Sunday, January 13, 2019

Lesson Text: Matthew 4:12-25

King James Version (KJV)

I. JESUS BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY (Matthew 4:12-16)

12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

13. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

14. That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

15. The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

II. JESUS PREACHING AND CALLING HELPERS (Matthew 4:17-22)
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 brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

19. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him.

21. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them.

22. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

III. JESUS PREACHING, TEACHING AND HEALING PEOPLE (Matthew 4:23-25)

23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.
24. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

25. And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

New International Version (NIV)

I. JESUS BEGINS HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY (Matthew 4:12-16)

12. When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

13. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—

14. to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15. “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

16. the people living in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

**II. JESUS PREACHING AND CALLING HELPERS (Matthew 4:17-22)**

17. From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

18. As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

19. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.”

20. At once they left their nets and followed him.

21. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

22. and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.
III. JESUS PREACHING, TEACHING AND HEALING PEOPLE (Matthew 4:23-25)

23. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

24. News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.

25. Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

PRACTICAL POINTS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. God has a purpose for everything He does (Matthew 4:12-13; Ecclesiastes 3:1; Isaiah 14:24; Romans 8:28).

2. We can rest assured that every prophecy given by God will come to pass (Matthew 4:14-16).

3. Peter and Andrew, the first disciples, obeyed Jesus and left their occupation to become fishers of men. Likewise, when God calls us we must respond immediately, and without
complaint (Matthew 4:17-20).

4. We must not let anyone or anything prevent us from following Jesus wholeheartedly (Matthew 4:21-22).

5. Both the teachings and miracles of Jesus as prophesied caused great multitudes to follow Him (Matthew 4:23-24).

6. Jesus’ ministry was not limited to Galilee. The entire area around Jerusalem was affected by His ministry and both Jews and Gentiles followed Him (Matthew 4:25).