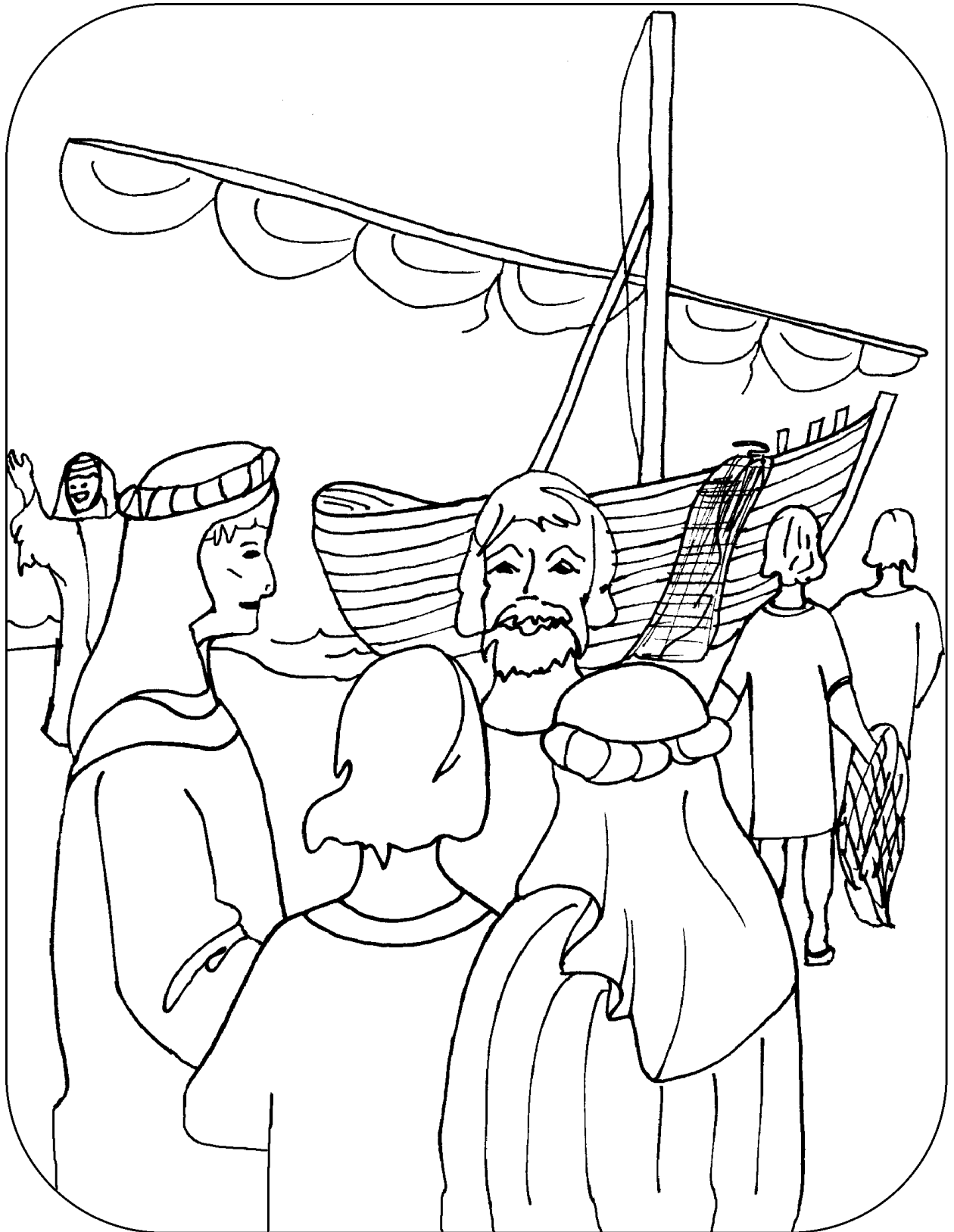


## Jesus Begins His Ministry



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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 John. 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 **light** (Mt. 4:15-16).

As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two **brothers**, Simon and **Andrew**. They were fishermen, casting a net into the sea. Jesus called to them. He told them that He would make them **fishers** of men if they

followed Him. They quickly left their nets and followed Jesus. Then Jesus came to the brothers, **James** and **John**, who were mending **nets** 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. **News** 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?

