

Session 4: Jesus Begins His Ministry

Matthew 4:12-25; 8:14-17 ; Mark 1:16-39; Luke 4:14-5:11

Teaching in Galilee

Matthew 4:12-17	Luke 4: 14-15
<p>12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been taken into custody, He departed into Galilee;</p> <p>13 and leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali,</p> <p>14 in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet would be fulfilled, saying,</p> <p>15 “THE LAND OF ZEBULUN AND THE LAND OF NAPHTALI, BY THE WAY OF THE SEA, BEYOND THE JORDAN, GALILEE OF THE GENTILES—</p> <p>16 THE PEOPLE WHO WERE SITTING IN DARKNESS SAW A GREAT LIGHT, AND THOSE WHO WERE SITTING IN THE LAND AND SHADOW OF DEATH, UPON THEM A LIGHT DAWNED.”</p> <p>17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”</p>	<p>14 And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.</p> <p>15 And He was teaching in their synagogues, being glorified by all.</p>

The First Rejection at Nazareth

Luke 4:16-30

16 **And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read.**

17 **And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the scroll and found the place where it was written,**

18 **“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”**

20 **And He closed the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him.**

21 And He began to say to them, *“Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*

22 And all were speaking well of Him and marveling at the gracious words which were coming forth from His lips, and they were saying, *“Is this not Joseph’s son?”*

23 And He said to them, *“No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, ‘Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard took place at Capernaum, do also here in your hometown as well.’”*

24 And He said, *“Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in his hometown.*

25 *“But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land,*

26 *and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.*

27 *“And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.”*

28 And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things, **29** and they stood up and drove Him out of the city and led Him to the edge of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff.

30 But passing through their midst, He went on His way.

Jesus Calls Four Fishers of Men

Matthew 4:18-22	Mark 1:16-20	Luke 5:1-11
<p>18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.</p> <p>19 And He said to them, <i>“Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”</i></p> <p>20 And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.</p> <p>21 And going on from there He saw</p>	<p>16 As He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.</p> <p>17 And Jesus said to them, <i>“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”</i></p> <p>18 And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.</p> <p>19 And going on a little farther, He saw</p>	<p>1 Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing at the edge of the lake of Gennesaret;</p> <p>2 and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake, and the fishermen, having gotten out of them, were washing their nets.</p> <p>3 And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the crowds from the boat.</p> <p>4 And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, <i>“Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”</i></p>

<p><i>two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and He called them. 22 And immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.</i></p>	<p><i>James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and went away to follow Him.</i></p>	<p><i>5 Simon answered and said, "Master, we labored all night and caught nothing, but at Your word, I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish. And their nets began to break; 7 so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!" 9 For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken, 10 and James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon, were also likewise amazed. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.</i></p>
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The Excitement in the Synagogue

Mark 1:21-28	Luke 4:31-37
<p><i>21 And they went into Capernaum; and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and began to teach. 22 And they were astonished at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.</i></p>	<p><i>31 And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching them on the Sabbath; 32 and they were amazed at His teaching, for His message was with authority. 33 And in the synagogue, there was a man possessed by the spirit of an</i></p>

<p>23 And immediately there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,</p> <p>24 saying, "What do we have to do with You, Jesus the Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"</p> <p>25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!"</p> <p>26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit cried out with a loud voice and came out of him.</p> <p>27 And they were all amazed, so that they were arguing among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him."</p> <p>28 And immediately the news about Him spread everywhere into all the surrounding district of Galilee.</p>	<p>unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice,</p> <p>34 "Let us alone! What do we have to do with You, Jesus the Nazarene? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"</p> <p>35 But Jesus rebuked it, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, it came out of him without doing him any harm.</p> <p>36 And amazement came upon them all, and they were talking with one another saying, "What is this message? For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits and they come out."</p> <p>37 And the report about Him was spreading into every place in the surrounding district.</p>
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Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-In Law (and Others)

