Matthew 4:12-23

**Context**

Matthew Ch.3 closes with the Baptism of Jesus, and the phrase “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Ch.4 opens with the wilderness fasting and temptation. This closes with the phrase “angels came and ministered to him.” It is these events that set the stage for our text. The section ends with a summary statement 4:24-25 “his fame spread, he healed, great crowds followed” On “the crowd which follows” - See 8:1, 12:15, 19:2 & 20:29 for other examples of great crowds following. Healing summaries are also found at 8:16, 12:15, 14:14, 14:35-36, 15:30, 19:2.

**4:12**

'Ακουσάς δὲ ὅτι Ἰωάννης παρεδόθη ἀνεχώρησεν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

Allusion to Mark 1:14-15

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Allusion to Luke 4:14-15

And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee, and a report concerning him went out through all the surrounding country. 4:15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

Allusion to John 4:1-3

Now when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John 4:2 (although Jesus himself did not baptize, but only his disciples), 4:3 he left Judea and departed again to Galilee.

Allusion to John 4:43-46

After the two days he departed to Galilee. 4:44 For Jesus himself testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country. 4:45 So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast, for they too had gone to the feast. 4:46 So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill.

Without even mentioning Herod, we continue the saga of Herod family interaction with the Christ – Herod the Great seeks to kill him, Archelaus reign in Judea guides Jospeh to settle in Nazareth. Now Antipas has imprisoned John (who has confronted Antipas about taking his brother’s (Philip) wife).

Ἀκούσας δὲ ὅτι – 2x in Matthew –

2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

Ἀκούσας – 63x in Matthew – aorist active participle, 21x –

2:3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
2:9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.
2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.
4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

15:12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"
19:22 When the young man heard this word, he went away grieving, for he had many possessions.
19:25 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astounded and said, "Then who can be saved?"
20:24 When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers.
20:30 There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"
21:45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.
22:22 When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.
Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee,

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed.

But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.”

They said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

And they said, “If John came from heaven, why does he baptize in the manner of John?”

He sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

When the Baptist heard this, he said, “He has performed all that was written about him.”

When Jesus heard that John had been silenced, he said, “This man is calling for Elijah.”

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

When John had been prevented from coming, many people said, “Perhaps he is the Messiah.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon’

For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came;

Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

For six months John was imprisoned.

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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**παρέδωθη** – 31x in Matthew – to hand over to or to convey something to someone, particularly a right or an authority - to deliver a person into the control of someone else, involving either the handing over of a presumably guilty person for punishment by authorities or the handing over of an individual to an enemy who will presumably take undue advantage of the victim - to pass on traditional instruction, often implying over a long period of time - to grant someone the opportunity or occasion to do something – aorist passive indicative 2x * -

*4:12* Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

5:25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

10:4 Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

10:17 Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues;

10:18 When they hand you over do, not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time;

10:21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death;

*11:27* All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

17:22 As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands,

18:34 And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

20:18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death;

20:19 then they will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."

24:9 "Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name.

24:10 Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another.

25:14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

25:20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents;

25:22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'

26:2 "You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified."

26:15 and said, "What will you give me if I betray him to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver.

26:16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

26:21 and while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

26:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

26:46 Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

27:2 They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to be crucified.

27:3 When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders.

27:4 He said, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

27:18 For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

27:26 So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

**ἀνεχώρησεν** – 10x in Matthew – to move away from a location, implying a considerable distance - to move back to a point or area from which one has previously departed, but with more explicit emphasis upon the return (compare ἐπιστρέφω) – 8x are aorist active indicative

*2:12* And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

2:13 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."

2:14 Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt.

*2:22* But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

*4:12* Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

9:24 he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him.

*12:15* When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them,

*14:13* Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

*15:21* Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

*27:5* Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself.

**εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν** – 5x in Matthew –

*4:12* Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

*26:32* But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

28:7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."
Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

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**εἰς τὴν noun – 107x in Matthew**


**Γαλιλαίαν – 16x in Matthew**

2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--

4:18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea--

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

4:26 But he went on a little farther, and he saw James and John, the sons of Zebedee, in their boat, preparing the nets.

7:27 Then Jesus went through all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among them.

