



the gospel of MARK

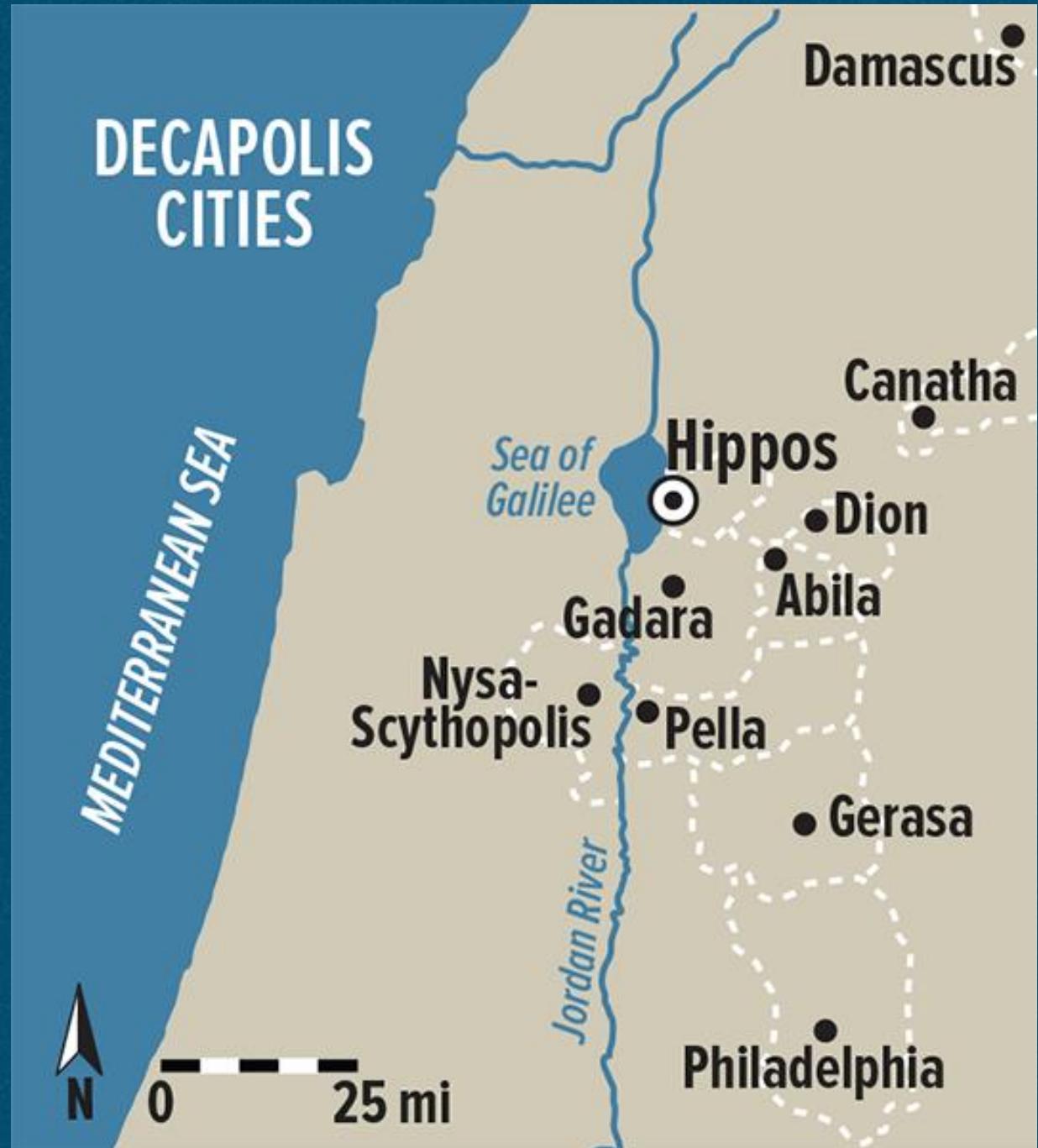
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Mark 5:1-20

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- v. 1: “*across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes*”
 - Leftover from Greek Empire
 - 10 cities
 - Gentiles; “non-Jews”, ergo “a herd of pigs”



Mark 5:2-5

Jesus call the Unexpected!

- v. 2: *“a man with an evil spirit came from the tombs”*
 - Satan longs to destroy and diminish God’s image
 - Exiled, abandoned, feared
 - Desperate, hopeless, broken



Mark 5:6-10

Jesus call the Unexpected!

- v. 7 “*What do you want.. ??*”
 - The demons know and are terrified of Jesus
 - Theme in Mark:
 - only the demon-possessed and the desperate correctly identify Jesus!
 - RIGHTLY understand His AUTHORITY:
 - They “*begged Jesus ... not to send them out of the area*”

Mark 5:11-14

Jesus call the Unexpected!

- v. 14: *“those tending the pigs ran off...”*
 - Jesus “allows” the demons to try to escape
 - The pig-herders run and snitch
 - No doubt fearful of job security!



Mark 5:15-17

Jesus call the Unexpected!

- v. 15 “*...dressed and in his right mind*”
- The townspeople’s response is FEAR
 - 2000 drowned pigs AND witness testimony about what happened
- The **SOPHRENEO** man!
 - “In his right mind”, the OPPOSITE of Satan’s plan, influence and work in a man’s life

- v.19 *“...go home and tell your family how much God has done for you and how He has had mercy on you”*
- Jesus' instruction to the man (and to US!):
 - Go and tell others about God
 - This man – previously abandoned, hopeless and alone – becomes the first evangelist!
 - Are we not all included here? What stops us?

- 1. When Jesus is not Lord, we can expect and await the cold, alone, discontent and hopelessness. Will you not repent and accept His mercy?
- 2. To whom are you called to witness God's goodness and mercy? Or are you Apathetic, Afraid or do you Assume someone else should?