

MATTHEW

4:12-25

**Jesus' Ministry
Begins**

JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY, 4:12-17

- ◉ **John had been arrested**
- ◉ **Leaving Nazareth...Capernaum,
Zebulun and Naphtali,**
- ◉ **Fulfill what was spoken by
Isaiah, 9:1-2**
- ◉ **Notice Gentile reference &
phrases**

- ◉ **Emphasizes universal nature of the kingdom of God**
- ◉ **Light vs. darkness**
- ◉ **Jesus began to preach: Repent**



JESUS CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES, 4:18-22

- ◉ Walking beside sea of Galilee
- ◉ Simon Peter & brother Andrew
- ◉ Come follow me. Fishers of men—metaphor for his disciples...for us too? If so, how?
- ◉ James & John...sons of Zebedee. Preparing their nets.

- ◉ They left boat and nets also to follow Jesus
- ◉ Jesus starts off with 4 fishermen!
- ◉ Raises questions about following Jesus...
- ◉ Leave job, family? Etc.
- ◉ Notice that Jesus called working men

JESUS HEALS THE SICK, 4:23-25

- ◉ Jesus went through Galilee
- ◉ 3 activities he engaged in:
 - teaching in their synagogues*
 - proclaiming good news of the kingdom*
 - healing disease & sickness*
- ◉ News about him spread all over Syria

⦿ **People brought to him and he healed them**

--ill with various diseases

--suffering severe pain

--demon possessed

--those having seizures

--the paralyzed

⦿ **Decapolis** (Ten cities)—Hippos, Philoterio, Gadara, Scythopolis, Pella, Gerasa, Philadelphia, Abila, Capitolias, Konata

