

# **Familiarity Breeds Contempt**

## **Mark 6: 1-6**

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**The majority of Jesus' miracles, and more than half His parables, were in this immediate region**

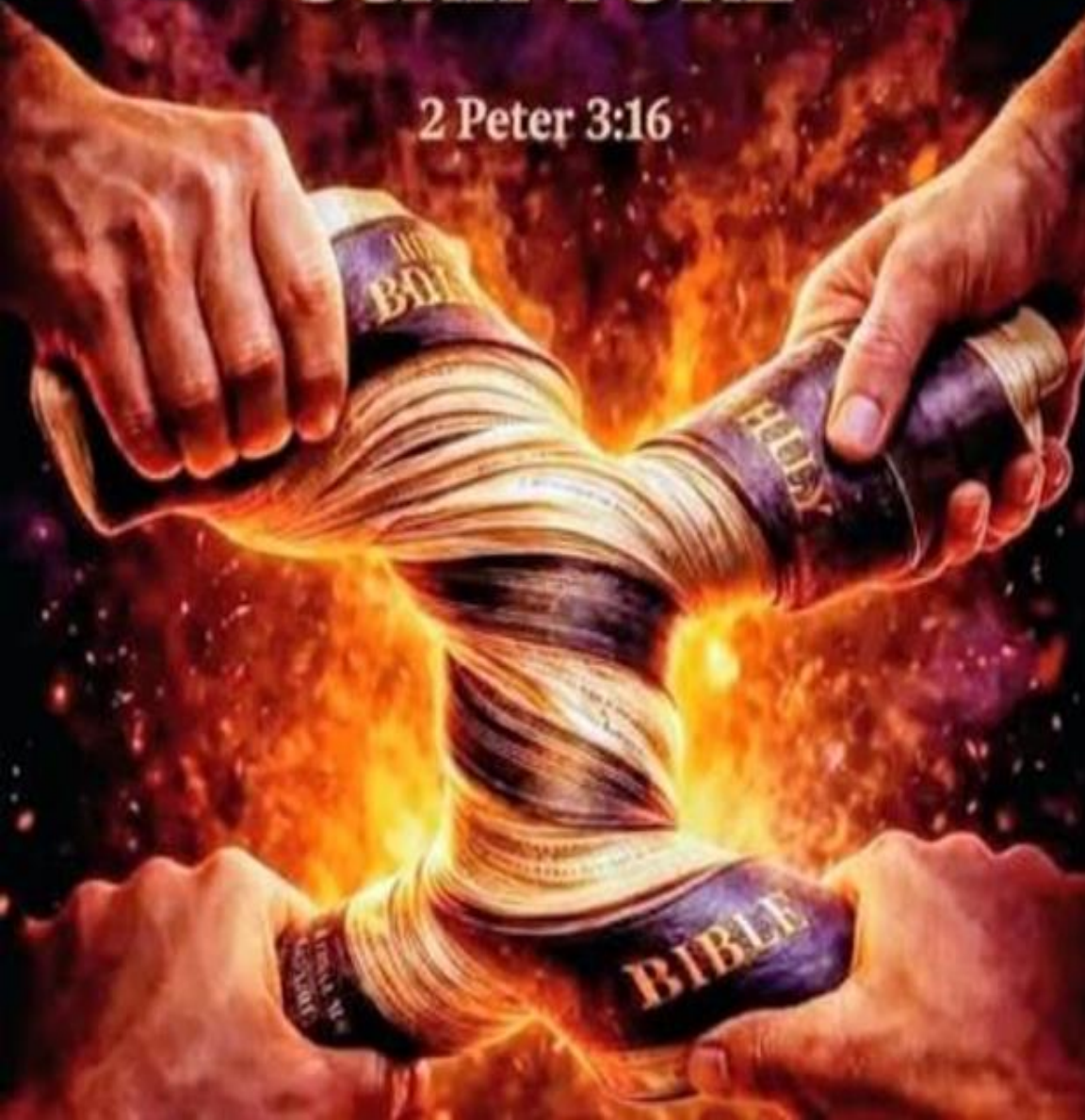
**With knowledge comes responsibility**

**All are responsible before God – John 1: 6-9**

**True light is always in line with the Word of God!!**

# STOP TWISTING SCRIPTURE

2 Peter 3:16



Secretly brings in destructive heresies –  
**2 Peter 2: 1**

Will exploit you with destructive words –  
**2 Peter 2: 3**

*“Enticing unstable souls”* – **2 Peter 2: 14**

*“Promise them freedom, they themselves  
are slaves of corruption”* – **2 Peter 2: 19**

