



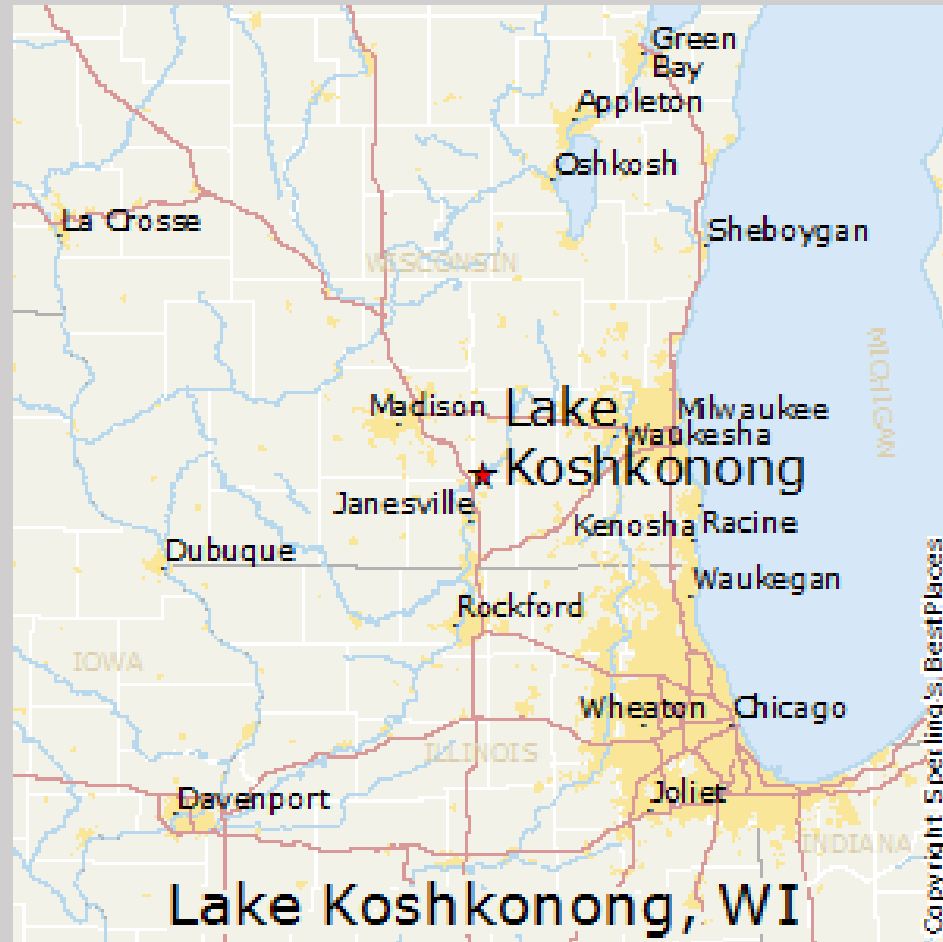
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I. Geological Context

Lake Koshkonong (only 7' deep)



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The Sea of Galilee



I. Geological Context: The dangerous Sea of Galilee

- 700' below sea level (the world's lowest freshwater lake)
- Surrounded by steep hills and mountains
- Valleys and gorges funnel wind from the Mediterranean Sea to the west or from the desert to the east
- These winds can whip up violent storms quickly

II. A shift in the narrative

- Teaching ☾ Doing (from parables to actions)
School = *skola* = “leisure”
- “Faith in the Calm” ☾ “Faith in the Storm”
(Discipleship: The Maturing of Faith)

