

“Follow Me”
Mark 1:14-20

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Intro.

Purpose

Israel in Jesus' time

I. Galilee

- A. Politically unimportant
- B. Culturally backward - hillbillies
- C. Distinctive dialect (Mark 14:70, Matthew 26:73)
- D. Ruled by Herod Antipas
 - 1. Not politically ambitious
 - 2. Not an effective leader
 - 3. Great partier

II. The message/gospel of God (v 14)

- A. Jesus proclaimed it
- B. Jesus was the fulfillment (Galatians 4:4)
- C. Kingdom of God
 - 1. Current readers
 - 2. Jesus' presence
- D. Repent and believe (v 15)(2Corinthians 7:10)

III. Calling (vv 16-20)

- A. Follow Me (John 1:35-42)
- B. Will make you fishers of men
- C. Immediate response (John 6:66-68)
 - 1. Left livelihood
 - 2. Left family
 - 3. Didn't question Him

IV. Application

- A. Accept Jesus as savior (Romans 10:9-10, Mark 1:15)
- B. Accept the call to follow Jesus
- C. Accept God's purpose for you
- D. Accept your potential

Are you merely existing or are you excelling? God has a purpose for your life if you are willing to accept it. How much longer will it take you to listen and obey?

Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. -Jesus

Matthew 7:26

Next week: Mark 1:21-28