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Gamla, the 'Masada of the North,' was a Zealot headquarters whose strategic fall to the Romans in 67 AD involved a catastrophic siege and a mass suicide of its inhabitants.

- Key Insight: Gamla's name derives from the Hebrew for 'camel' due to the ridge's shape, and it was the headquarters for Zealots who philosophically rejected Roman authority and taxes.
- Key Insight: In 67 AD, three Roman legions under Vespasian besieged the city. After a failed initial assault, the Romans overran the city, leading to 4,000 deaths by the sword and another 5,000 inhabitants committing mass suicide by jumping from the cliffs.
- Key Insight: The Zealot philosophy of 'no authority but God' created internal societal conflict, which is highlighted by Jesus choosing both a Zealot (Simon) and a tax collector (Matthew) as disciples.
- Action Item: The group is to proceed to their next destination, Bañas (Banias), after returning to the bus.

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Gamla, the 'Masada of the North', was a key Zealot headquarters that fell to a Roman siege in 67 AD after an initial failed attack, representing a major turning point in the revolt.

- Context: A historical briefing is being given at the site of Gamla, a Zealot stronghold during the first-century revolt against Rome. The discussion explains the site's strategic and philosophical importance before the group continues to their next destination.
- Key Insight: The Zealot philosophy was defined by three principles: no king but God, no tax but the temple tax, and no friend but a fellow Zealot.
- Key Insight: Gamla was known as the 'Masada of the North' due to the mass suicide of 5,000 inhabitants who threw themselves from the cliffs during the final Roman assault.
- Risk Identified: The Zealot ideology created direct conflict among Jesus's disciples, specifically between Simon the Zealot and Matthew the tax collector, who represented opposing factions.
- Action Item: The group will proceed to the next destination, Bañas, after taking photos and returning to the bus.