

The Call of the King

Matthew 4:18-25

The First Disciples ...

Matthew does not give us the record of Jesus' call of all twelve disciples, but of _____.

This was not their _____ to Jesus. (Matt. 3:11; John 1:29-42; Luke 5:1-11).

Their immediate response may appear to be _____ but was not. Realizing Jesus is the Messiah, they _____ obeyed.

This call is more _____ than _____.

This is – as Charles Surgeon said – an “_____”.

And though this was not a “gospel call” per se, the same principle applies. God's call to us all begins with a _____: _____!

They responded _____, not _____.

_____ of those God calls, he calls to give up _____.

_____ that God calls, he calls to give up _____.

The Message of the Kingdom ...

“... he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.”

Jesus' message:

The arrival of the _____ signals the arrival of the _____.

Those who _____ and _____ are granted access into that Kingdom.

In this Kingdom, _____ are forgiven, people are made _____, and future _____ are promised.

The miraculous works Jesus performed served two (related) purposes:

To demonstrate that the Kingdom is _____ and _____.

To foreshadow what life in the _____ Kingdom will be like.

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

_____ times in Matthew's Gospel we hear Jesus saying to people, 'Follow me.'

For the disciples, the call was _____ ... they went where Jesus went, stayed where he stayed, etc.

For us it means that we will ...

_____ to his _____

_____ our sense of _____

_____ in spite of the _____

_____ always leads to _____. (Luke 6:40)

Followers of Jesus are faithful to their _____.

Followers of Jesus “_____” for men.

For me today:

Am I a _____ of Jesus or merely a _____ of Jesus?

What am I willing to _____ in order to follow Jesus?

What does Jesus my King want me to do?