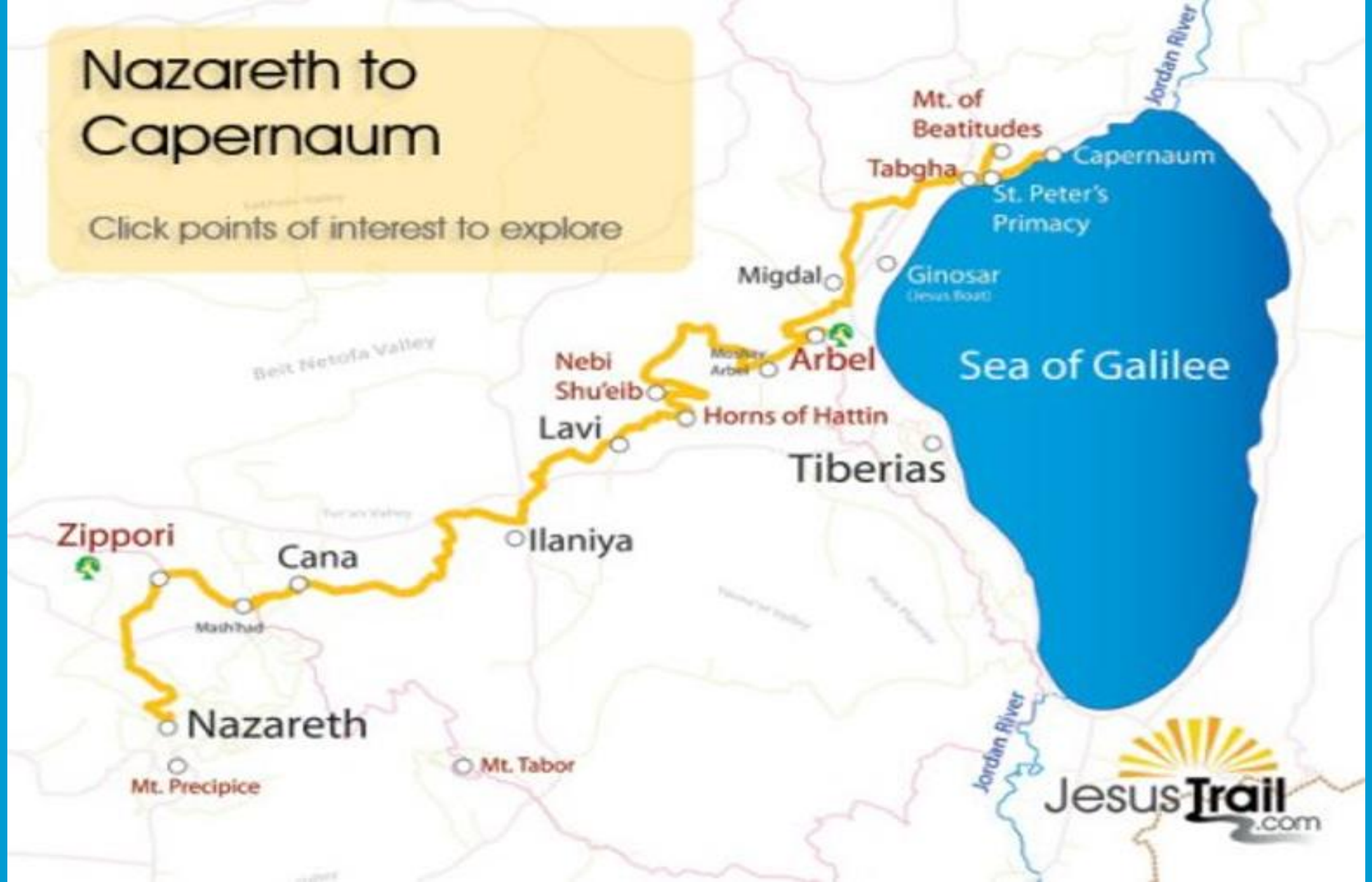
## Verse 1 - 2

**Jesus teaches in the synagogue**



# Nazareth to Capernaum

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**When Jesus taught in the synagogue, in Capernaum, the people flocked to see Him**

