

THE KING CALLS HIS FIRST DISCIPLES  
(Matthew 4:18-22)

- I. The NATURE of the Call (Matt. 4:19*b*)
  - A. Jesus' call to BELIEVE is issued to the WORLD
    - 1. The "GENERAL call" most will IGNORE or REJECT (John 10:26)
    - 2. The "PERSONAL call" is EFFECTUAL and produces FAITH (John 10:27-30)
  - B. Jesus' disciples were called in PHASES
    - 1. First, to BELIEVE (cf. John 1:35-51; 2:11)
    - 2. Second, to FOLLOW (Matt. 4:19*b*; cf. Luke 5:1-11)
    - 3. Third, to PREACH (cf. Mark 3:13-15)
    - 4. Fourth, to exercise POWER (cf. Matt. 10:1)
  
- II. The Call to PETER and ANDREW (Matt. 4:18-20)
  - A. The place: "by the SEA OF GALILEE"
  - B. The people
    - 1. SIMON, also called PETER
    - 2. ANDREW, his brother

- C. The activity: “CASTING a NET into the sea”
  - 1. A fisherman must be PERSISTANT
  - 2. A fisherman must be PERCEPTIVE
  - 3. A fisherman must be COURAGEOUS
  - 4. A fisherman must be INCONSPICUOUS
- D. The call: “FOLLOW Me, and I will MAKE you fishers of MEN”
  - 1. Would require LEAVING to go with JESUS
  - 2. Would require SUBMISSION to TRAINING
  - 3. Would involve a CHANGE in VOCATION
- E. The response: “Left their NETS and FOLLOWED Him”

III. The Call to JAMES and JOHN (Matt. 4:21-22)

- A. The place: a little FARTHER along the SHORE
- B. The people
  - 1. JAMES
  - 2. JOHN, his brother
  - 3. ZEBEDEE, their father—PRESENT but not CALLED
- C. The activity: “MENDING their NETS” (cf. Luke 5:1-11)
- D. The response: “Left their BOAT and their FATHER and FOLLOWED Him”