



Week Four

Invitation of the King

Matthew 4:12-25

Read and Summarize

Read verses 4:12-25. Provide a brief summary in one to two sentences, using your own words to capture the main events.

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Clarifying the Context

1. In Matthew's gospel, we see Jesus begin His ministry by fulfilling a promise made in Isaiah 9. In Isaiah 8, we see a warning given to God's rebellious people.
 - a. How does Isaiah 8 end?
 - b. Now read the hope given in Isaiah 9. Why do you think Jesus began His ministry by fulfilling this specific prophecy?

Digging into the Details

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2. Following His temptation in the wilderness, we are told that Jesus withdraws to Galilee, where He will begin His ministry.
 - a. What is the immediate reason for this move? (verse 12)

 - b. What is the ultimate reason for this move? (verse 14)

3. What is Jesus' message in verse 17? How does it compare to John the Baptist's message in chapter 3 verse 2?

4. In verses 18-22, we see Jesus begin to call His first disciples.
 - a. List the names of the men He calls, their connections to each other, and their current occupations.

Disciple

Connection

Occupation

1.

2.

3.

4.

- b.** What does Jesus invite these men to do, and how do they respond?
 - c.** Is their response surprising to you? Why or why not?
 - d.** List all the things, both named and implied, that these men would have been leaving behind to follow Jesus.
 - e.** What does this show us about the call to be a disciple of Jesus?
- 5.** How does their response to Jesus' call challenge you in your own life? Is there somewhere Jesus is calling you to follow Him?
 - a.** What are the "nets" you need to put down in order to follow Him?
 - b.** What things hold you back from doing this and following Him immediately?

6. In verse 23, the text zooms out from the disciples and focuses on the crowds.

a. What are we told Jesus is doing as He goes throughout Galilee?

b. What happens as a result?

Attribute of God & Application

- What did this week's study reveal to you about King Jesus and His Kingdom?
- How do these verses encourage or challenge you in your life currently?

**Spend some time praising God for who He is and for what He has done.
Ask Him to help you as you seek to live in light of His Word this week.**