

SETTING THE TONE

(Matthew 4:12-17)

I. SOME GEOGRAPHY & JESUS' EARLY JUDEAN MINISTRY

- A. John 1:35-51
- B. John 2:1-11
- C. John 2:12-25
- D. John 3:1-21
- E. John 3:22-36
- F. John 4:1-42

II. JESUS' NEW HEADQUARTERS (Matthew 4:12-16)

- A. John the Baptist Is Removed (4:12A)
 - 1. Matt. 14:1-12
 - 2. Matt. 11:1-19
- B. Jesus Moves to _____ (13)
- C. Very _____ - _____ - _____
- D. Galilee!!! You Must Be Joking
 - 1. _____ Galilee
 - 2. _____ Galilee

E. God Never _____

- 1. CR. Isaiah 9:1ff
- 2. Light – 2X

III. AN ETERNAL MESSAGE (17) CR. Mark 1:14-15

- A. Repent
- B. Believe
- C. Good News
- D. Kingdom of Heaven / God

IV. LESSONS

- A. The _____ of Jesus Is Considered to Be an Huge Reward / Gift.
- B. God's Ways Are _____ & _____
- C. God _____ Our Situation
- D. Salvation Is for _____
- E. There Is No Room For _____ of Any Kind in Christianity.

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1.) Why do you think the Synoptists (authors of the Synoptic Gospels) did not include Jesus' early Judean ministry in their account of the ministry of Jesus? They left out some pretty amazing incidents. See point I. of outline.

2.) Eric said that the fact that God does the unexpected but that His ways are always right shows that we just do not think rightly about life. Do you agree or disagree? Why? What kinds of things do we need to do to make sure we are thinking more like God so we are not surprised?

3.) Would you have headquartered Jesus' ministry out of Capernaum? Be honest. Why or why not? Why do you think (other than fulfilled prophecy) God did this?

4.) Why do you think God had to remove John the Baptist? Wouldn't it have been more effective to have both John and Jesus ministering?

5.) Read II Peter 3:8-9. Galilee suffered for centuries before God kept His promise to bless them. Do you think this was hard for them? Do you think any of them knew about this promise from Isaiah? Why does it seem like it takes God so long to remember?

6.) God's great reward for Galilee was the presence of the Messiah. Would we consider that a great reward or would we want something more "materialistic"? How did Capernaum respond to the great privilege of having the Messiah make His headquarters in their city? See Matthew 11:20-24.

7.) Read Luke 4:24-30. This is Jesus' hometown, Nazareth. What upset the people so much about the Scripture he told them about? (Hint: the widow was a Gentile) How is it that we humans get to the place where we despise other races? What truths of the gospel make racism so very wrong?

8.) Which one of the 5 Lessons from the sermon challenged you the most or meant the most to you and why?

9.) Jesus was born in a stable, raised in Nazareth, trained as a carpenter, made His headquarters in Capernaum, and died as a criminal. What point do you think God wants us to get from all of this?