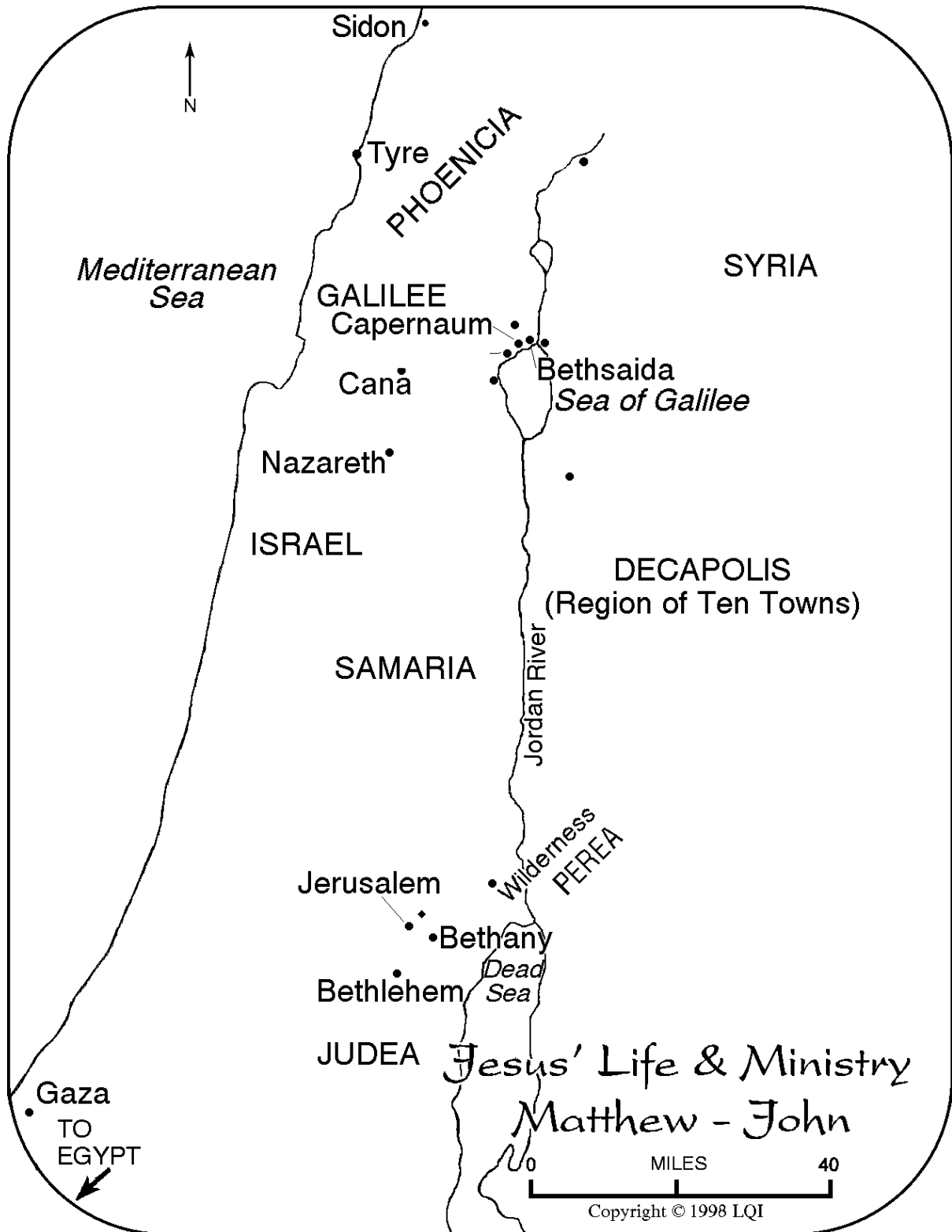


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Put a circle around or a star beside all the places you can find on the map from the passage. What was happening in those places in this passage?



*And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19*

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During the year after Jesus was tempted by the devil a number of events took place which are not written in the book of Matthew. Those events include changing water to wine at the wedding in Cana and cleansing the Temple. He witnessed to Nicodemus at night. John the Baptist finished his final public witness. He ministered in Samaria at Sychar. Early that year John had sent two of his disciples toward Jesus. One of them was Andrew (Jn. 1:35-40).

Then Jesus heard that Herod had arrested _____. Jesus left Nazareth and went to Capernaum by the sea in Galilee. He began to preach. He called for repentance because the kingdom of heaven was at hand. He fulfilled the Scripture which said that those sitting in darkness by the Sea of Galilee, beyond the Jordan, would see a great _____ (Mt. 4:15-16).

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon and _____. They were fisherman, casting a net into the sea. Jesus called to them. He told them that He would make them _____

of men if they followed Him. They quickly left their nets and followed Jesus. Then Jesus came to the brothers,

_____ and John, who were mending _____ with their father.

Jesus called them also, and they quickly followed.

Jesus went all through Galilee teaching in synagogues. He told about the gospel of the kingdom. He healed all sorts of diseases, sicknesses and demon possessed people. The four fishermen went with Him. _____ of His healing spread quickly in Syria. He healed many. Many people followed Him from Galilee, Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and beyond Jordan. The people liked the miracles. They followed Him because of the good things He was doing for them. But not many would continue to follow as persecution began and grew. Who are you following today and why?



QUESTIONS: Where did Jesus go?
Who did He call, and what did they do?
What did Jesus begin doing?
How did the people respond?


