

LESSON 16 – JESUS CALLS AND TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES

The Gospel Writers (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) Retold Christ’s Life in Different Ways:

Luke (Chronological)

Matthew (Grouped stories by topics)

Mark (fast-paced, separate events, like a movie)

John (Spirals around themes)

All Four Retell...

- The baptism of Jesus
- The miracles and teachings of Jesus
- Jesus raising someone from the dead
- The suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

CONTEXT...

WHO?

- Peter & Andrew, James & John: fishermen who Jesus called into full time ministry
- Matthew/Levi: a tax collector whom Jesus called to be a disciple

WHERE? – Bethsaida and Capernaum in Galilee

THE STORY

Read: Matthew 4:18-22

1.) Jesus called these four men into fulltime ministry. What do you find surprising about this section?

*2.) What does Jesus mean by saying, “You will be fishers of men?”

Read: Matthew 9:9-13

1.) Why was it so surprising that Jesus would call a tax collector like Matthew to be his disciple?

*2.) Matthew followed Jesus and threw a party for Jesus and his friends at his house. The religious leaders criticized Jesus for keeping “bad company.” How did Jesus respond? (v. 12-13)

Read: Matthew 4:23-25

Notice the variety of medical conditions and afflictions that Jesus instantly healed! There was no ailment that Jesus couldn’t cure!

Matthew 5:1-12

1.) How would you define the word “blessed”?

*2.) God's truth is usually the opposite of how our world naturally looks at things. How can believers be blessed/happy when...

a.) ...we mourn? (v.4)

b.) ...we are meek/lowly/insignificant? (v. 5)

c.) ...we are persecuted (v. 10-12)

Read: Matthew 5:13-16

1.) Here Jesus compares believers to salt and light. What are some common uses for salt?

- *What's the point?

*2.) Our faith in Christ should be obvious by the lives we lead. What is our goal in doing good works? (v. 16)

LAW & GOSPEL

Where do we see God's law?

Where do we see the Gospel?

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

ASSIGNMENT:

- Complete Spiritual Gift Survey and text/e-mail me your top three gifts
- Read: Matthew 5:17-6:4, 6:16-7:6; 7:13-7:29 (Jesus Teaches his Disciples – Part 2)
- Complete Reading Reflection Guide
- Memory Work:
 - *Matthew 5:48*
 - *The Eighth Commandment (w/o explanation)*
 - *John 8:31b,32*