

The Gospel of Mark

Lesson 2: Mark 1:16-31

Jesus calls four fishermen (vv. 16-20)

Matt. 4:18-22
Luke 5:1-11

- John 1:35-42 must have happened earlier
- Luke's account includes a miracle
- Old Testament image of "fishers" pointed to God's judgment
 - Jeremiah 16:16, Ezekiel 29:4-5, 38:4; Amos 4:2
 - Jesus' fishermen were not instruments of judgment (John 3:17)

What characteristics of fellowship do the fishermen exemplify?

Why would Jesus choose these men to be His first disciples?

Casting out an unclean spirit on the Sabbath (vv. 21-28)

Luke 4:31-37

- Capernaum is on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee
 - The lake is 14 miles long and 6 miles wide
- Synagogues may have begun during the Babylonian exile
- Acknowledged teachers were allowed to teach in the synagogue
- Jesus speaks with "authority" to the people and the demons
- The demon(s) may have been trying to control Jesus by saying His name and title

Why would Jesus teaching with "authority" cause a problem?

What would be the reaction to Jesus healing on a Sabbath?

Jesus heals Peter's mother-in-law (vv. 29-31)

Matt. 8:14-15
Luke 4:38-39

- We know from this that at least Peter was married and he and Andrew lived in Capernaum
- This house may have been a base of operations when they were there

What principle of discipleship do we see in Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law?