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Summary of Byzantine Bethsaida and the House of St Peter

I found this video very interesting. I had no idea that there was so much history that was in the bible and other history documents that were missing. I was just shocked that there are so many "missing" cities. I found it fascinating when Dr. Notley said that "when history speaks evidence can be found but when history is silent no evidence is found." That really stuck with me because it is so true. So many wanted the first site to be where Bethsaida was. They convinced themselves that the "history" was written wrong that they didn't know what they were talking about but when the history was showing that El Araj was where Bethsaida was and then they began to find evidence of the Roman period artifacts (the correct period of evidence) and not Byzantine period artifacts like the other site this showed that the history was in fact speaking. People weren't listening to history. Every year since 2016 and on (with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic) they have found more and more evidence that they are in the right place. From finding the bacillus being the correct shape, to gold glass mosaic and finally finding the medallion with the inscription "chief of the apostles" which is what Paul was known as. I just can't believe how close different people were previously. So much evidence was right under their noses but it still took over 200 years to find this. I'm also still surprised that so many people are still rejecting this evidence. It does make me excited that they are continuing to dig to find more evidence. I hope that one day more people will realize that this just has to be Bethsaida.