

Jesus' Ministry: Going Forth with Purpose

Mathew 04:12–17

1. *There was the sign to begin His ministry: John's imprisonment, 14:3-4*

2. *There was the chosen headquarters: Galilee*

- a. Jesus left Nazareth
- b. Jesus headquartered in Capernaum

3. *There was the deliberate decision to fulfill Scripture, Isa 9:1-2; 42:6-7*

4. *There was the mission*

- a. To go to needy lands
- b. To take people in darkness and show them great light
- c. To take people in death and give them light

5. *There was the message*

- a. Repentance
- b. Reason:
The Kingdom of Heaven is near

12 When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee.

13 Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali —

14 To fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15 “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles —

16 The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

17 From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

Jesus' Disciples: The Kind of Person Called

Mathew 04: 18–22

(Mk 1:16-20; Lk 5:1-11; Jn 1:35-51)

1. *The first men called*

- a. Were brothers who worked together
- b. Were industrious workers
- c. Were called to follow Jesus — at once
- d. Were called to another work
- e. Were responsive

2. *The second men called*

- a. Were obedient sons working closely with their father
- b. Were industrious, frugal, mending their own nets
- c. Were simply called
- d. Were responsive: Left their livelihood and family

18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

20 At once they left their nets and followed him.

21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

22 And immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.