

Come Follow Me!

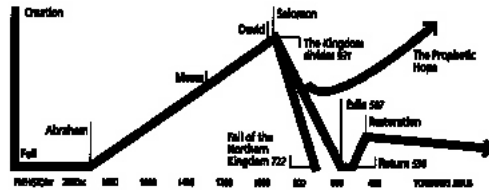
Matthew 4:12-25

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

13Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— 14to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

15"Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the way to the sea, along the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles—

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



17From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

18As 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 make you fishers of men." 20At once they left their nets and followed him.

21Going 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, 22and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

23Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. 24News 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. 25Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.



1 Come follow me

2 background 12-16, Isaiah 7-9

a Isaiah 9:1-2

b fulfilled 12-16

3 foretaste 23-35

4 call 17-22, especially 19

a repent

b follow c.f. Mark 1:16

c fishers

5 today - so much more

a follow

b fish

