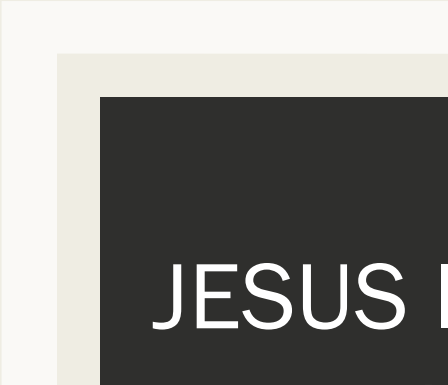


Scripture Reading

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 - *Matthew 4:18-20 ESV*



JESUS IS CALLING

Matthew 4: 12-25

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

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Matthew 4:12-25

Jesus Begins His Ministry

Jesus leaves Nazareth and moves to Capernaum

To the land of Zebulun and Naphtali

Fulfillment of prophecy

- Matthew quotes Isaiah 9:1-2
- But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

Isaiah 9:1-2

Jesus' First Message

- “Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
- Same message as John the Baptist
 - *Same words, different meaning*
- John was preparing the people for Jesus' arrival
- Jesus was fulfilling John's message and stating the Kingdom was here!

Repentance

- Both John and Jesus' messages included repentance.
- What does repentance mean?
 - **μετανοεῖτε (metanoete) – to change how you think or understand something**
 - *It means to stop thinking about the old things, the worldly things and begin thinking about Heavenly things.*
 - *Change your actions from worldly, sinful actions to righteous ones.*

The Sea of Galilee

- Center of both cultural and commercial activity.
- Fishermen provided food for the area and for trade
- Traders from far regions came to trade their goods for fish and other goods from the region.

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

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Jesus Calls the First Disciples

- Jesus comes upon Simon (Peter) and Andrew fishing in their boat.
- Jesus tells them He will make them Fishers of Men
 - *WHAT A STATEMENT!*
- They drop everything to follow Him.
- James and John were in the boat with Zebedee, their father.
 - *Like Peter and Andrew, they drop everything immediately and follow Jesus*

Two Questions

1. Will you be like Peter, Andrew, James, and John and drop everything and follow Jesus?
2. How do you repent; are you ready to change the way you think?



ARE YOU READY TO BE
FISHERS OF MEN?