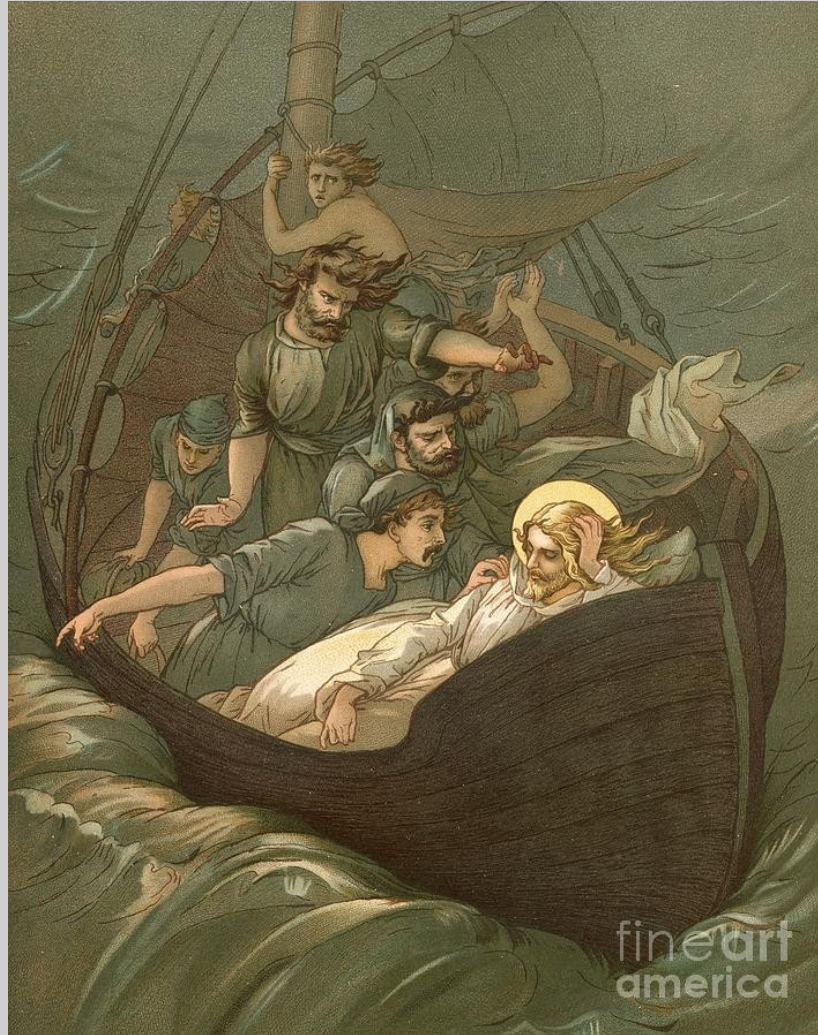
III. What do you see when you look for Jesus?

- Life in the bigger boat:
 - Focusing on the storm and themselves
 - John Wesley on a ship to Savannah, GA

Jesus sleeping during the storm



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III. What do you see when you look for Jesus?

- Life in the little boats:
 - Focusing on Jesus
 - The Moravians on a ship to Savannah, GA

John Wesley and the Moravians

(Sunday, January 25, 1736)

- In the midst of the psalm wherewith their service began, the sea broke over, split the main-sail in pieces, covered the ship, and poured in between the decks, as if the great deep had already swallowed us up. A terrible screaming began among the English. The Germans calmly sung on. I asked one of them afterwards, “Was you not afraid?” He answered, “I thank God, no.” I asked, “But were not your women and children afraid?” He replied, mildly, “No; our women and children are not afraid to die.”
- From them I went to their crying, trembling neighbours, and pointed out to them the difference in the hour of trial, between him that feareth God, and him that feareth him not. At twelve the wind fell. This was the most glorious day which I have hitherto seen.

IV. Discipleship: Expect some surprises

- The disciples' "presuppositions"
- The Prayer of Relinquishment
- Jesus' big delivery and the disciples' fearful response
- Who is this Jesus?

Definition: “Presuppositions”

- Assumptions. Those things that you assume to be true.
- The conclusions that you reach are thus determined, to a large extent, by the assumptions that you make at the beginning of your thought process.
- Example:
- Presupposition: The amount of attention that a person gives to us demonstrates how much they care about us . . . If a person does not pay attention to us, that means that they do not care about us . . . Thus, since Jesus is sleeping during a storm—when he should be paying attention to us—that means he does not care about us.

Let Us Pray

