

# Walk Across the Holy Land



## 11<sup>th</sup> Destination Capernaum:

You, Jesus and the disciples have now walked away from the Transfiguration and traveled about 18 miles returning to Capernaum. There Jesus pays the temple tax with a fish and preaches about sin.

### Biblical References:

Matthew 17:24-27

#### The Temple Tax

**24**After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?"

**25**"Yes, he does," he replied.

When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own sons or from others?"

**26**"From others," Peter answered.

"Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him. **27**"But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours."

### Matthew 18:1-9

#### The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

**1**At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

**2**He called a little child and had him stand among them. **3**And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. **4**Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**5**"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. **6**But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea.

**7**"Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! **8**If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. **9**And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

## Mark 10:33-50

### Who is Greatest?

**33**They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" **34**But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

**35**Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

**36**He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, **37**"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

### Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

**38**"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

**39**"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, **40**for whoever is not against us is for us. **41**I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.

### Causing to Sin

**42**"And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck.

**43**If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. **45**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. **47**And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is

better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, **48**where

" 'their worm does not die,

and the fire is not quenched.' **49**Everyone will be salted with fire.

**50**"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

### **Next Destination Jerusalem:**

Nearing the end of his journey, Jesus turned his trip toward Jerusalem about 55 miles away. There he would be crucified and he would die on the cross for our sins so that we may have eternal life in Heaven. Walk with Jesus 55 miles then click on destination #12 to receive your next packet.