



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Matthew 4:12-23 (NLT)

The Ministry of Jesus Begins

¹²When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

¹³He went first to Nazareth, then left there and moved to Capernaum, beside the Sea of Galilee, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali.

¹⁴This fulfilled what God said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵“In the land of Zebulun and of Naphtali, beside the sea, beyond the Jordan River, in Galilee where so many Gentiles live,

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light. And for those who lived in the land where death casts its shadow, a light has shined.”

¹⁷From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

The First Disciples

¹⁸One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living.

¹⁹Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!”

²⁰And they left their nets at once and followed him.

²¹A little farther up the shore he saw two other brothers, James and John, sitting in a boat with their father, Zebedee, repairing their nets. And he called them to come, too.

²²They immediately followed him, leaving the boat and their father behind.

Crowds Follow Jesus

²³Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18



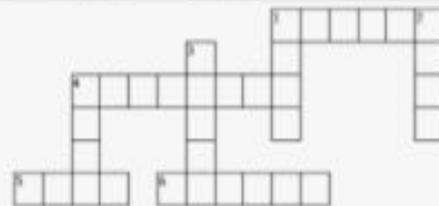
Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” Matthew 4:19 (NLT)
The puzzle is based on Matthew 4:18-22 (NLT).



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| BROTHERS | JAMES | NETS | COME | GALILEE |
| BOAT | PETER | WATER | FOLLOW | BEHIND |
| ANDREW | LIVING | JESUS | SITTING | FISH |
| WALKING | PEOPLE | JOHN | SHORE | LEAVING |



ACROSS

- To move along behind someone
- Two or more males who have the same parents
- Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)
- Men, women, and children; human beings

DOWN

- An animal without legs that lives in water
- To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
- The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river
- A small vehicle for traveling on water

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| BOAT | PEOPLE | FISH | NETS |
| SHORE | WALK | FOLLOW | BROTHERS |

Our minds influence the key activity of the brain, which then influences everything; perception, cognition, thoughts and feelings, personal relationships; they're all a projection of you. ~ Deepak Chopra



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for caring health professionals who take the time to listen.
- We also thank God for caring families.
- We pray for safe travel for country music fans returning home.
- We pray for children returning to school this week, and for children beginning school or daycare.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and the other places of conflict.

Meg's Musings

I had the experience this week of having to use eye drops which dilated the pupils of my eyes. The effect was to allow lots more light into my eyes. It wasn't a comfortable experience, and for several hours it changed how I saw things. When we choose to see life through the "lens" of knowing Jesus, that can also alter how we see, or perceive, things. Life can seem brighter, more in focus, and clearer because we know Jesus.....when we allow him to direct our vision, our thoughts, and our actions.

Blessing from Meg



Apparently NASA has a poster hanging with bees that reads:

"Aerodynamically a bee's body is not made to fly; the good thing is that the bee doesn't know"

The law of physics says that a bee cannot fly, the aerodynamic principle says that the breadth of its wings is too small to keep its huge body in flight, but a bee doesn't know, it doesn't know anything about physics or its logic and flies anyway.

This is what we can all do. Fly and prevail in every moment in the face of any difficulty and in any circumstance despite what they say.

Let us be bees, no matter the size of our wings, we take flight and enjoy the pollen of life. ~ Soul Alchemy.



Don't believe what others see in you.

A man's car broke down at night, so he knocked on the door of an old woman in her seventies, and asked her permission to make a phone call.

After he finished his call, he saw many paintings hanging on the wall and expressed his admiration and fascination with them....

The old man asked, surprised by his drawing, and the old man replied: I,,

He asked her if she had tried to display her paintings in art exhibitions?!

She said: No,

My late husband told me that I am only fit for the house and for raising children only!

When I was young, I believed my husband

I did not violate him so as not to fail, as he said....

But I still love drawing and carry out his instructions to draw only for myself..

And the man said to her,

Would you allow me to take some of your paintings and show them to a group of specialists, critics and gallery owners,,,

It didn't matter to her, and she agreed.

The surprising surprise that turned her life....

The paintings achieved amazing sales of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and suddenly the old woman, at the age of seventy, became one of the most famous artists and lived as a distinguished artist,,,

She lived to witness her resounding artistic and literary success,,, One of her paintings was sold for \$1.2 million in 2006... Today, her paintings are displayed as collections in the Louvre Museum in Paris and the Plaza in New York.

"Anna Marie Robertson Moses," (1860-1961)

American Folk Artist