**4:13**

καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρὴ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς Καφαρναοῦ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὅρισις Ζαβουλῶν καὶ Νεφθαλίμ·

He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Allusion to Matthew 11:2

Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples

Allusion to Matthew 14:3

For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison, for the sake of Hero’di-as, his brother Philip’s wife;

Allusion to Matthew 4:13

and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper’na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb’ulun and Naph’tali,

Allusion to Matthew 11:23

And you, Caper’na-um, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Allusion to Luke 4:31

And he went down to Caper’na-um, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath;

Allusion to John 2:12

After this he went down to Caper’na-um, with his mother and his brothers and his disciples; and there they stayed for a few days.

καταλιπών – 4x in Matthew. aorist active participle 3x *- to cause a particular relationship to cease *

*4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,

*16:4 An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." Then he left them and went away.

19:5 and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?'

*21:17 He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Ναζαρηνός – 3x in Matthew – no LXX – cannot find it in literature prior to the NT – However, an inscription at Caesarea Martima which list the 24 priestly courses locates the 18th course, Happizzet at Nazareth – Furthermore, Sephorrus (a major city) was only 3 miles away -

Matt 2:23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

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4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali,
21:11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

έλθων – aorist active participle, 33x in Matthew –

κατόχησαν – 4x in Matthew – aorist active indicative, 2x * - to live or dwell in a place in an established or settled manner -
*2:23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."
*4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 12:45 Then it goes and brings along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and live there; and the last state of that person is worse than the first. So will it be also with this evil generation.
23:21 and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it;

Κοφαρυκούμι – 4x in Matthew, no LXX –
4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 8:5 When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him, 11:23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.
17:24 When they reached Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your teacher not pay the temple tax?"

παραθαλάσσασαι – NT Hapax, 6x LXX - pertaining to being located beside the sea or along the shore –
2Chr 8:17 τότε ὄχει τοῦ Σαλωμῶν εἰς Γασπιοναβέρ καὶ εἰς τὴν Αἰλαὰ τὴν παραθαλάσσαν ἐν γῇ Ἰδουμαίᾳ
Then Solomon went to Zirion-geber and Ethol on the shore of the sea, in the land of Edom.
Jer 29:7 πῶς ἤργασαν καὶ κύριοι ζυγεῖαν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τὴν Ἀσσυρίαν καὶ ἐπὶ τὰς παραθαλάσσασις ἐπεγερθήσαν
How can it be quiet, when the LORD has given it a charge? Against Ash‘kelon and against the seashore he has appointed it."
Ezek 25:9 διὰ τοῦτο ἔδωκεν τοῦ Μωαβ ὅποι πόλεως ἀκρωτηρίων αὐτοῦ ἐκλεκτήν γῆν ἰκόν Ασσιμου ἐπάκω
therefore I will lay open the flank of Moab from the cities on its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth-jesh'imoth, Ba'al-me'on, and Kiriatha'im.
23:21 and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it;

accumulate – 5x in Matthew, no LXX –
23:21 and whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the one who dwells in it;

οὕροις – 6x in Matthew – region or regions of the earth, normally in relation to some ethnic group or geographical center, but not necessarily constituting a unit of governmental administration -
2:16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.
14:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, 8:34 Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their neighborhood.
15:22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."
15:39 After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.
19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

Ζαβουλών – 3x in NT, 57x in LXX –
Matt 4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, Matt 4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--
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Rev 7:8
from the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand, from the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand, from the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand sealed.
Gen 30:20 Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good dowry; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons"; so she named him Zebulun.
Gen 49:13 Zebulun shall settle at the shore of the sea; he shall be a haven for ships, and his border shall be at Sidon.

Νεφοσλημ — 3x in NT, 14x in LXX, this form is however not used in Genesis, there it is Νεφοσλι —
Matt 4:13 He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.
Matt 4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
Rev 7:6 from the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, from the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, from the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand, Gen 30:8 Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed"; so she named him Naphtali.
Gen 49:21 Naphtali is a doe let loose that bears lovely fawns.

