

**Series "Behold Your King"**  
**"The Ministry Of The King"**  
**Matthew 4:12-25**  
**Part-7**

- *Matt 4:17* From that time Jesus began to preach
- *Eph 4:11-12*

**Warren Wiersbe defined Ministry as – "Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God"**

**We will look at 3 areas**

1. Verses – 12-17 The Movement:
2. Verses – 18-22 The Ministers:
3. Verses – 23-25 The Method:

**1. Verses – 12-17 The Movement**

- *Matt 4:12*
  - *Matt 4:11*
  - *John 1:35-4:45*. It is referred to by some as "**The Year of Obscurity**"

Matthew wrote this gospel **topically rather than chronologically**.

when He heard that John had been taken into custody,

- *Matt 14:3-12*

**W.A. Criswell said, "Evil men can shut up the preacher, but they cannot make his work to cease. They may jail the minister, but they cannot quench the truth."**

- *Matt 4:13*

**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.

- 1 Kings 9:11-13 Cabul – "Good as nothing"

- *Matt 4:14*

- *Isa 9:1-2*

- *Matt 4:15-16*

**"THE PEOPLE who were they? Gentiles, and Jews.**

**SITTING IN DARKNESS** Notice how bad things have become. The people were walking and living and now they are sitting in darkness.

**UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED."** Jesus had set up His base of operations His ministry in Capernaum this was where His ministry was based from.

- *Matt 4:17*

**Preach** – "to Harold as the spokesman for the king, to proclaim in authority that which must be listened to and obeyed" The spokesman of the king did not argue with those that did not like his message, he faithfully delivered no more and no less than the Kings words.

- *1 Cor. 1:21*

**"Repent - "to change one's mind and act on that change."**  
**"To turn around."** It is to change your direction to God's direction. Grieve over condition, mind, will, and emotions. To agree with God to see Him as right and self as wrong!

**for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."** The phrase kingdom of heaven is found thirty-two times in Matthew's Gospel.

The word **kingdom means "rule, reign, authority"** rather than a place or a specific realm. The phrase "kingdom of heaven" refers to the rule of God. "Ruling and reigning with Jesus Christ the King right now, when we repent and yield to Him." We can live like a King!

- *Rom. 14:17*

## **2. Verses – 18-22 The Ministers**

- *Matt 4:18*

- *Mark 1:16-20*
- *Luke 5:1-11*
- *John 1:29-42*

and Andrew his brother, He is referred to as the friendly disciple.

- *John 1:40-42*

- *Matt 4:19*

### **"Follow Me, What does this mean?"**

**Spiritual** - Submit your life and will to Me, forgiveness of sin.

**Physical** – Be with Me. Obey Him, daily walk with Him. Forever, not a season.

- *Matt 4:20*

- *Matt 4:21*

- *Luke 9:51-55*

**James – the first apostle to be martyred by Herod Acts 12:1-2**

**John – John the beloved. John 13:23 He lived the longest.**

- *Matt 4:22*

- *Mark 1:20*

### **3. Verses – 23-25 The Method**

- *Matt 4:23*

**synagogue** - The synagogue came into being when Israel was cast into Babylonian captivity. The temple was destroyed. They could not go to the temple to worship and be taught so synagogues were formed.

**They were in every city where 10 Jewish men** (Those above 12 years of age) could then establish a synagogue. (Two days of study, were Saturday, and Thursday.)

**The temple at Jerusalem was the place of worship.** Where animals were sacrificed by the worshippers, this was not the function of the synagogue.

**The synagogue had 3 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 could be explained and applied to life.)
3. It was a place of Prayer.

It was led by layman, and supervised by a board of elders. It was customary to ask a visiting Rabbis to teach and read Scripture. That is why Jesus could read and teach, so did Paul in the book of Acts.

- *Matt 4:24*

- *Isa 35:5-6*

This prophesy of the future blessings during the millennium became His credentials of His first coming. This was just a taste of what was to come.

- *Matt 4:25*

**Decapolis** – means “ten cities” and was a district made up of ten cities originally built by followers of Alexander the Great.

**Application**

God wants us to receive the Message: Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are all sinners and all need the Savior.

God wants us to respond to the Message: Repent, turn from our sin! Believe put your faith in Jesus Christ!

God wants us to share the Message