

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

MATTHEW 4.13FF

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### INTRODUCTION:

1. After being tempted by the devil, Jesus returns to Galilee to begin His ministry.
  - a) There is a time referenced. (Matt. 4.12; cf. John 3.24)
  - b) There is a location referenced. (Matt. 4.12,13)
  - c) There is a message referenced. (Matt. 4.17)
2. **MATTHEW 4.17:** *“From that time Jesus began to preach and to say...”* (kerusso; present)
  - a) *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* Same message as John. (Matt. 3.1,2)
  - b) The Jews has been anticipating a kingdom. (Dan. 2.44)
  - c) It is the *“gospel of the kingdom.”* (Mark 1.14,15) This is a good news message.
3. **MATTHEW 4:20,22:** *“They immediately left their nets and followed Him.”*

### I. JESUS CALLS FOUR DISCIPLES

- A. **MATTHEW 4.18:** *“And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee”*
  1. Luke’s account identifies this as Lake Gennesaret. (Luke 5.1). Six by thirteen miles.
  2. **MATTHEW 4.18:** *“saw two brothers, Simon called Peter”*
    - a) Who called him Peter? (Mark 3.16)
    - b) Peter (petros): Literally, a stone, one that can be picked up and easily moved.
  3. Who is Peter? One of the most influential apostles in the first century.
    - a) Peter was a leader among the disciples. (Acts 1.15)
    - b) Peter was a preacher, though uneducated and untrained. (Acts 2.14; 4,8,13)
    - c) Peter brought the gospel to the Gentiles. (Acts 11.1,2; 15.6-8)
    - d) Peter wrote two epistles about how to handle suffering as a Christian. (1 Pet. 4.16)
- B. **MATTHEW 4.18:** *“and Andrew his brother”*
  1. What we know about Andrew was primarily recorded by John.
  2. Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us three things: brother of Peter, fisherman, apostle.
- C. **MATTHEW 4.21:** *“James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother”*
  1. They were called *“sons of thunder.”* (Mark 3.17)
  2. They were rebuked by Jesus. (Luke 9.54)
  3. They wanted a place of seniority. (Matt. 20.20-22,24)

### II. WHAT CAUSED THE DISCIPLES TO IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW JESUS?

- A. The first time Jesus encountered Peter and Simon. (John 1.35-42)
  1. How did Andrew first learn about Jesus? (John 1.35-40)
    - a) He was a disciple of John the Baptist. (vs. 35,40)
    - b) **JOHN 1.36,37:** They heard the testimony of John the Baptist.
  2. How did Peter first learn about Jesus? (John 1.41-43)
  3. Disciples are made by introducing them to Jesus. (cf. Acts 8.5,35)
- B. The next time they encountered Jesus was while they were fishing. (Luke 5.1-11)
  1. Peter and Andrew heard Jesus teaching. (Luke 5.1-3)
  2. Peter and Andrew saw a great miracle. (Luke 5.4-7)
  3. Peter was convicted in his heart. (Luke 5.8,9; cf. Acts 2.22)
  4. The partners with Peter were James and John. (Luke 5.10,11)
  5. Disciples are made by showing them both the deity and divinity of Jesus.