4:14

ινα πληρωθη το ρηθεν δια Ησαίου του προφητου λεγοντος,
so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

ινα πληρωθη - 6x in Matthew (of which 5x are in the form πληρωθη το ρηθεν * the remaining 1x is ινα πληρωθουσιν αι γραφαι -
*1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
*2:15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
*4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
*12:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
*21:4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,
26:56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

ινα - 39x in Matthew —

ινα + verb — 23x in Matthew —

πληρωθη - 16x in Matthew – to finish an activity after having done everything involved - to give the true or complete meaning to something - to cause to happen, with the implication of fulfilling some purpose - to make something total or complete -
1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
2:15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
2:17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
2:23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."
3:15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.
4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.
8:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
12:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
13:35 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."
13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
23:32 Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.
26:54 But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"
26:56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
27:9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,

Ησαίου του προφητου — 4x in Matthew —
3: This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he
4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
8:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
12:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:

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προφήτου – 37x in Matthew –

1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
2:5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
1:21 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
2:17 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:
2:23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."
3:3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said:
4:14 so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:
5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
7:12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.
8:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."
10:41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
10:41 Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;
11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came;
12:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah:
12:39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.
13:17 Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.
13:35 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world."
13:57 And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor except in their own country and in their own house."
14:5 Though Herod wanted to put him to death, he feared the crowd, because they regarded him as a prophet.
14:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
21:11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."
21:26 But if we say, "Of human origin," we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."
21:46 They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.
22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
23:29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous,
23:30 and you say, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets." 23:31 Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets.
23:34 Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town,
23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 24:15 "So when you see the desolating sacrilege standing in the holy place, as was spoken of by the prophet Daniel (let the reader understand),
26:56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
27:9 Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price,

4:15
Γῆ Ζαβούλων καὶ γῆ Νεφθαλίμ, ὀδὸν θαλάσσης, πέραν τοῦ Ιορδάνου, Γαλιλαία τῶν ἑθῶν, 1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--

Quotation of Isaiah 8:23-9:1

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we journeyed back into the wilderness, in the direction of the Red Sea, as the LORD had told me and skirted Mount Seir for many days.

Deut 2:1
Now, since the Amalekites and the Canaanites live in the valleys, turn tomorrow and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea."

Isa 8:23
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulu#n and the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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4:18
For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way.

A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.

And seeing a fig tree by the side of the road, he went to it and found nothing at all on it but leaves. Then he said to it, "May no fruit ever come from you again!" And the

And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up.
8:27 They were amazed, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”
8:32 And he said to them, “Go!” So they came out and entered the swine; and suddenly, the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea and perished in the water.

13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
13:47 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; 14:25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear.
15:29 After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.
17:27 However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me.”
18:6 “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea.
21:21 Jesus answered them, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ it will be done.
23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

