

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

A JOURNEY WITH THE KING



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We are on a journey through the gospel of Matthew going where Jesus went on His journey through this world. Many ask: "What would Jesus do?" The gospel of Matthew shows us what Jesus said and did and demonstrates many _____ for us to follow personally in our lives (1 Tim. 1:16). Jesus' life was foreseen of God (Ch. 1). He was born and sought to be destroyed from His birth (Ch. 2). He came up out of Egypt and was baptized (Ch. 2-3). Immediately after His public baptism, He was vigorously tempted by the devil to do things His own way instead of the way God had planned for Him (Ch. 4:1-11). On today's leg of the journey, we will see how Jesus begins His public ministry as another example for us to follow.

THE BEGINNING OF HIS PUBLIC MINISTRY – Matthew 4:12-25

1. He begins to move and speak when and where God leads Him – v. 12-17
 - Jesus moved _____ John the Baptist was finished with his preparatory ministry to fulfill the Scriptures – v. 12; Is. 40:1-5; Mal. 3:1; John 3:24, 30; Acts 19:1-5.
 - Jesus strategically moved _____ Nazareth to Capernaum in *Galilee of the Gentiles* to fulfill the Scriptures – v. 13-16; Luke 4:14-32; Is. 9:1-2, 42:6-7.
 - Jesus began to preach the gospel of the *Kingdom of Heaven* – v. 17, 23; Matt. 3:1-2, 6:10, 8:5-13.
2. He begins to make disciples in His life – v. 18-22
 - He challenges two sets of brothers, commercial fishermen, in what seems to be their _____ meeting, to follow Him as disciples and He would make them fishers of men – v. 19; John 1:35-42.
 - ✓ **Simon** (nicknamed "Peter" & "Cephas") & **Andrew** –
 - ✓ **James & John** (nicknamed the "sons of thunder") –
 - ✓ The other 8 disciples were called further into the journey. These 4 were first and _____.
3. He begins to have followers wherever He goes (*and beyond*) – v. 23-25
 - His ministry is balanced and three-fold: He **taught** in the synagogues, **preached** the gospel of the kingdom, and **healed** _____ who came or were brought to Him – Col. 1:27-28; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Ex. 4:1-9; Deut. 18:15; 1 Cor. 1:22.
 - His fame grew and multitudes began to follow Him from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, all Syria, and _____ Jordan – v. 24-25; Matt. 5:14-16; 1 Pet. 2:12; 1 Cor. 4:16, 11:1.

