





# AUTHORITY

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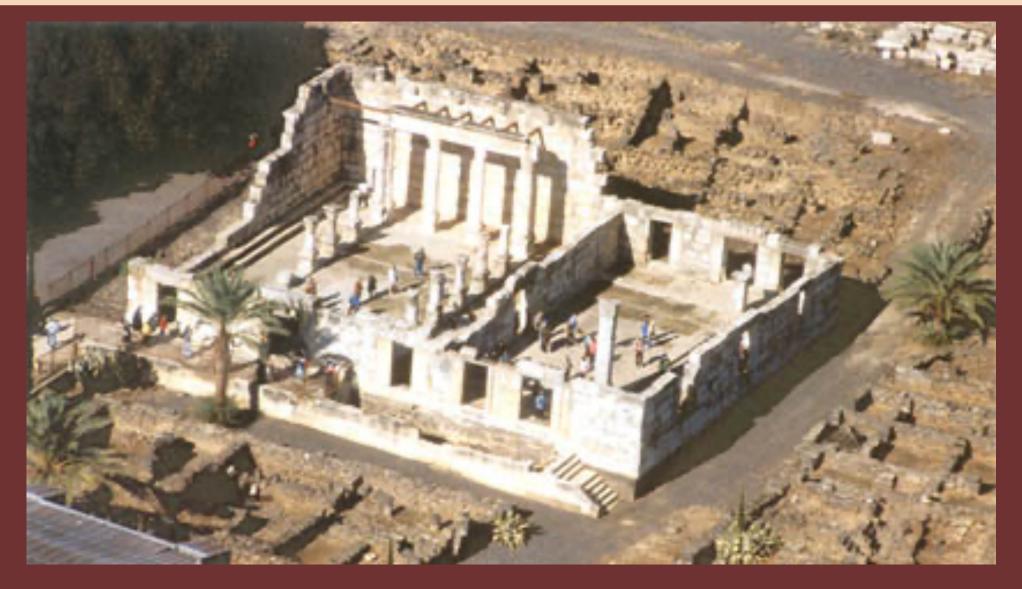
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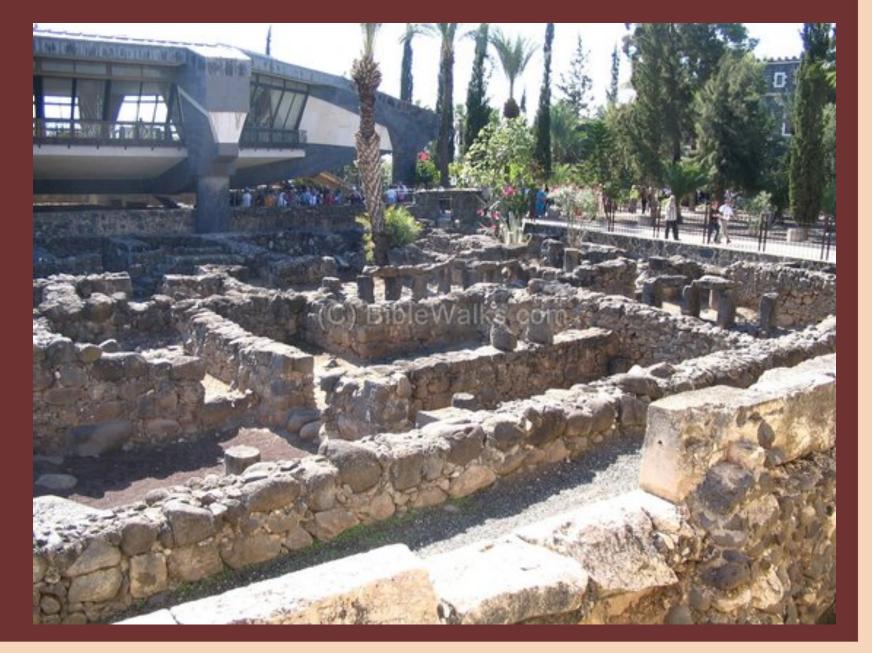


The Jewish Synagogue in Capernaum



The 5<sup>th</sup> Byzantine Church just south of the Jewish synagogue built over what is believed to be Peter's (and Andrew's) home.

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- **13** See, my Servant will act wisely; He will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.
- 14 Just as there were many who were appalled at Him His appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and His form marred beyond human likeness—
- 15 so He will sprinkle many nations, and kings will shut their mouths because of Him. For what they were not told, they will see, and what they have not heard, they will understand.

- 1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him.
- **3** He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem.

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- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away.
  Yet who of His generation protested?
  For He was cut off from the land of the living;
  for the transgression of my people He was punished.



- **9** He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the LORD's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the LORD makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in His hand.



- 11 After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities.
- 12 Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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# At his trial before the Sanhedrin, Jesus' words on the subject of His messiahship are noteworthy:

But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer.

Again the high priest asked him,

"Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?"

"I am," said Jesus.

"And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven".

(Mark 14:61-62)

#### Jesus responded to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well in Sychar:

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, He will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am He".

(John 4:25-26)



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