**It was quite different in Nazareth; there were no throngs waiting to see Him**

**Mark does not record what Jesus said, Luke does – Luke 4: 18-19**

**The group is stunned by Jesus' teaching, blown away by His claim, yet confused**

## Verse 3 - 4

**Then the shift – Familiarity breeds contempt**



From awe to anger – *“So they were offended at Him”*

Offended = “*skandalizo*” = a trap, a snare, to throw to ruin

Notice who does not defend Jesus:

His mom, His brothers and sisters  
*They think He is crazy!*

## Verse 5 - 6

**The result of the shift: Few came; familiarity breeds contempt**

**They were offended by His claim to be Messiah –**

***FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT!***

**They rejected the evidence that was right before their eyes that He is Messiah!**

***“He marveled because of their unbelief”***

**THINK: We have evidential faith, NOT blind faith!**

**Our faith is built on the evidence of the life of Jesus and the Biblical writers**

**Our faith is built on the resurrection of Jesus, the tomb was empty!**

***JESUS IS ALIVE!!***



**PETER**  
CRUCIFIED  
UPSIDE DOWN



**ANDREW**  
CRUCIFIED ON  
AN X SHAPED CROSS



**JOHN**  
DIED  
NATURALLY



**JAMES**  
CRUCIFIED



**PHILIP**  
CRUCIFIED



**BARTHOLOMEW**  
SKINNED  
ALIVE



**THOMAS**  
SLAIN BY  
A SPEAR



**MATTHEW**  
KILLED BY  
A HALBERD



**JAMES**  
(SON OF ALPHEUS)  
STONED TO DEATH



**THADDEUS**  
KILLED  
WITH ARROWS



**SIMON**  
SAWN  
IN HALF



**MATTHIAS**  
BEHEADED

Our faith is built on archeological discoveries that confirm the truthfulness of Scripture

Our faith is built on the fact that only God can predict (prophecy) what is to come and it does!

