

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Sea of Galilee in Gospel Mark

What do you know about Galilee?

Galilee is the first setting of Jesus' story in Gospel Mark. (Galilee, Road to Jerusalem, Jerusalem)

Galilee is mentioned as a 'sea' (*thalassa*) 17 times in Gospel Mark instead of a lake (*limne*).
(Mark 1:16, 2:13, 3:7, 4:1, 39, 41, 5:1, 13, 21, 6:47-49, and 7:31)
(Luke uses *limne* in 5:1-2, 8:22, 23, and 33)

How is Galilee used in Gospel Mark?

A place of calling (Mark 1:16-20)

A place of gathering (2:13, 3:7, 4:1, 5:21, 6:31-33, and 6:53-54)

A place of teaching (2:13, 4:1, and 8:13-21)

A place of revelation/epiphany (4:35-41, 6:45-52)

A place of miracle (3:7-10, and 5:1-43)

A place of division (5:1, 5:21, and 7:31)

A place of destruction and judgment (5:12-13)

A place of chaos and threat (4:35-41. Read with 1:25 and 8:33. 6:45-52)

3. Let us read ch. 7

4. Discussion

- a. The Pharisees asked, "why do your disciples not *live*..." in verse 5. Why do you think they used "live" instead "observe"?
- b. Why did Jesus quote Isaiah 29:13 in response to the Pharisee's question?
- c. What was Jesus' point in verses 6-13?

- d. How would the first readers of Gospel Mark understand verse 19?
- e. What do we learn from verses 1 – 23?
- f. Why do you think Jesus went out to Tyre in verse 24?
- g. Why do you think the gentile woman couldn't bring her daughter to Jesus?
- h. How come Jesus harshly replied to the woman's request?
- i. Why did Jesus cured the deaf man in a different way?