

The Disruptive Call. Matthew 4:12-25

Who does he think he is? 4:18-22

*Matthew 4:*¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him.²¹ And 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, and he called them.²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus revealed in the pre-launch preparation [Matthew 3:1-4:16, Isaiah 9:1-7]

*Matthew 4:*¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned."

Jesus revealed in the preaching of the gospel [Matt. 3:2, 10:7]

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Repentance

The Kingdom of Heaven = the reign of God [Daniel 2:44-45, Is. 9:1-7, Ezekiel 34-39, Is. 65-66]

The difference: Jesus embodies the reign of God

*Matthew 4:*²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various

diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.

Repentance focuses on Jesus [Matt. 10:15, 11:20-24, 12:38-42; Acts 2:36-38, 17:30-31, 26:17-23]

Jesus revealed in the plan for His ministry 4:18-22

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'Fishers' – Matt. 10, 28:18-20

Why do they respond as they do? [John 1:35-2:12, 3:23]

Hearing and Responding to Jesus' call