

**“Follow Me”
Lesson #5
Mark 1:14-20
6-15-25**

I. John was placed in prison.

****Mark 1:14a** *“After John was put in prison,”*

Matthew 14:3 *“Now Herod had arrested John and bound him and put him in prison because of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.”*

Matthew 14:4 *“For John had been saying to him: “It is not lawful for you to have her.”*

Matthew 14:5 *“Herod wanted to kill John, but he was afraid of the people, because they considered him a prophet.”*

II. Jesus proclaimed the good news.

****Mark 1:14b** *“... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.”*

****Mark 1:15** *“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”*

Matthew 12:28 *“But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”*

Colossians 1:13 *“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.”*

****Mark 1:15b** *“... Repent and believe the good news!”*

III. Jesus presented the call to Peter, Andrew, James and John.

A. God initiated His call at the Sea of Galilee.

****Mark 1:16** *“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee,”*

B. God identified the people He called.

1. There was a call to salvation.

John 1:35 “The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.
[36] When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

John 1:37 “When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.”

John 1:41 “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). [42] And he brought him to Jesus.”

2. There was a call to service.

****Mark 1:16b** “... He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.”

John 1:42b “... Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).

Mark 1:19 “When he had gone a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets.”

C. God implemented the purpose behind his call.

1. The disciples were to follow Jesus.

Mark 1:17a “Come, follow me,” Jesus said,”

2. The disciples were to fish for men.

Mark 1:17b “... and I will send you out to fish for people.”

IV. These men promptly followed Jesus.

Mark 1:18 “At once they left their nets and followed him.”

Mark 1:20 “Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.”

How can we apply this to our life?

A. Following Jesus does not stop trouble from coming!

2 Timothy 3:12 “In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”

B. Following Jesus involves submission to God’s Word!

Luke 6:46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

C. Following Jesus means significant changes!

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D. Following Jesus includes sharing the gospel with others!

Acts 8:12 “But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.”

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. [20] And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

E. Following Jesus means trusting in Him as your Savior.

Acts 16:30b “... What must I do to be saved?” [31] They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved you and your household.”