

“Kingdom Priorities”

Matthew 4:12-25

John 3:22-24

After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He was spending time with them and baptizing. John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there; and people were coming and were being baptized— for John had not yet been thrown into prison.

I. First Priority: *Preaching*

A. *His Message*

Mark 1:14,15

Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

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B. *Emphases of Message*

1 John 2:3,4

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

John 3:4-7

Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’

John 1:12,13

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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A. Significance of this

B. Jesus' Recruitment

C. Nature of the Call

1. Command

Mark 3:14,15

And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach, and to have authority to cast out the demons.

Matthew 10:24,25

A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, and the slave like his master.

Acts 4:13

Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

Acts 11:26

“The disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.”

“Many Christians are only "Christaholics" and not disciples at all. Disciples are cross-bearers; they seek Christ. Christaholics seek happiness. Disciples dare to discipline themselves, and the demands they place on themselves leave them enjoying the happiness of their growth. Christaholics are escapists looking for a shortcut to nirvana. Like drug addicts, they are trying to "bomb out" of their depressing world. “

-Calvin Miller

*“Christianity without discipleship is always
Christianity without Christ.”*

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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A. Prominence

Matthew 9:35

Jesus was going through all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

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1 Corinthians 4:20

For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power.

1 John 3:8

The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

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C. Reminder

“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

