

Questions for Gospel Harmony #24

Matthew 4.13-16, 18-22; Mark 1.16-20; Luke 5.1-11

1. In which regions is Capernaum? What prophecy did Jesus fulfill by ministering here? (Matthew 4.12-16)
2. Was this the first time Jesus met Peter and Andrew? What makes this meeting significant? What did Jesus mean, "I will make you fishers of men"? (Matthew 4.18-20; Mark 1.16-18)
3. Who were the "two other brothers" Jesus called? What were they doing when Jesus called them? (Matthew 4.21; Mark 1.19)
4. What is another name for the Lake of Gennesaret? What objection did Peter give to lowering the nets as Jesus instructed? What reason did Peter give for going ahead and complying with Jesus instruction? How many fish did they draw into the nets and what began to happen to the boat? How did Peter react? (Luke 5.1-11)
5. How long did the disciples wait after these events to follow Jesus? (Matthew 4.20, 22)

Matthew 4.17; Mark 1.14-15; Luke 4.14-15

And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." And Jesus, as He walked by the Sea of Gallilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him. When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who were in the boat with Zebedee their father mending their nets. And immediately He called them. So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they immediately forsook all, they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.