## The Book of Matthew Message 13

"The Commencing of a Perfect Ministry"

Matthew 4:12-17

Message Title: "The Commencing of a **Perfect Ministry**"

I. The **Preparation** (vs 12-13)

John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease."

- a. John's **Imprisonment** (vs 12a)
- b. Christ's **Positioning** (12b-13)

John 4:1-3 "When therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, <sup>2</sup> (Though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) <sup>3</sup> He left Judaea, and departed again into Galilee."

- 1. The Region of **Galilee**
- 2. The Town of Nazareth
- 3. The Town of **Capernaum**
- II. The **Prophecy** (vs 14-16)
- III. The **Method** (vs 17a)
- IV. The **Message** (vs 17b)
- V. The **Application** 
  - a. What is our **Personal** Ministry?
  - b. What is our **Public** Ministry?