

Kingdom Community...The Story of Jesus Christ
“The King’s (Public) Mission Begins” - Matthew
4:12-17

Sunday, November 10, 2013

INTRODUCTION:

A. Messiah to the World (vv.12-16)

1. Upon the Forerunner’s arrest
 - a) John the baptist’s legacy (preaching repentance and baptizing)
 - b) Increasing public unrest in response to the gospel preached
 - c) In danger from the beginning
2. Positioned for Jew and Gentile
 - a) Into Galilee
 - (1) **Mark 1:14-15**
 - (2) **Luke 4:14-15**
 - b) To Capernaum (Zebulun & Nephtali)
3. Prophecy fulfilled in the Scriptures
 - a) The 5th of 10 quotations about the Scriptures being fulfilled (the first from Isaiah)
 - b) Light to the Gentiles

(1) **Isaiah 9:1-2**

(2) **Ephesians 3:4-6**

B. Message to the World (v.17)

1. Jesus is the Light and shines through Words
2. Continuation of John the baptist’s ministry
 - a) Message remains the same
 - b) Details unfold
 - c) Faith is always born by the Word and enabled by the Spirit
3. His messiahship demands a message
 - a) The role of Messiah is to reconcile sinful men to a Holy God
 - b) The means of this reconciliation is the Messiah’s redemptive work through righteous living, unjust suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension
 - c) The message of reconciliation is delivered through words
 - d) The message demands a response
4. “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
 - a) **Matthew 3:2**

- b) The mode and message marks everything else Christ says and does in Matthew
- c) Repent is to have a change of mind and heart
- d) The Kingdom is at hand

C. Application

1. What would you do if Jesus were standing right here, right now, and commanded you, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

2. Believer, you once were darkness. Do you live as a child of light?
 - a) **Ephesians 5:7-10**
 - b) **Matthew 5:14**

3. Unbeliever, this means you’re in darkness. Pray to God to open your eyes to see your sin for the deadly disease it is and look upon Christ as your only hope.
 - a) **Acts 26:16-18**
 - b) **John 1:29**

4. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!
 - a) Christ has come, and He came to save
 - b) Christ will come again, and He will come to judge
 - c) **Hebrews 9:27-28**