

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 4

Jesus Begins His Work

Theme: Faith—Believing in Jesus so as to follow Him

Memory Verse

“Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread ... [and] large crowds followed Him.” Matthew 4:23-25

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Tell why Jesus turned the water to wine at Cana
- Define “disciple”
- List three things Jesus did for people

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Luke 4:14-22, 28-44
Friday	John 1:35-51
Saturday	John 2:1-11, 13-16, 18-22
Monday	Mark 1:14-27, 32-38, 40-42
Tuesday	Matthew 4:12-13, 18-25

When He was around thirty years old, Jesus began His work in the world. He got people’s attention by His mighty words and actions. People became interested in what Jesus did and said and followed Him wherever He went. Some people traveled a long distance to be with Jesus. Try to put yourself in their place. Would you follow Jesus?

Luke 4:14-22, 28-44

In the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah. Jesus said who fulfilled Isaiah’s words?

How did Jesus escape when people of Nazareth intended to throw Him down the cliff?

- covered His head and ran
- passed through the crowd
- his disciples fought for Him



Jesus Called People to Follow

Jesus began preaching so people would understand who He was and what He was doing. He showed them by His words and works that He was the Son of God. One time Jesus went to Nazareth where He grew up and went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He read from the prophet Isaiah. Isaiah told about One whom God would send into the world to preach and save. Jesus explained that He was the One God sent!



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John 1:35-51

Before he stayed with Jesus, what did Andrew do first?

- Got some clothes
- Got some money
- Got his brother

What did Jesus say that helped Nathanael believe?

One day Jesus went to a wedding in Cana. During the wedding, the hosts ran out of wine. To supply this need, Jesus changed water to wine. This miracle showed Jesus' power to change things. This would help people understand He could change them! Changing water to wine was Jesus' first miracle, and it helped some people believe Jesus was God's Son.

Jesus also acted with authority in other ways. Near

the time for the Passover, Jesus went to Jerusalem. He found people using the temple as a place to make money. When He saw this, Jesus ran them out of the temple.

By His works and words, Jesus showed He was God's Son. He tried to help people see that He had power to help them. Some people saw, heard, and believed. Some thought for a while before deciding what to do. Others tried to kill Jesus.

Many People Followed Jesus

A disciple is a student or follower. Jesus called people to be His disciples. John the Baptist told people about Jesus so they would follow Him. Andrew heard John talk about Jesus and wanted to follow, but first he did something important. Andrew found his brother, Simon Peter, and told him about Jesus. Jesus called Philip to follow, and Philip told Nathanael about Jesus. We can do this, too — tell others about Jesus.

John 2:1-11, 13-16, 18-22

Jesus' miracle showed His

a) wisdom, b) glory, c) money.

How did the Pharisees act when Jesus drove the merchants out of the temple?

- helped Him
- questioned Him
- ran from Him



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Andrew and Peter stayed with Jesus for a while, then returned to their home and work. Later, Jesus went to Galilee and found Peter and Andrew fishing. He called the men to follow, saying, "I will make you fishers of men." Jesus meant that they would "catch" other people to follow Him. He also called two brothers, James and John, and they left their boats and followed.

Many people were amazed by what Jesus did and said. He even commanded evil spirits to leave

people! When people heard the news about Jesus' mighty works, many came who were sick, deformed, and controlled by evil spirits. One time a whole city gathered at the door, and Jesus healed them. So many people followed Jesus that He stayed outside of towns and cities where fewer people lived.

By now you should know these words well: "Jesus was going throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing

every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people. The news about Him spread ... [and] large crowds followed Him" (Matthew 4:23-25).



Mark 1:14-27, 32-38, 40-42

What did Jesus mean when He said He would make them "fishers of men?"

Circle all correct answers. When people heard about Jesus' healing and casting out demons, they were...

- amazed
- angry
- confused
- discouraged

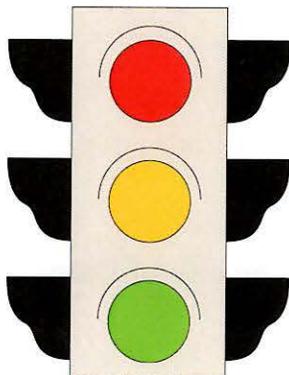


Matthew 4:12-13, 18-25

Matching:

- James & John left boats and father to follow
- Peter & Andrew followed Him
- Large crowds left nets to follow Him

When I realize I need to leave something behind to follow Jesus, I do it.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — not very often

Yellow — sometimes

Green — immediately

SLOW DOWN TO THINK

Under the new coach, your basketball team wins a lot of games during the first season. The next season, you lose several games. How do you suppose the fans react each season? How do they feel about the new coach? Do they come to all the games?

What did people do when it was easy to follow Jesus and when He healed and fed them?

What did people do when following Jesus was hard?

GO FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Write Genesis 1:1 from memory.

What are 1, 2, and 3 John about?

On a map inside the back cover, locate the city of Damascus.