

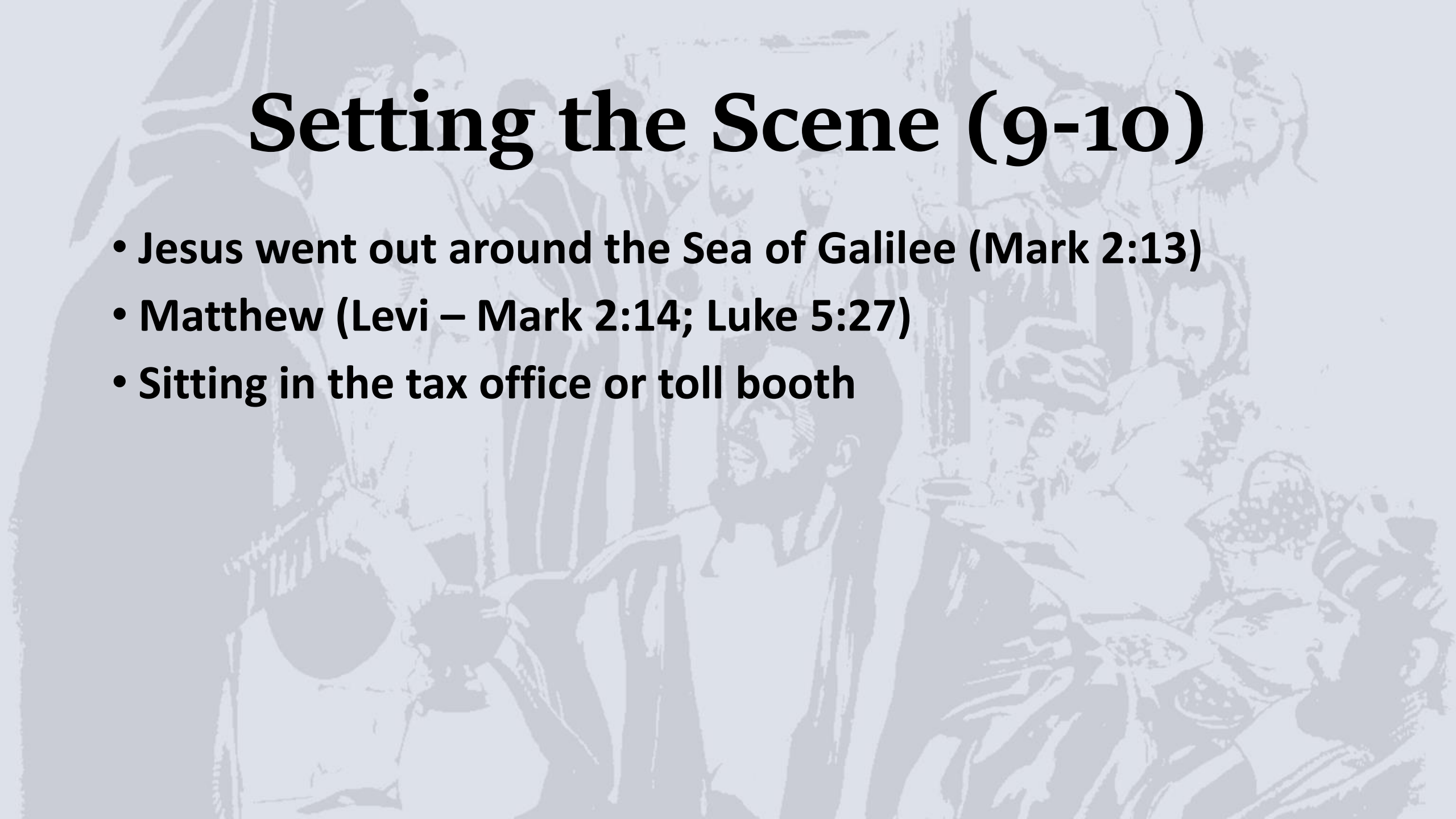


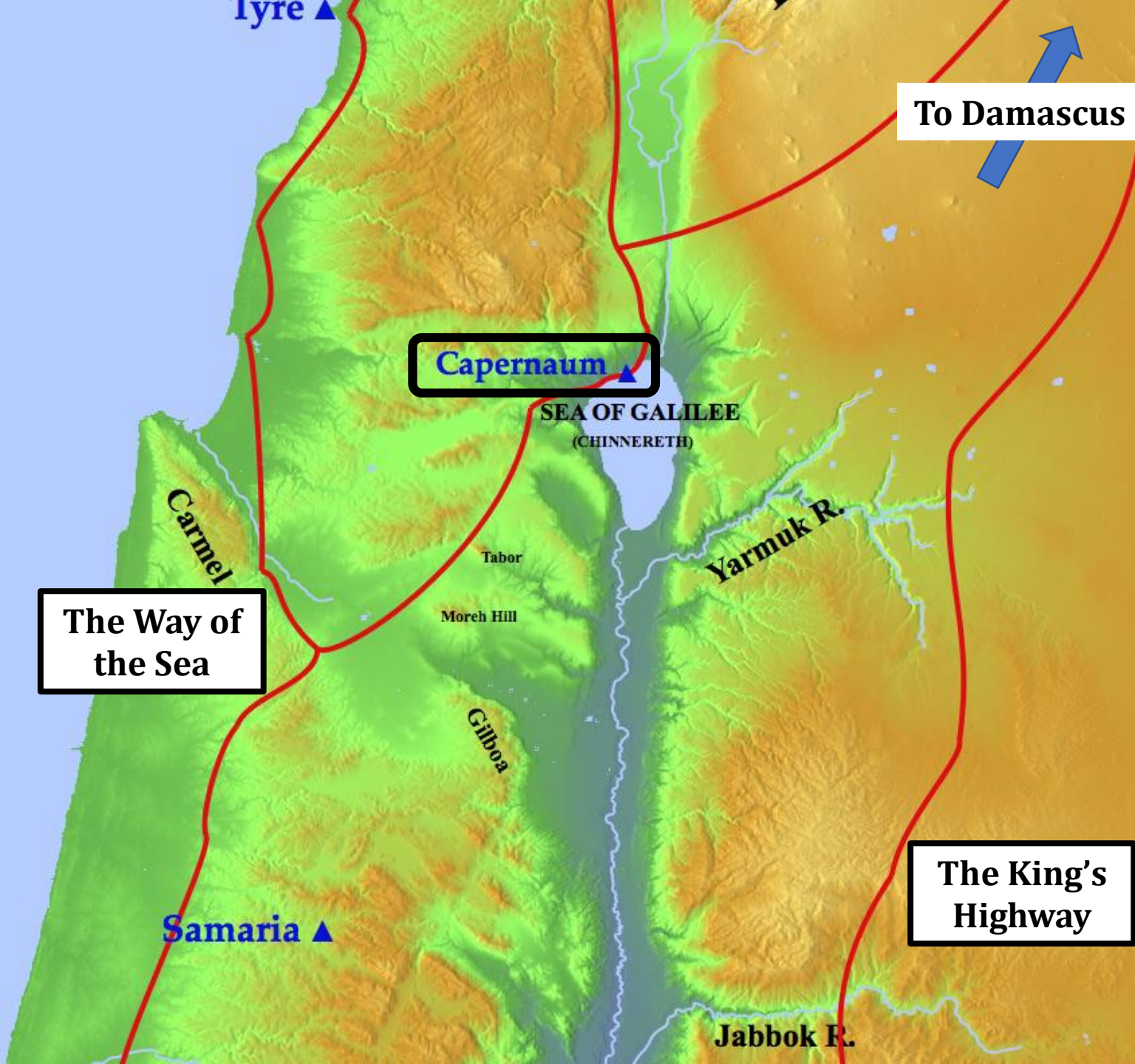
Learn What This Means

Matt. 9:9-13

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- **Sitting in the tax office or toll booth**





Tyre ▲

To Damascus

Capernaum ▲

SEA OF GALILEE
(CHINNERETH)

Carmel

Tabor

Moreh Hill

Yarmuk R.

The Way of
the Sea

Gilboa

The King's
Highway

Samaria ▲

Jabbok R.

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- Sitting in the tax office or toll booth
- Jesus said ***“Follow Me”*** and Matthew did
- Then Matthew held a reception in Jesus’ honor (Luke 5:29)
 - And he invited his friends and co-workers
- So Jesus was eating with many ***“tax-gatherers and sinners”***

Self-Righteous Reaction (11)

- When the “*scribes of the Pharisees*” (Mark 2:16) saw this
- Why is your teacher “*eating with...?*”
 - Generally indicates association and identification with (1 Cor. 5:11)
- “*tax-gatherers*”
 - “Because of their extortion and positions as agents of Rome, the publicans were socially rejected, religiously excommunicated, and politically viewed as traitors.” – (Willis)
- “*sinners*”
 - Irreligious Jews who did not strictly follow the Rabbinic traditions
- Intended to discredit Jesus in the eyes of His disciples

A Proverbial Answer (12)

- ***“those who are healthy”*** do not need a doctor
 - Parallel to ***“the righteous”*** (vs. 13)
 - How the Pharisees thought of themselves (Luke 18:9)
- It is ***“those who are sick”*** that need a physician
 - Parallel to ***“sinners”*** (vs. 13)
 - How the Pharisees thought of others (Luke 18:9)
- Jesus does not declare the Pharisees ***“righteous”***
 - But He knows how they will hear His words
- He does declare ***“sinners”*** in need of a physician

Learn What This Means (13)

- ***“I desire compassion, and not sacrifice”*** (Hosea 6:6)
 - *“faithfulness”* or *“loyalty”* (NKJV/NASB) or *“steadfast love”* (ESV)
- God has no desire for sacrifices without faithfulness
- Only through faith can one be made righteous (Rom. 3:22)
- The righteous know of God’s mercy and compassion
- The righteous extend God’s mercy and compassion to others
- That is what Jesus came to do...

“I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners...”

Learn What This Means

- 1. Warns of the danger of not seeing our own sickness**
 - John 9:39-41; Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8
- 2. Distinguishes between being separate and being isolated**
 - John 17:14-18; Matt. 5:13-16
- 3. Does not justify social identification with sinners**
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:33
- 4. Encourages compassionate attempts to reach the lost**

“the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost”

Matt. 18:11