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

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## Lesson 22: Jesus Begins His Ministry

### DAY 1 PASSAGE for STUDY & ACTIVITY: *Matthew 4:12-25*

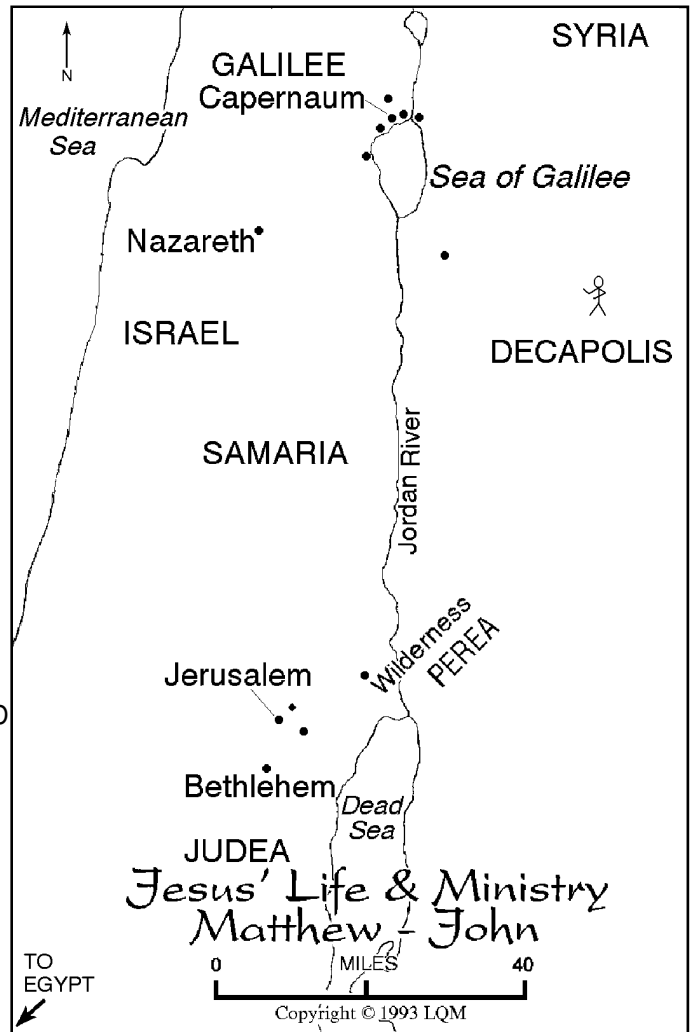
1. When did Jesus withdraw into Galilee? (Mt. 4:12)
2. Where did Jesus go in Galilee? (Mt. 4:13)
3. What does Matthew 4:16 say the people sitting in darkness saw?
4. What did Jesus begin preaching? (Mt. 4:17)
5. Circle the places below on the map showing where Jesus went preaching and healing. (Mt. 4:13-18)

Nazareth  
Galilee  
Capernaum  
Sea of Galilee

6. 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



### DAY 2 BIBLE VERSE: *Matthew 4:19*

*And He saith unto them,  
Follow me, and I will  
make you fishers of men.*

1. Where was Jesus in Matthew 4:19?
2. Who did Jesus see, and what were they doing? (Mt. 4:18)
3. What did Jesus say to the two men? (Mt. 4:19)
4. What did the men do? (Mt. 4:20)
5. Who else did Jesus see, and what happened with them? (Mt. 4:21-22)

**DAY 3** ✍️ **BIBLE ACTIVITY:** *Answer and do.*

1. Does Jesus still want people to follow Him today?
2. Jesus called four fishermen to follow Him. Put a circle around the characters below that are in your name. Write your name on the line below to show that you would like to learn how to follow Jesus.

*Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg*  
*Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn*  
*Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv*  
*Ww Xx Yy Zz*

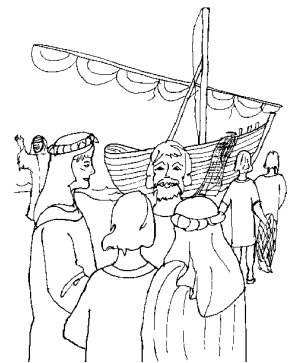
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**DAY 4** 🔍 **SEARCH and REMEMBER:** *Answer and do.*

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 news 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. Who do you know today who enjoys getting to know about God?
2. What would you do if Jesus called you today?
3. What do you do when your parents call you?
4. What does the word "immediately" mean?
5. How can you respond immediately today?