronomy 22:12

“As Samuel turned to go away, Saul seized the **skirt** of his robe, and it tore.”

1 Samuel 15:27



Caves of Engedi

“David arose and stealthily cut off a **corner** of Saul’s robe.”

1 Samuel 24:4b

“Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

“If I take the **wings** of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.”

Psalms 139:7-10

“The LORD repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose **wings** you have come to take refuge!”

Ruth 2:12

“He said, ‘Who are you?’ And she answered,
‘I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your
wings over your servant, for you are a
redeemer.’”

Ruth 3:9

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“But for you who fear my name, the sun of
righteousness shall rise with healing in its
wings.”

Malachi 4:2a

“And as many as touched it were made well.”
(36b)

If Jesus cares about everyone, do you believe
he cares about you?

If Jesus cares about everyone, is he caring through you?

If Jesus mingles with anyone, does that include you?

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’

“Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

“Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

“but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

John 20:27-31