

THE CAPERNAUM INHERITANCE

Jesus Headquarters in Nazareth

Luke 4:14-32 ~ From Nazareth to Capernaum

- 14 And Jesus returned in the **power of the Spirit into Galilee**: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about.
- 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
- 16 And **He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read.**
- 17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written,
- 18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**
- 19 **To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**
- 20 **And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him.**
- 21 **And He began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.**
- 22 And all bare Him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's son?
- 23 And He said unto them, Ye will surely say unto Me this proverb, Physician, heal Thyself: whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Thy country.
- 24 And He said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.
- 25 But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;
- 26 But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.
- 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.
- 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,
- 29 **And rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast Him down headlong.**
- 30 **But He passing through the midst of them went His way,**
- 31 **And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days.**
- 32 **And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power.**

Capernaum ~ Highly Privileged City of Influence and Wealth

- ❖ Located on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee
- ❖ Located on major east west trade route
- ❖ Major economic center of wealth and trade
- ❖ Major fishing and farming industry
- ❖ Permanent Roman taxation center
- ❖ Roman military outpost
- ❖ Headquarters for Jesus' ministry

Demonstration of the Gospel to Capernaum

1. Testimony to the Top Political, Economic and Judicial Figure

John 4:46-54 ~ Nobleman of Capernaum

- 46 So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where He made the water wine. **And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.**
- 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto Him, and besought Him that He would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.
- 48 Then said Jesus unto him, **Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.**
- 49 The nobleman saith unto Him, **Sir, come down ere my child die.**
- 50 Jesus saith unto him, **Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed (took Jesus at His word) the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.**
- 51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth.
- 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him.
- 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, **Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.**
- 54 This is again **the second miracle that Jesus did**, when He was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

❖ **Nobleman** – A leading citizen of Capernaum that represented the political, economic and judicial interest of Herod Antipas.

2. Testimony to the Fishing Industry ~ The Chief Economic Industry of Capernaum

Luke 5:1-9 ~ Multitudes of Fish

- 1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon Him to hear the Word of God, He stood by the lake of Gennesaret,
- 2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.
- 3 And He entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And He sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.
- 4 Now when He had left speaking, He said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.
- 5 And Simon answering said unto Him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net.
- 6 And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.
- 7 And they **beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship**, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.
- 8 When Simon Peter saw it, **he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.**
- 9 **For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:**

Converts James, John, Peter and Andrew ~ Foremost Leaders of the Economic Industry

Luke 5:10-11

- 10 And so was also **James**, and **John**, the sons of Zebedee, **which were partners with Simon**. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.
- 11 And when they had brought their ships to land, **they forsook all, and followed Him.**

3. First Testimony to the City and to Jairus (The Head of the Synagogue)

Mark 1:21-28 ~ Deliverance of a Man with Unclean Spirit

- 21 And they went into **Capernaum**; and straightway on the Sabbath day **He entered into the synagogue**, and taught.
- 22 And **they were astonished at His doctrine**: for He taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.
- 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,
- 24 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with Thee, Thou Jesus of Nazareth? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God.
- 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.
- 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.
- 27 And **they were all amazed**, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, **What thing is this? What new doctrine is this?** For with authority commanded He even the unclean spirits, and they do obey Him.
- 28 And **immediately His fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.**

4. City Wide Revival at Capernaum ~ Peter's Mother-in-Law Healed

Mark 1:29-37

- 29 And forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.
- 30 But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever, and anon they tell Him of her.
- 31 And **He came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her**, and she ministered unto them.
- 32 And at even, when the sun did set, **they brought unto Him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils.**
- 33 **And all the city was gathered together at the door.**
- 34 **And He healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils;** and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew Him.
- 35 **And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.**
- 36 And Simon and they that were with Him followed after Him.
- 37 And **when they had found Him, they said unto Him, All men seek for Thee.**

5. Testimony to Pharisees and Doctors from Surrounding Towns

Luke 5:17-26 ~ Miracle of Paralytic in Peter's House

- 17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there **were Pharisees and doctors of the law** sitting by, which **were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea and Jerusalem**: and the **power of the Lord was present to heal them.**
- 18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.
- 19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.
- 20 And when He saw their faith, He said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.
- 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?
- 22 But when **Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?**
- 23 **Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?**

- 24 **But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.**
- 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.
- 26 And **they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear**, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

❖ **Mark 2:1** And again He entered into Capernaum, after some days; and it was noised that **He was in the house.** (Peter's House)

6. **Testimony to the Chief of Police / Military**

Luke 7:1-10 ~ Centurion 100 Soldiers / A Military Garrison in Capernaum

- 1 Now when He had ended all His sayings in the audience of the people, **He entered into Capernaum.**
- 2 And a **certain centurion's servant**, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.
- 3 And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto Him the elders of the Jews, beseeching Him that He would come and heal his servant.
- 4 And when they came to Jesus, they besought Him instantly, saying, **That he was worthy for whom He should do this:**
- 5 **For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.**
- 6 Then Jesus went with them. And when He was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying unto Him, Lord, trouble not Thyself: for I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof:
- 7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto Thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.
- 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.
- 9 When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed Him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.
- 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

7. **Testimony to Jairus ~ The Chief of Religion at Capernaum**

Mark 5:21-24, 39-42 ~ Jairus ~ Ruler of the Synagogue

- 21 And when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto Him: and He was nigh unto the sea.
- 22 And, behold, there cometh one of **the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name**; and when he saw Him, he fell at His feet,
- 23 And besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.
- 24 And Jesus went with him; and much people followed Him, and thronged Him.
- 39 And when He was come in, He saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.
- 40 And they laughed Him to scorn. But when He had put them all out, **He taketh the father and the mother of the damsel**, and them that were with Him, and entered in where the damsel was lying.
- 41 And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.
- 42 And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. **And they were astonished with a great astonishment.**

8. Testimony to Second Tax Collector of Capernaum ~ Matthew's Replacement

Luke 5:27-32 ~ Jesus Calls Matthew ~ Tax Collector

- 27 And after these things He went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi (**Matthew**), sitting at the **receipt of custom**: and He said unto him, Follow Me.
- 28 And he left all, rose up, and followed Him.
- 29 And **Levi made Him a great feast in his own house**: and there **was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.**
- 30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against His disciples, saying, Why do Ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?
- 31 And Jesus answering said unto them, **They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.**
- 32 **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**

Matthew 17:24-27 ~ Miracle of Tax Money

- 24 And **when they were come to Capernaum**, they **that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?**
- 25 He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?
- 26 Peter saith unto Him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.
- 27 Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, **go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money; that take, and give unto them for Me and thee.**