

**Matthew 4:12-25**  
**“The beginning of the ministry of the King”**

**Chronology vs. Subject: Jesus as the “King of Israel”**

4:12 vs. Acts 1:1-2: Cf. Matt. 4:1-11 vs. Luke 4:1-14  
Cf. Matt. 1:1 vs. Luke 1:1-4

**Fulfillment of Prophecy: “That it might be fulfilled”**

Quantity: 68 references to OT scriptures being fulfilled in Matthew  
Quality: 4:14-16 vs. Isaiah 42:6-7; 9:1-2

**The message of the “King”: “Kingdom of Heaven”**

Terms of use: “Kingdom of heaven” (4:17)  
“Gospel of the kingdom” (4:25)

Cross reference: Matt. 24:14 and “end time” implications

Confirmation: Matt. 4:23-24, physical evidence  
Kingdom of heaven vs. Kingdom of God (physical vs. spiritual)  
Cf. 1 Cor. 1:22, “Jews require a sign”

**The disciples of the King: “Follow me and I will make you. . .”**

Characteristics: “Casting a net into the sea” (4:18)  
“Mending their nets” (4:21)

Commonality: Simon (Peter) and Andrew: Brothers  
James and John of Zebedee: Brothers  
Phillip and Nathaniel: Occupation (John 1:45, fishing town)

Calling: “Come follow me” and their bar mitzvah

**The impact of the King: “And there followed him great multitudes. . .”**

Numbers: “Great multitudes” (5000+)  
Decapolis (10 cities)

Location(s): Galilee (North)  
Jerusalem (South)  
Beyond Jordan (East)  
Judea (West)

Response: “His fame went throughout all. . .”

