

The Real Jesus – Mark 1:14-20

Fishing for Men

Mark 1:14-15 - ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Isaiah 9:1 ...but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

Gospel – Greek = EUANGELION (yoo-ang-ghel-ee-on) Hebrew = BESORAH (bes-o-raw')

Isaiah 61 - The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring **good news** (BESORA) to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound...

Time – Greek = KAIROS

The Call

Mark 1:60-20 - ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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Jeremiah 16:16 – ¹⁶“Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

Ezekiel 32:3 – Thus says the Lord God: I will throw my net over you with a host of many peoples, and they will haul you up in my dragnet.

Amos 4:2 – The Lord God has sworn by his holiness that, behold, the days are coming upon you, when they shall take you away with hooks, even the last of you with fishhooks.

Habakkuk 1: 14-16 – You make mankind like the fish of the sea, like crawling things that have no ruler. ¹⁵He brings all of them up with a hook; he drags them out with his net; he gathers them in his dragnet; so he rejoices and is glad. ¹⁶Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his dragnet; for by them he lives in luxury, and his food is rich.

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Examples of the Sea and Water

- The deliverance from the waters in Psalm 144 is deliverance from foreigners.
- The thundering of gentiles is like thundering and roaring of the seas in Isaiah 17:12.
- Gentile rulers and their kingdoms were likened to great ocean creatures Daniel 7 and Isaiah 51.
- In Revelation 17:15, John says the waters are the people, the multitudes, the nations, and the languages.

Conclusions

- Fishing for men is made possible by Jesus' first words that Mark records; "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."
- Fishing for men is a violent and grace filled activity.
- Fishing for men is "Catch and Release."