***THERE IS MUCH EVIDENCE FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAITH!***

***NO OTHER WORLD RELIGIONS CAN MAKE THESE CLAIMS!***

**NONE!!**

**ZERO!!!**

## Closing

**Satan will take drastic measures  
to steal the Word**

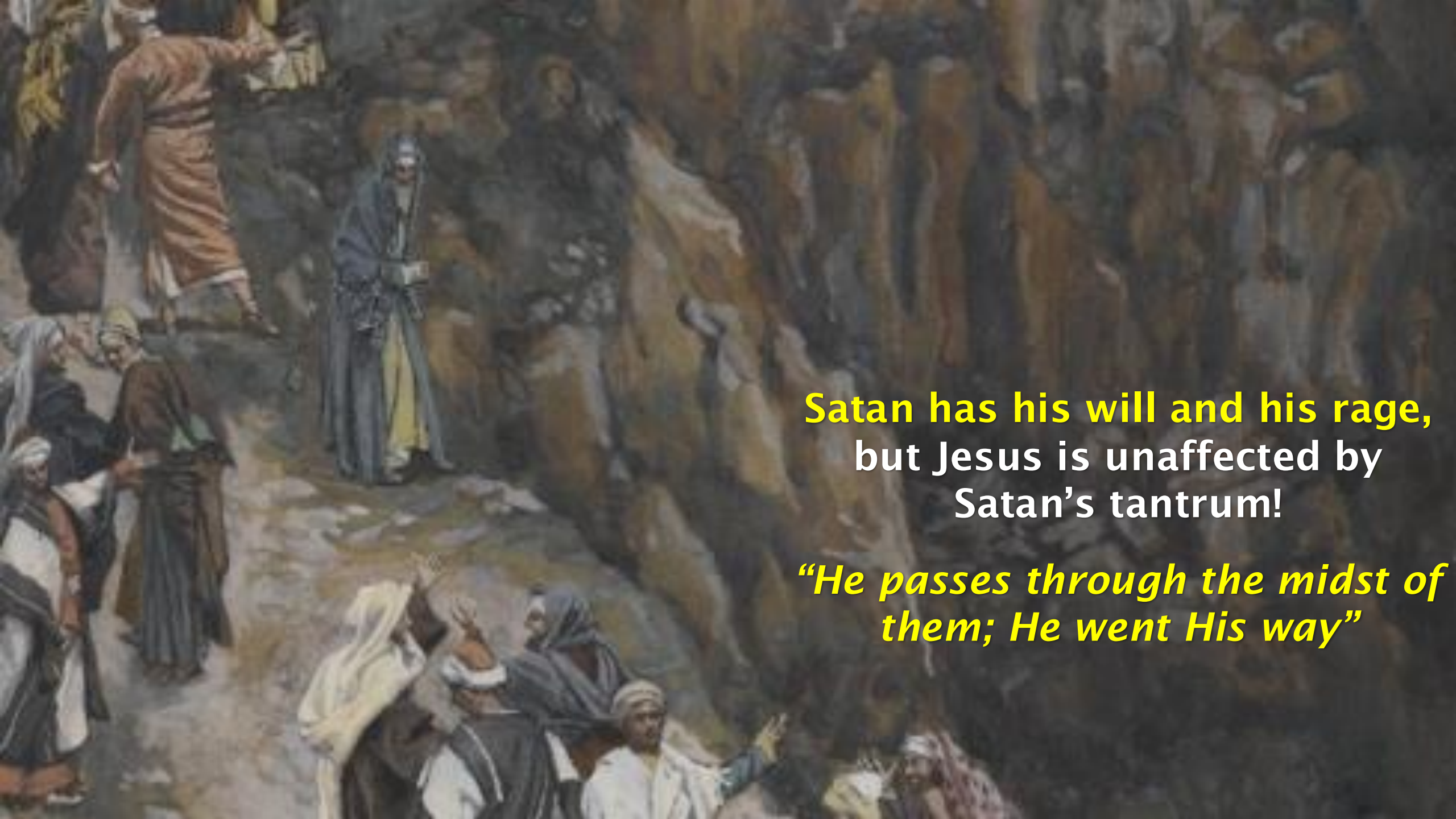


**Spiritual warfare is real!**

**At the root, Satan hates Jesus and His followers**

**Satan is at work behind the scenes to cause hatred toward Jesus**

**We do not see it in Mark, but Luke records the degree of Satanic hatred that is present – Luke 4: 28-30**



**Satan has his will and his rage,  
but Jesus is unaffected by  
Satan's tantrum!**

***"He passes through the midst of  
them; He went His way"***

**Satan wanted Jesus dead, but he could not touch Him until God's appointed time**

God is in full control, **NOT** Satan!

**GOOD NEWS:** You are under God's protection until your graduation, your appointed time **So . . . . . *STOP WORRYING ABOUT IT!***

**The importance of God's Word!** Satan will do anything to eliminate it, twist it, and have people question it

**There is an all-out effort to deceive people and take the Word of God out of Churches!** They allege the Scripture is boring, or not germane to our world today, old fashioned, etc.! **LIE! LIE!!**

**How do I know this is a giant lie?**

*The Bible tells me so – **Hebrews 4: 12***

You can trust the Word of God because you can trust the author of the Word, **GOD! 2 Timothy 3: 16-17**

# DEFINING INSPIRATION

**Greek word *theopneustos***

***theos* meaning God**

***pneo*, meaning breathed**

**“God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16-17)**

**God's Word is so transforming that many antichristian countries ban it as too dangerous to read**

**Open Doors reports that the Bible is banned, illegal, or severely restricted, in 52 countries**

**Take time to read it, meditate on it, and allow the Word to TRANSFORM your mind and thinking!**

**Neuroplasticity is real; our brains can be conformed to the likeness of Christ**

**You can live with Jesus' joy and peace by . . .  
*HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMATIONAL THINKING!!***



# RENEWING THE MIND

DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF  
THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY  
THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND  
(ROMANS 12:2)

YOUR BRAIN IS DESIGNED TO CHANGE. THROUGH  
NEUROPLASTICITY, GOD CREATED YOUR MIND TO  
FORM NEW THOUGHT PATTERNS. EVERY TIME YOU  
CHOOSE SCRIPTURE OVER LIES, YOU ARE  
LITERALLY REWIRING YOUR BRAIN TOWARD TRUTH.

Romans 12: 2 is a command:

*“Be transformed by the  
renewing  
of your mind”*