

Repent, the Kingdom is at Hand

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Introduction

A Quick Walk-Through of John's and Jesus' Ministries according to Matthew

John the Baptist preached repentance, because the Kingdom was imminent (3:1-12)

John baptized Jesus and a heavenly voice declared Jesus to be God's Son (3:13-17)

Jesus was tempted in the wilderness as He fasted for forty days (4:1-11)

John the Baptist was imprisoned and Jesus preached repentance, because the Kingdom was imminent (4:12-17)

Question: Does Matthew 4:18-22 seem odd? Would we expect four fishermen to follow a perfect stranger saying, "Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men"?

Jesus met Simon and Andrew, told them to follow Him, they immediately left their nets and followed Him (4:18-20)

Jesus met James and John with their father Zebedee, told the brothers to follow Him, they immediately left their father in the boat and followed Him (4:21-22)

The answer to the riddle:

Compare Matthew 4:_____ with John 4:_____

Jesus collecting His first disciples: John _____:_____ - _____

The result of Jesus' earliest ministry: His disciples _____

The result of early ministry in Jerusalem: _____

Jesus tells how to get everlasting life

Why did Jesus then go to Galilee?

An implication

Jesus and John the Baptist each had two messages:

They had a message for individuals: That message was _____

For John the Baptist, cf. John _____:_____. For Jesus, cf. John _____:_____

They had a message for the nation: That message was _____

For John the Baptist, cf. John _____:_____. For Jesus, cf. John _____:_____

That message was based on Deuteronomy _____:_____ - _____

Conclusion