FIND WORDS: Andrew, fame, fishers, James, John, light, nets

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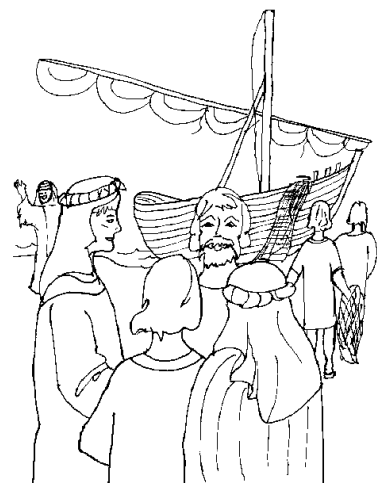
DAY 1  **BIBLE READING:** *Matthew 4:12-25 (John 1:35 - 4:42)*

1. John 1:19-4:42 gives an account of several events during Jesus' first year of ministry which Matthew omits. To what events do the following references in John relate?
 1:35-51: _____
 2:1-11: _____
 2:12-25: _____
 3:1-21: _____
 3:22-36: _____
 4:1-42: _____
2. What event marked the beginning of the official ministry of Jesus? (Mt. 4:12)

3. From what place did Jesus leave, and to what place did He go? (Mt. 4:12-13; Jn. 4:43) _____
4. How is Galilee described in Matthew 4:15? _____
5. How were the people of Galilee described in Matthew 4:16, and why do you think they were describe that way? _____

DAY 2  **WORD SEARCH:** Find the following key words hidden below: Andrew, Capernaum, custody, fishers, follow, heal, immediately, James, John, light, men, multitudes, nets, news, Peter, proclaiming, repent, Simon, synagogues, Syria, withdrew.

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DAY 3  **BIBLE VERSE:** Use the reference to find missing words.

Matthew 4:19 And he saith unto them, _____, and I will _____ you fishers of _____.

1. Who did Jesus see, and what were they doing? (4:18) _____
2. What did Jesus say to the two men? (4:19) _____
3. What did the men do? (4:20) _____

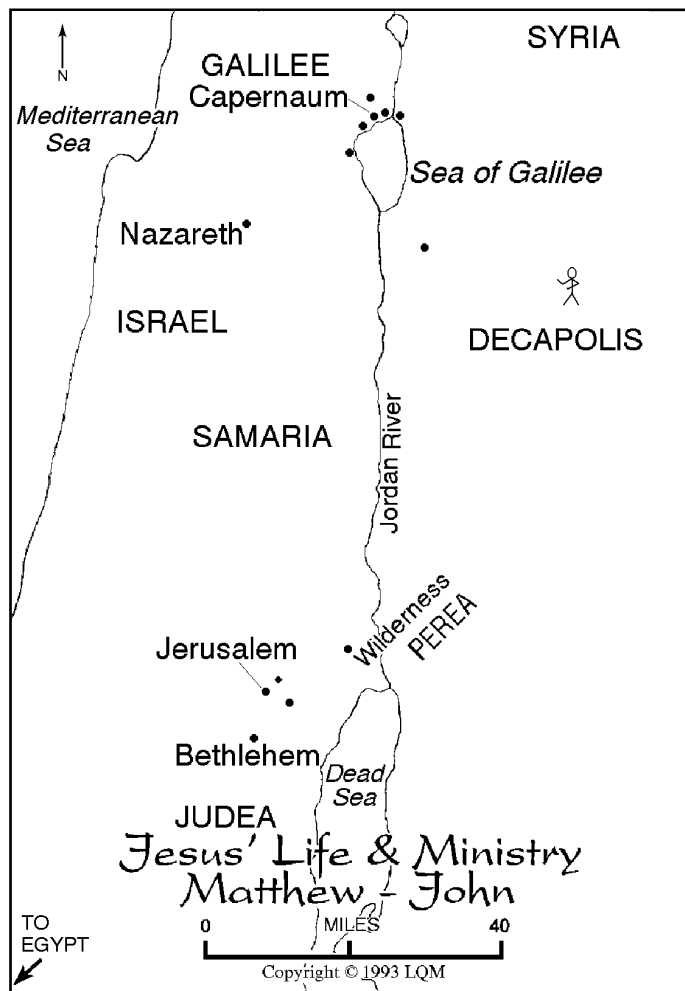
DAY 4  **BIBLE ACTIVITY:**

Circle the places on the map showing where Jesus went preaching and healing. (Mt. 4:13-18)


- Nazareth
- Galilee
- Capernaum
- Sea of Galilee

Draw stick figure people on the map next to the places showing where the multitudes came from. (Mt. 5:25)

- Galilee
- Decapolis
- Jerusalem
- Judea
- beyond the Jordan



1. Who were the fishermen that Jesus called? (Mt. 4:18-22) _____
2. What was Jesus doing according to Matthew 4:23-24? _____
3. Where did the fame about Jesus go? (Mt. 4:24) _____
4. How many followed Jesus? (Mt. 4:25) _____
5. Where were the people from? (Mt. 4:25) _____

DAY 5  **THINK, TALK, DO:** What do you think; who can you talk with; what will you do?

1. Does Jesus still want people to follow Him today? _____
2. What would you do if Jesus called you today? _____
3. What do you do when your parents call you? _____
4. What does immediately mean? _____
5. How can you respond immediately today? _____