

Rare Discovery at Ancient Chorazin Renews Focus on a City Where Jesus Performed Mighty Miracles

A rare gemstone uncovered by a sixth-grade student in northern Israel is drawing renewed attention to Chorazin, one of the cities where Jesus performed miracles during His ministry in Galilee.

According to a Fox News report, the discovery was made at Korazim National Park near the Sea of Galilee, the site identified with the biblical village of Chorazin.

The gemstone was found by 12-year-old Alon Horowitz while participating in a community excavation program organized by the Israel Nature and Parks Authority and Ariel University.

"After three days of digging, about 10 minutes before we finished, I was digging with my trowel and suddenly saw something blue, round and special," Horowitz said in a statement.

"I picked it up and showed it to the archaeologist. When I understood it was something rare, I felt really happy and proud. I received a lot of appreciation from my friends, teachers and family."



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Archaeologists identified the artifact as a Nicolo, a rare variety of agate valued during the Roman and Byzantine periods. The gemstone dates to the sixth century A.D. and was discovered inside a wealthy estate.

“It was found inside a wealthy estate, suggesting it belonged to a member of an affluent household,” excavation director Achia Kohn-Tavor told Fox News Digital.

“The stone was not locally sourced,” he added. “Its presence indicates the owner had access to international luxury goods.”

The City Jesus Warned

The discovery site sits roughly two miles north of Capernaum, the fishing village that served as the center of Jesus’ ministry.

Chorazin occupies a unique place in the New Testament. The city witnessed the power of God through the ministry of Jesus, yet it became known for rejecting His call to repentance.

In Matthew 11:21, Jesus declared:

“Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.”

The warning remains one of the most sobering statements recorded in the Gospels. The people of Chorazin saw miracles, healings and demonstrations of God’s power. Yet Jesus rebuked the city for failing to respond.

More Than an Archaeological Discovery

The gemstone offers another glimpse into life in ancient Galilee, a region forever linked to the ministry of Christ.

Archaeologists see evidence of wealth, trade and daily life. Christians see something even more significant.

The ruins of Chorazin stand as a reminder that Jesus walked these roads, taught in these communities and called people to repentance.

The small blue gemstone discovered by a sixth grader points back to a place that witnessed something far greater than luxury goods or prosperous estates. Chorazin witnessed the ministry of the Son of God.

Centuries after the gemstone was lost, the words of Jesus still endure, calling every generation to respond in faith to the truth of the Gospel.

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