To Galilee

It is still early in Jesus' ministry. The gospel writers are still establishing who He is and how He is to be received. They have demonstrated that He's the Messiah Israel has been waiting and longing for, they have made it clear that He must be welcomed by repentant people and they have shown us the He must be trusted: only those who trust Him can be saved.

- ☐ It's mere speculation, we're not told the reason, but why do you think Jesus returned to Galilee at this point in His ministry?

- ☐ Why were Galileans looked down on by other Jews?

- ☐ Why, do you think, were His disciples surprised to find Jesus talking to a Samaritan woman (John 4:27)?

- ☐ "The conversation Jesus had with the Samaritan woman is a masterclass in evangelism." What can we learn from it (John 4:7 – 26)?

- ☐ Why do you think John highlights the fact that so many Samaritans believed in Jesus (John 4:39 – 42)?

- ☐ Why might Jesus have chosen this context in which to point out to His disciples the urgency of gathering in the harvest (John 4:34 – 38)?

- ☐ Why was Jesus unable to do many mighty works in Nazareth (Mark 6:5 – 6)?

- ☐ What does putting these two stories (Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman and His return to Nazareth) side by side tell us about the Messiah?

Your Reading Plan For This Week

Day 1: John 5:1 – 47
Day 2: Matthew 12:1 – 21, Mark 2:23 – 3:12, Luke 6:1 – 11
Day 3: Mark 3:13 – 19, Luke 6:12 – 49 Matthew 5:1 – 16
Day 4: Matthew 5:17 – 7:29
Day 5: Matthew 8:1 – 13, Luke 7:1 – 17