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New Testament 2 Jesus Shows He Is True God

Law/Gospel

In sin, I blindly go my own way and am headed toward eternal death. **Christ saves me and calls me to follow Him in His way, a way that leads to eternal life.**

Bible Words

And [Jesus] said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.
Matthew 4:19–20

Fun Facts

At least four of Jesus’ twelve disciples worked as fishermen on the Sea of Galilee before He called them—Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and brothers James and John. Philip came from the town of Bethsaida, on the northern shore of the sea. Matthew collected taxes in Capernaum, another seaside city.

Just Joking

How do we know Peter and Andrew were rich fishermen? Look at their net income.

Jesus Calls Disciples

Matthew 4:12–25

Herod Antipas arrested John the Baptist and ended his public ministry. John said, “[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). And so He did.

Jesus moved to Capernaum in Galilee, a seaside city at the crossroads of two major highways. He recruited disciples to study and travel with Him. Those who agreed left families, jobs, and communities. Jesus invited Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John to become fishers of men. And so they did.

Jesus and His disciples traveled throughout Galilee to teach in the synagogues and proclaim the Gospel of the kingdom of God. Jesus healed people with various diseases and pains, including those with paralysis, epilepsy, and demonic oppression. Only Christ, through His divine miracles, could help people with these afflictions. And so He did.

In fact, the Gospel of Matthew says Jesus’ Galilean ministry fulfilled a prophecy by the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, bringing the light of Christ to people who walked in darkness (Isaiah 9:1–2). And so He did.

Great crowds followed Jesus, including people from ten mostly Gentile cities from the east side of the Jordan River and those from Judea and its capital city of Jerusalem. And so His fame grew and so did His followers.

Yoked to Jesus

A wood yoke fastens two animals together. Jewish rabbis taught that the “yoke of the Law,” or obedience to God, freed a person from worldly obligations and gave rest. Sadly, no one can perfectly obey God except Jesus, who took on the yoke of the Law and fulfilled it for us.

Jesus said, “Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:29–30). Jesus carried our sins and sorrows to the cross. Jesus invites us to follow Him, to be yoked with Him to the Gospel, and to receive His forgiveness of sin and true rest.

Prayer

Jesus, forgive us, heal us, and give us Your grace. Amen.

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