

Chapter 4:12-25

- 12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee.
- 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,
- 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: 15-16

"The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned."

- 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- 18 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
- 19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- 20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.
- 21 Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them,
- 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.
- 23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.
- 24 Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.
- 25 Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

Observations

1. Where did Jesus move <i>from</i> , & where did He move <i>to</i> ? Why do you think Jesus decided to move?
2. What message did Jesus' begin to preach? Who else preached the same message (as recorded in Matthew's Gospel)? Why do you think Jesus began His public ministry with this message?
3. What did Peter, Andrew, James, & John give up to follow Jesus?
4. What application can you draw from question #3 for your own life?
5. Review vs. 23—what did Jesus' ministry in Galilee consist of (i.e. what did He do)? How is what Jesus did "fishing for men"?
6. What has Jesus called you to do? Are you doing it?