

## MARK 1.14-20

- kingdom of God
- following
- fishing equipment

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

16 As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." 18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## ISAIAH 52.7

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces  
peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

## TESTAMENT OF MOSES

(1AD Jewish writing)

Then his (God's) dominion will appear  
throughout the whole creation. Then the devil  
will have an end.

## JEREMIAH 16.16

I am now sending for many fishermen, says the Lord, and they shall catch them; and afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks.

## AMOS 4.1-2

Hear this word, you cows of Bashan  
who are on Mount Samaria,  
who oppress the poor, who crush the needy,  
who say to their husbands, 'Bring something  
to drink!'

The Lord God has sworn by his holiness:

The time is surely coming upon you,  
when they shall take you away with hooks,  
even the last of you with fish-hooks.

## EZEKIEL 29.4

Thus says the Lord God:

I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt,  
the great dragon sprawling in the midst of its  
channels, saying, 'My Nile is my own; I made it  
for myself.' I will put hooks in your jaws, and  
make the fish of your channels stick to your  
scales.

## I KINGS 19.91-21

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was ploughing.... Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, 'Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.' ... Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

## QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean that the Kingdom of God has come near?
2. What does repentance mean?
3. What does it mean to fish for people?
4. How is this good news today?

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