



MATTHEW 4:12-25

Introduction

- Matthew 4:12 removes John the Baptist from the storyline with the words, "John had been arrested."
(Matthew 4:12 ... Matthew 11:1-19, 14:1-12)
- Matthew 4:13 introduces us to the city of Capernaum, which was one of four major cities in Jesus' life
(Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, Jerusalem).
- "_____ " is the art and science of understanding and interpreting the Bible.

"Before returning to Galilee (which John records in 4:43), Jesus met and called the first of his disciples, turned water into wine at Cana, resided for a short while in Capernaum, returned to Jerusalem for an early Passover, drove the money changes from the temple, talked to Nicodemus, conducted an early teaching ministry in the Judean countryside, and had his encounter with the woman of Samaria on his way north again (see John 1:19-4:42). It is at this point that Matthew seems to pick up the story." (James Boice, *The Gospel of Matthew*)

The Big Idea

- The public ministry of Jesus was exactly what we would expect from _____, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

Why did Jesus have to have a public ministry?

- The public ministry of Jesus fit with the promises of God – Jesus _____ Old Testament prophecy (Matthew 4:12-16 ... Isaiah 9:1-7, Isaiah 42:1-9 ... Isaiah 42, 49, 50, 52-53).
 - Matthew's "Fulfillment Formulas" (Matthew 1:22, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 3:15, **4:14**, 5:17, 8:17, 12:17, 13:35, 13:48, 21:4, 23:32, 26:54, 26:56)
- The public ministry of Jesus fit with the character of God – Jesus _____ truth to God's people (Matthew 4:17, 4:23 ... Genesis 1-2, Deuteronomy 4:33, Psalm 19, 119).
 - *Kyruosso* (Preaching, Proclaiming)
 - *Didasko* (Teaching)
- The public ministry of Jesus fit with the calling of God – Jesus modeled how to make _____ (Matthew 4:18-22, 4:25-5:1 ... Matthew 9:9-13, 10:1-4 ... Matthew 28:18-20).
 - Simon-Peter (Matthew 16:18, Acts 1-12 ... 1-2 Peter)
 - Andrew (John 1:40-41, 6:8-9, 12:20-22)
 - James (Acts 12:1-5)
 - John (John 21:20-25 ... John, 1-3 John, Revelation)
- The public ministry of Jesus fit with the plan of God – Jesus gave a preview of his _____ (Matthew 4:17, 4:23-25 ... Revelation 21-22).

Application

- Do I know and trust the _____ of God?
- Do I know God as he has _____ himself?
- Am I a _____ who helps make disciples?
- Am I part of a _____ that has come and is coming?