Matthew 8:14-17	Mark 1:29-34	Luke 4:38-41
<p>14 When Jesus came into Peter's home, He saw his mother-in-law lying sick in bed with a fever.</p> <p>15 And He touched her hand, and the fever left her; and she got up and began waiting on Him.</p> <p>16 Now when evening came, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits</p>	<p>29 And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.</p> <p>30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they spoke to Jesus about her.</p> <p>31 And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she began waiting on them.</p> <p>32 Now when evening came, after the sun had set, they</p>	<p>38 Then He stood up and left the synagogue and entered Simon's home. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Him to help her.</p> <p>39 And standing over her, He rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she stood up and began waiting on them.</p> <p>40 And while the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought</p>

<p>with a word, and healed all who were ill 17 in order to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, "HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES."</p>	<p>began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. 33 And the whole city had gathered at the door. 34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.</p>	<p>them to Him, and laying His hands on each one of them, He was healing them. 41 And demons also were coming out of many, shouting and saying, "You are the Son of God!" But rebuking them, He was not allowing them to speak, because they knew Him to be the Christ.</p>
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The First Tour of Galilee with Fishermen

Matthew 4:23-25	Mark 1:35-39	Luke 4:42-44
<p>23 And Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. 24 And the news about Him spread throughout all</p>	<p>35 And in the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus rose up, went out of the house, and went away to a desolate place, and was praying there. 36 And Simon and his companions searched for Him; 37 and they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." 38 And He said to them, "Let us go elsewhere to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came out for." 39 And He went, preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee and casting out the demons.</p>	<p>42 When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were eagerly seeking for Him and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. 43 But He said to them, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also, for I was sent for this purpose." 44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.</p>

<p><i>Syria; and they brought to Him all who were ill, those suffering with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them.</i></p> <p><i>25 And large crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea and from beyond the Jordan.</i></p>		
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Memory Verse:

And they were astonished at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:22

Discussion Question

1. How did the message of Jesus and the message of John the Baptist differ?
2. What happen when Jesus first preached at Nazareth?
3. Jesus' first disciples were fishermen. Does that fact encourage you? Did their response to Jesus surprise you??
4. One of Jesus' first recorded miracles was the deliverance of a man with an "unclean spirit." Why was that so impressive to the Jews?
5. Why did Jesus withdraw to a "secluded place?" Is that an example we should follow?
6. Large crowds followed Jesus to see His miracles. Why did those crowds dwindle with time?

The First Rejection – Unmet Unreal Expectations

Luke 4:16-30

The Jewish mindset was: If Jesus will not heal ALL, then we reject this man who says he is from God. Yet that is no different than the prophets before like Elijah and Elisha. The people were filled with rage because Jesus would not live up to their expectation.

- **What is your expectation of God that frustrates you when He doesn't do it for you?**

Jesus Calls 4 Fishers of Men

Matthew and Mark give the calling

Luke 5:1-11 tells the Story of how it came to be.

- **How often do you tell people your testimony? The full story?**

Jesus Heals Peters Mother in Law

Matthew and Mark – Jesus **touched her** to heal her

Luke – Jesus **rebuked the fever** and she was healed

Matthew has Jesus casting out demons **with his Word**

Mark doesn't tell us how but that he DID heal and cast out demons

Luke says that he **laid hands on them** to be healed

Matthew and Luke says that he **healed everyone** who came to him

Mark says that he **healed many** who were ill

Mark and Luke – Jesus did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was.

- **Do we have to lay hands on people? Speak over them? Can we heal anyone, everyone, someone? What can we learn from these examples concerning these questions?**

The First Tour of Galilee with Fishermen

Jesus got away in the mornings and spent time with God

After spending time with God, He knew and was committed to the Mission He was given

He went from there preaching the good news of the kingdom of God.

- **What mission has God set you on? How often do you get away with God to find out?**