

# *Capernaum by the Sea*



***Also known as Tell Hum, Khirbet Karazeh, Bethsaida, Capharnaum, Chorazin, Kefar Nahum, Kafarnaum, Kefar Tanhum, Talhum,***

In existence from the 2nd c. B.C. to the 7th c. A.D., Capernaum was built along the edge of the Sea of Galilee and had up to 1500 residents.

# *Owned by Greek Orthodox*

Today the ruins are owned by two churches: the Franciscans control the western portion with the synagogue and the Greek Orthodox's property is marked by the white church with red domes



# *Capernaum, at the Center*

Jesus made Capernaum his home during the years of his ministry: "Leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum" (Matt 4:13).

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# *Oh You of little FAITH!*

Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen living in the village. Matthew the tax collector also dwelt here.

Capernaum is one of the three cities cursed by Jesus for its lack of faith.

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# *A Look from the Sea*



# *Capernaum in Relation to Bethsaida*



# *The Synagogue*

The dating of this synagogue is debated, but it is clearly later than the first century.

Excavations have revealed a synagogue from the time of Jesus with walls made of worked stone and 4 feet thick.

These earlier walls were preserved up to 3 feet high and the entire western wall still exists and was used as the foundation for the later synagogue.

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# ***Ancient Synagogue at Capernaum***



# *The Synagogue, a different View*



# *In this Synagogue*

- - Jesus was confronted by a demoniac while teaching here (Mark 1:21-27).
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  - In Capernaum, Jesus healed the servant of the centurion. This Roman official was credited with building the synagogue (Luke 7:3).
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  - In this synagogue, Jesus gave the sermon on the bread of life (John 6:35-59).
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# *Remains under a Byzantine Church*



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