πέραν τοῦ Ἰορδάνου – 8x in NT, 52x in LXX –

Matt 4:15 “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphthali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
Matt 4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.
Matt 19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
Mark 3:8 hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon.
Mark 10:1 He left that place and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan. And crowds again gathered around him; and, as was his custom, he again taught them.
John 1:28 This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.
John 3:26 They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him."
John 10:40 He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.
Gen 50:10 When they came to the threshing floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, they held there a very great and sorrowful
Gen 50:11 When the Canaanite inhabitants of the land saw the mourning on the threshing floor of Atad, they said, "This is a grievous mourning on the part of the Egyptians.", therefore the place was named Abel-mizraim; it is beyond the Jordan.
Num 32:19 We will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan to the east.
Num 32:19 We will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan and beyond, because our inheritance has come to us on this side of the Jordan to the east.
Num 32:32 We will cross over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, but the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us on this side of the Jordan.
Num 34:15 the two tribes and the half-tribe have taken their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.
Num 35:14 you shall designate three cities beyond the Jordan, and three cities in the land of Canaan, to be cities of refuge.
Deut 1:1 These are the words that Moses spoke to all Israel beyond the Jordan--in the wilderness, on the plain opposite Suph, between Paran and Tophel, Laban, Hazeroth, and Di-zahab.
Deut 1:5 Beyond the Jordan in the land of Moab, Moses undertook to expound this law as follows:
Deut 3:8 So that at this time we took from the two kings of the Amorites the land beyond the Jordan, from the Wadi Arnon to Mount Hermon
Deut 3:20 When the LORD gives rest to your kindred, as to you, and they too have occupied the land that the LORD your God is giving them
Deut 3:25 Let me cross over to see the good land beyond the Jordan, that good hill country and the Lebanon.
Deut 4:41 Then Moses set apart on the east side of the Jordan three cities
Deut 4:46 beyond the Jordan in the valley opposite Beth-peor, in the land of King Sihon of the Amorites, who reigned at Heshbon, whom
Deut 4:47 They occupied his land and the land of King Og of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites on the eastern side of the Jordan:
Deut 4:49 together with all the Arabah on the east side of the Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah,
Deut 11:30 After you know, they are beyond the Jordan, some distance to the west, in the land of the Canaanites who live in the Arabah,
Josh 1:15 until the LORD gives rest to your kindred as well as to you, and they too take possession of the land that the LORD your God is giving them. Then you shall return to your own land and take possession of it, the land that Moses the servant of the LORD gave you beyond the Jordan to the east.
Josh 2:10 For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.
Josh 5:1 when all the kings of the Amorites beyond the Jordan, all the kings of the Canaanites by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of the Jordan for the Israelites until they had crossed over, their hearts melted, and there was no longer any spirit in them, because of the Israelites.
Josh 5:10 While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.
Josh 6:1 Now when all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon--the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites--heard of this,
Josh 9:10 and of all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, King Sihon of Heshbon, and King Og of Bashan who lived in Ashtaroth.
Josh 12:1 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the Israelites defeated, whose land they occupied beyond the Jordan toward the east, from the Wadi Arnon to Mount Hermon, with all the Arabah eastward:
Josh 12:27 The following are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the Israelites defeated on the west side of the Jordan, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon to Mount Halak, that rises toward Seir (and Joshua gave their land to the tribes of Israel as a possession according to their allotments),
Josh 13:8 With the other half-tribe of Manasseh the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them:

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JoshB 13:14 To the tribe of Levi alone Moses gave no inheritance; the offerings by fire to the LORD God of Israel are their inheritance, as he said to them.

JoshB 13:27 and in the valley Beth-haram, Beth-nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of King Sihon of Heshbon, the Jordan and its banks, as far as the lower end of the Sea of Chinnereth, eastward beyond the Jordan.

JoshB 13:32 These are the inheritances that Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan east of Jericho.

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JoshB 14:3 For Moses had given an inheritance to the two and one-half tribes beyond the Jordan; but to the Levites he gave no inheritance among them.

JoshB 17:5 Thus there fell to Manasseh ten portions, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan,

JoshB 18:7 The Levites have no portion among you, for the priesthood of the LORD is their heritage; and Gad and Reuben and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them."

Josh 20:8 And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.

Josh 21:35 Out of the tribe of Reuben: Bezer with its pasture lands, Jahzah, etc...

Josh 22:4 And now the LORD your God has given rest to your kindred, as he promised them; therefore turn and go to your tents in the land where your possession lies; which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side of the Jordan.

Josh 22:7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given a possession in Bashan; but to the other half Joshua had given a possession beside their fellow Israelites in the land west of the Jordan. And when Joshua sent them away to their tents and blessed them, Joshua 24:8 Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you.

Judg 5:17 Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan; and Dan, why did he abide with the ships? Asher sat still at the coast of the sea, settling down by his landings.

Judg 7:25 They captured the two captains of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; they killed Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they killed at the wine press of Zeeb, as they pursued the Midianites. They brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

Judg 10:8 and they crushed and oppressed the Israelites that year. For eighteen years they oppressed all the Israelites that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

1Sam 31:7 When the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley and those beyond the Jordan saw that the men of Israel had fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their towns and fled; and the Philistines came and occupied them.

1Chr 6:63 To the Merarites according to their families were allotted twelve towns out of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and Zebulun.

1Chr 12:38 All these, warriors arrayed in battle order, came to Hebron with full intent to make David king over all Israel; likewise all the rest of Israel were of one single mind to make David king.

1Chr 26:30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brothers, one thousand seven hundred men of ability, had the oversight of Israel west of the Jordan for all the work of the LORD and for the service of the king.

Isa 8:23 (9:1) But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

πέραν – 7x in Matthew – a position opposite another position, with something intervening -

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4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

8:18 Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side.

8:28 When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demonsics coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way.

14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

16:5 When the disciples reached the other side, they had forgotten to bring any bread.

19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

Γαλιλαία τῶν ἐθνