

# The Life and Mission of Jesus Christ on Earth

## **Lesson Eight -- Matt. 4:12-22; Mark 1:16-20,32-34; and Luke 4:14-41; 5:1-11**

### Summary of Lesson

Our last lesson brought to an end the second period of Jesus' life (Period of Inauguration). In closing that period of His life, Jesus left Jerusalem, passed through Samaria where He talked with the woman at the well, and then went on into Galilee to Cana where He healed the son of a nobleman. To begin the third period (Early Galilean Ministry), Jesus left Cana and went to Nazareth where he was rejected by the people of His home town. From there He returned to Capernaum where He began living and which was used by Him as a sort of "headquarters" for His travels in Galilee. While in Capernaum He cast out an unclean spirit, and then went down by the sea where He called Peter, Andrew, James and John to follow Him. He then healed Peter's mother-in-law and many others who were brought to Him.

### Matthew 4:12-22

{12} Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. {13} And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, {14} that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: {15} "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: {16} 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." {17} From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." {18} And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. {19} Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." {20} They immediately left their nets and followed Him. {21} Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, {22} and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.

### Mark 1:16-20

{16} And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. {17} Then Jesus said to them, "Follow

Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." {18} They immediately left their nets and followed Him. {19} When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets. {20} And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.

### Mark 1:32-34

{32} At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. {33} And the whole city was gathered together at the door. {34} Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

### Luke 4:14-41

{14} Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. {15} And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. {16} So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. {17} And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: {18} "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the

gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; {19} To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." {20} Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. {21} And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." {22} So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" {23} He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country.'" {24} Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. {25} "But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; {26} "but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. {27} "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." {28} So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, {29} and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. {30} Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way. {31} Then He went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the Sabbaths. {32} And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. {33} Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice, {34} saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are; the Holy One of God!" {35} But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him and did not hurt him. {36} Then they were all amazed and spoke

among themselves, saying, "What a word this is! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out." {37} And the report about Him went out into every place in the surrounding region. {38} Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. {39} So He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them. {40} When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. {41} And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, "You are the Christ, the Son of God!" And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ.

### Luke 5:1-11

{1} So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, {2} and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. {3} 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. {4} When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." {5} 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." {6} And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. {7} 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. {8} When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" {9} For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; {10} 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." {11} So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him.

## Questions on Lesson Eight

1. What did Jesus tell Peter and Andrew that He would make of them? When had Peter and Andrew met Jesus before this time?
2. Who was left behind to help Zebedee when his two sons went with Jesus?
3. "And Jesus returned in \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_."
4. What was customary for Jesus to do on the Sabbath day?
5. Name one event that prompted Jesus to go into Galilee.
6. How long were the heavens shut up during the time of Elijah (Elias)?
7. Who were the sons of Zebedee? What were they doing when Jesus called them?
8. Whom did the unclean spirit in the man in Capernaum's synagogue confess Jesus to be?
9. Instead of staying in His home town, where did Jesus settle in Galilee?
10. Where did the widow live to whom Elijah was sent?
11. Who were fishing partners with Peter and Andrew?
12. In the borders of which two Old Testament tribes did Jesus settle? What O.T. prophecy was fulfilled in his doing this? (chapter and verse)
13. How did Jesus avoid being put to death by the people of Nazareth?
14. What was peculiar about the teaching of Jesus in the synagogues that cause many to be astonished?
15. When Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue, what book was given to Him? What portion (chapter and verse) of that book did Jesus read from? When He finished reading, what did He say about the Scripture He had read?
16. What were the first two miracles performed by Jesus in Capernaum?
17. What leper did Elisha (Eliseus) cleanse?
18. What was the nature of the sickness of Peter's mother-in-law?
19. What event caused Peter to fall down before Jesus and confess that he was a sinful man?
20. Jesus left Jerusalem to go into Galilee, and upon His arrival there He went first to Cana; after Cana, where did He go and preach?
21. Why did Jesus not allow the devils to speak?