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- Jesus' preaching connects him to the OT promise of a King.

"While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. "And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. "And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him."

Matthew 4:18

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"We love because he first loved us."

1 John 4:19

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The <u>simple</u>, the <u>common</u>, the <u>unremarkable</u> "For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth.

"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; "God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

1 Corinthians 1:26-29

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"It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as first-fruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless." Revelation 14:4-5

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- means following Jesus <u>all the way to the</u> cross.

"And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:38

4. What specific job did Jesus give them? "fishers of men"

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make = craft or fashion

"... I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

6. Matthew makes some subtle changes in his account to include us.

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"And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people."

Matthew 4:23

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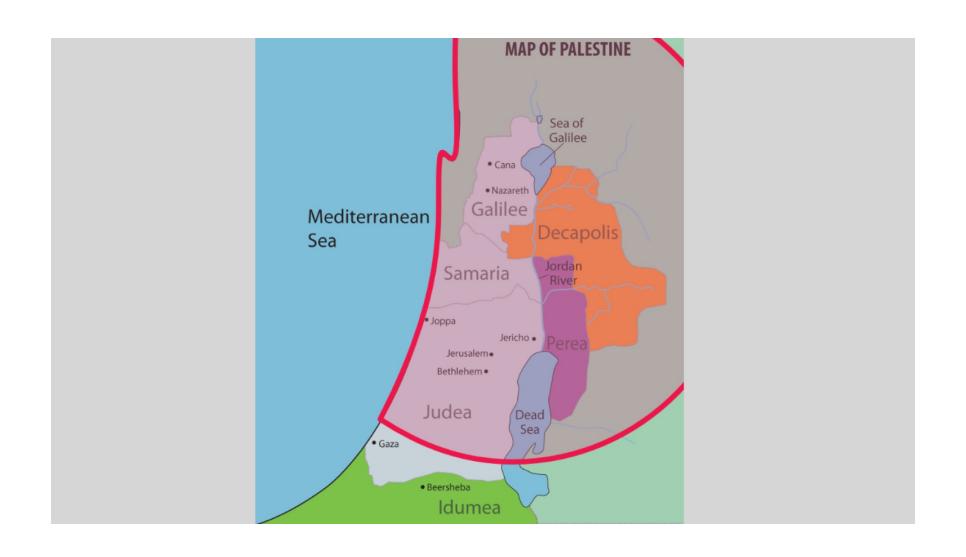
"So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them." Matthew 4:24

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"And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan."

Matthew 4:25



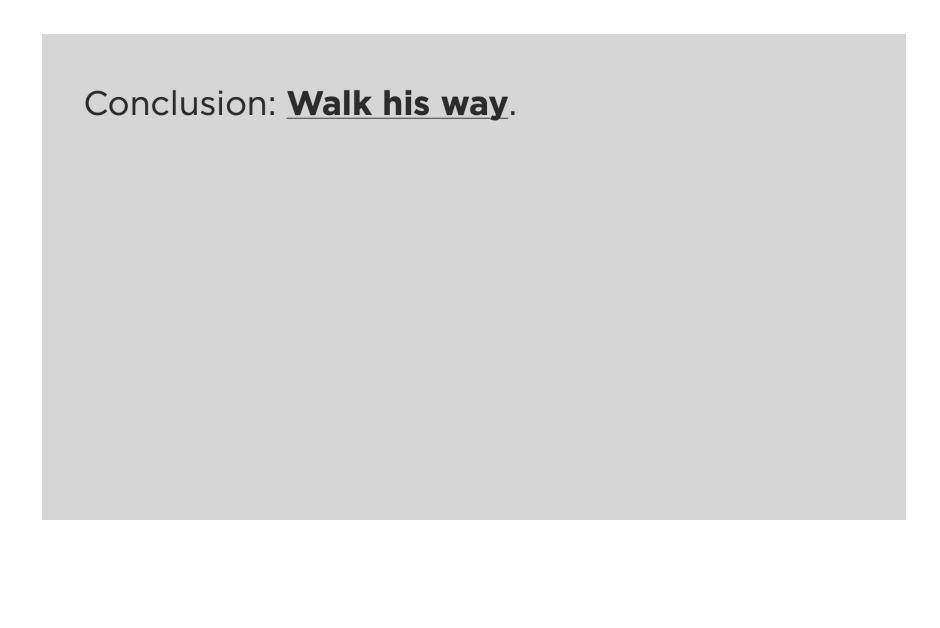
3. Where they lived - all of Galilee and all of Syria

"Come, you disconsolate, where'er you languish;

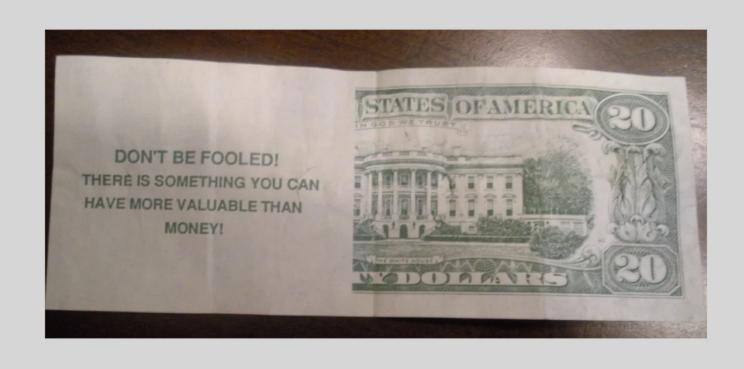
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.

Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;

Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal."







"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20