

Capernaum



- Capernaum is derived from the Aramaic ‘Kepar Nahum,’ meaning “village of Nahum.” There is no evidence that shows any relationship between Capernaum and the Old Testament prophet Nahum.
- Capernaum is located on the northwest side of the Sea of Galilee, about two and one-half miles from the point where the Jordan River enters the Sea of Galilee. **Matthew 4:13; John 6:24**
- The Bible mentions that Capernaum is by the sea (Sea of Galilee) and in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. **Matthew 4:12-13**
- Capernaum is mentioned some 16 times in the Bible, all in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- Capernaum was the Lord’s home base for about 20 months. It became our Lord’s home after He was rejected in Nazareth in **Luke 4**.
- Capernaum is the only place in the gospel record where Jesus is described as being “at home.” **Mark 2:1**
- Jesus frequently came here and taught in the synagogue. **Mark 1:21; Luke 4:31; John 6:59**
- In Capernaum, Jesus chose Matthew to become an apostle. **Matthew 9:9**
- Capernaum was the home town of Simon Peter and Andrew, and probably where Jesus told them He would make them fishers of men. **Mark 1:16-17**
- Jesus performed many miracles in Capernaum.
 - Healed the Centurion’s servant. **Matthew 8:5-13; Luke 7:1-10**
 - Healed Peter’s Mother-in-law. **Matthew 8:14-15; Mark 1:30-31; Luke 4:38-39**
 - Healed the man that was let down through the roof. **Mark 2:3-12**
 - Cleansed the man with the unclean spirit. **Luke 4:33-35**
 - Healed the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years.

Mark 5:25-34

- Raised the twelve year old daughter of Jairus. **Mark 5:41**

- At Capernaum the disciples disputed among themselves as to which should be the greatest, and Jesus took a child, put him in their midst and taught them. **Mark 9:22-37**
- From the mouth of a fish Peter caught, money was provided for Jesus to pay the tax for both of them. **Matthew 17:24-27**
- In the synagogue at Capernaum Jesus spoke the discourse on the bread of life. **John 6:1-59**
- Jesus reprovved the people of Capernaum because they did not accept His teachings. **Matthew 11:23-24**. What a lesson in wasted opportunities!

