

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Mark 1:35

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed.

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Lesson Scripture:

Matthew 4:12-25,

8:1-4,14-17

Mark 1:14-45

Luke 4:14-5:16

"Beginning the Galilean Ministry"**Introduction**

The synoptic gospels by Matthew, Mark and Luke omit the first year of Jesus' Judean ministry. You may read about it in John 1:19-4:54.

DAY 1 READ THE LESSON SCRIPTURE

1. From last week's lesson/lecture, what thoughts impressed you?
2. The way had been prepared. In Matthew 4:12, what had Jesus heard about John the Baptizer?
3. a. From Mark 1:14,15 where did Jesus go?
b. What did He preach?

DAY 2 "Rejection at Nazareth" REVIEW LUKE 4:14-30 (Matthew 4:13-17)

4. Jesus came to Nazareth and entered the synagogue on the Sabbath "as was His custom." What does that suggest to you?
5. In the Isaiah Scripture Jesus chose to read, it said, "the Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to . . ."
 - a. d.
 - b. e.
 - c.
6. a. Jesus sat down. What was His comment in verse 21?
b. What do you think He meant?
7. (IN-DEPTH) In verse 22 the men of the synagogue spoke well of Jesus. By verse 28 they were furious with Him. What was upsetting about the references made in verses 23-27?
8. How did Jesus escape their fury?
9. In Matthew 4:13-17, where did Jesus settle and why?

DAY 3 "Call of 4 Disciples" REVIEW LUKE 5:1-11 (Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20)

10. a. From Mark 1:16-20, name the four disciples called at this time.

b. What was His call to discipleship?

. . .their response?
11. a. From Luke 5:1-11, what attracted people to Jesus?

b. After teaching the multitude from the boat, what did Jesus tell Peter to do?

c. Share a circumstance when Jesus has asked you to test your faith in "deep water."

d. Obedience brought Peter what reward?
12. a. With the revelation of Jesus' power, a sense of unworthiness came to Simon Peter. What was his confession?

b. What is the status of mankind in Romans 3:23?

c. What is Jesus' promise in John 6:40?

DAY 4 "A Sabbath with Jesus" REVIEW MARK 1:21-34 (Matthew 8:14-17; Luke 4:31-17)

13. Jesus taught with authority. Where did it come from according to John 17:1,2?
14. In the events concerning the demon possessed man (Mark 1:21-28):
 - a. What did the demons call Jesus?
 - b. Is it possible one could acknowledge Jesus is the Son of God and still not be saved? What does Matthew 7:21 say?
 - c. According to Romans 10:9-13 how do we acknowledge God's will and find assurance of our salvation?
 - d. How did the demon respond to Jesus' command in Mark 1:26?
15. In Luke 4:38-44, Jesus healed Simon's _____ and the whole town gathered at the door (Mark 1:33). Jesus laid His hands on each one. Why do you think He chose to heal each person individually instead of healing everyone at once?

DAY 5 "Prayer, Power, Preaching" REVIEW MARK 1:35-45 (Matthew 8:1-4; Luke 4:42-44, Luke 5:12-16)

16. a. Jesus had a busy Sabbath teaching and healing. Did He let the pressure of work interfere with prayer? Do you?

b. Do you have a solitary place of escape for prayer?
What would you recommend for someone who needs one?
17. What did Jesus say His mission was in Luke 4:42-44?
18. a. In Mark 1:40-45, which did the leper doubt, Jesus' power or His willingness to heal?

b. Jesus touched the leper. Share something that comes to your mind about the significance of Jesus' touch.
19. a. Jesus instructed the healed leper to _____.

b. Instead he _____.
20. Matthew 4:23-25 tells of Jesus' expanding ministry. Please summarize.
21. Jesus said, "I must preach the good news . . ." What good news about Jesus have you shared or heard this week?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: