

Series "The King And His Kingdom"
"The King's Ministry"
Matthew 4:12-25
Study-7

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach

Results of Jesus' Ministry 25 Large crowds followed Him

Jesus is the model in all things. Ministry literally is Jesus!

"The King demonstrated a perfect balance between saying and doing."

Thought Of Our Passage: "The Foundation Of Jesus' Ministry Was The Right Message, The Right Men, And The Right Approach."

1. Verses 12-17 Preaching In Capernaum:

2. Verses 18-22 Calling His Ministers:

3. Verses 23-25 Preaching/Healing In Galilee:

1. Verses 12-17 Preaching In Capernaum:

Matthew 4:12 Now

Context – Matthew left off with Jesus having just gone through 40 days of temptation. Matthew records the last three temptations that Jesus went through with the Devil. **Matthew 4:11**

"Public Ministry is Built on Private Victory."

After Jesus Christ had defeated Satan, He was ready to begin His ministry. **No man has a right to call others to obey who has not obeyed himself.**

Now

Context - There is a gap as much as one year between **Matthew 4:11 & 12**
Matthew wrote his gospel topically rather than chronologically. John 1:19-4:43. "The Year of Obscurity."

Jesus meets **Andrew, Peter, James** and **John**.

First miracle, Nicodemus, woman at the well.

(**Luke 4** rejection in Nazareth)

when He heard that John had been taken into custody,

This event happened months after the baptism of Jesus.

Matthew later gives the details in **Matthew 14:3-12**.

He withdrew into Galilee,

Northern region of Israel.

John the Baptist had been a light that was now extinguished.

Matthew 4:13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and settled in Capernaum, (22-25 miles) which is by the sea, (Lake **Luke 5:1 lake of Gennesaret; 13 miles long, 8 miles wide) base of operations for Jesus' ministry. **Matthew 9:1****

Galilee – "*circle, or circuit*"

It was a group of twenty cities in the North of Israel.

It was 50 miles north to south, and 25 miles east to west.
Cities in the past that were given by Solomon to Hiram King of Tyre.

1 Kings 9:11-13

Pictures of Capernaum/Sea of Galilee:

Matthew 4:14

This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet:
Matthew used at least 129 quotations, or allusions, to the Old Testament in his Gospel.

Isaiah spoke these words 700 years before the event.

Matthew 4:15-16 "THE PEOPLE Gentiles, and Jews.
(Universal Gospel for all people!)

SITTING IN DARKNESS

Spiritual darkness, religion. **"Darkness" and "Light."**
Truth and Error. Right and wrong. **2 Corinthians 4:4,6 Ephesians 4:18**

UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."

Psalms 36:9 In Your light we see light.

Capernaum this was where His ministry was based. **Mark 1**

Matthew 4:17 preach – *"to herald as the spokesman for the king, to proclaim in authority that which must be listened to and obeyed"* **(Preaching Takes The Truth Of God's Word And Addresses The Will) Matthew 7:29**

"Preaching is the proclamation of certainties, not the suggestion of possibilities."

(Same Message as John the Baptist) and say, "Repent –

"to change one's mind and act on that change."

"To turn around." change your direction to God's

for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

(Same message as John, Matthew 3:2) The phrase **kingdom of heaven** is found **32 times** in Matthew's Gospel.

The word **kingdom** means *"rule, reign, authority" rather than a place or a specific realm.* *"Ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ the King right now, when we repent and yield to Him."*

They were expecting for Jesus to come and take over control from the Roman government. **Romans 14:17**

2. Verses 18-22 Calling His Ministers:

Matthew 4:18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, Calling of four disciples.

Matthew 4:17-22 call of **Peter, Andrew, James,** and **John,** men who had already met Jesus and trusted Him **(John 1:29-42).**

Gone back to their fishing. He called them to give up their business and follow Him.

Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11.

"Simon Peter" He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, Simon was the name given by his parents (Man) **Peter** was the name given by (Jesus-God) **John 1:42** When **Simon** walked in the flesh/carnal, he was acting as a man. In faith **Peter**.

"Andrew" Andrew his brother,
He is referred to as the friendly disciple. He told people about Jesus.
He told his own brother Peter about Jesus. **John 1:40-42**

casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.
Jesus calls men that are busy working.
(Fishermen had to work hard, work for few and plenty)

Matthew 4:19 And He said to them, "Follow Me, (13 times in the Gospels) What does this mean?
"Live with Me, learn by watching me, own My values and priorities"

Obedience: a disciple obeys Jesus.
Repentance: a disciple has a change in mind and direction.
Submission: a disciple submits to Jesus.
Trust: a disciple trust is in God not self.
Perseverance: a disciple daily walks with Him. Forever, not a season.

and I will make you fishers of men."
"Fishers of men" was not new; it describes the work of the man who seeks to
"catch" others by teaching and persuasion.

Matthew 4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. Radical message combined with a radical call equaled a radical response.

Matthew 4:21 "James And John" James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, **"Sons of Thunder," or "Thunder Boy's!"**
They were hotheads for the Lord. **Luke 9:51-56**

James – the first apostle to be martyred by Herod **Acts 12:1-2**
John – John the beloved. **John 13:23** He lived the longest.
Matthew 4:22; Mark 1:20

3. Verses 23-25 Preaching/Healing In Galilee:

Matthew 4:23 Jesus was going throughout all Galilee,
(200 villages, with hundreds and thousands of people)

Jesus Ministry:
(1) Teaching The Twelve,
(2) Proclaiming To The People,
(3) Healing

(1) Teaching: teaching - *"imparting more detailed information regarding His announcement"* **(Teaching Conveys Information Addresses The Mind)**
Matthew 5-7 Sermon on The Mount. Matthew 10, 13, 18, 23-25

in their synagogues, - The synagogue – literally "*meeting place*"

They were in every city where there were 10 Jewish men

(Those above 12 years of age)

The synagogue had three functions:

1. It was a place to read the Scriptures. They would recite the Shema **Deut. 6:4-9**
2. Place of Exposition of the Scriptures. (The Scriptures would be explained, applied)
3. It was a place of Prayer.

(2) Proclaiming To The People: and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom,
It was within the service that Jesus was proclaiming the Word.

(3) Healing: and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. Matthew 8-9 Chapters of healings. Miracles confirmed/validated His message **John 14:11**

Matthew 4:24 The news about Him spread throughout all Syria; This is the popularity of Jesus.

demoniacs,

Notice that the demon-possessed were being brought to Jesus

epileptics,

Sometimes symptoms of someone demon possessed.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Matthew 4:25 Large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis
the term **Decapolis** – means "*ten cities*" and was a district made up of ten cities originally built by followers of Alexander the Great.

and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.

100 miles **Romans 3:23**

Application:

1. We Must Start With Trusting Jesus Christ As Our Lord And Savior. By Grace Through Faith
2. What Is God's Will For My Life? Maybe I am Attempting To Please The Wrong Crowd. God Is Calling Me To Step Up Out Of My Comfort Zone And Please And Serve Him
3. When God Calls, We Can't Say, I Am Untrained, Or I Already Have A Job, Or I Have A Family. So Did The Original Disciples. We Need To Say Yes. God Will Care For Our Family; God Will Train Us To Accomplish His Work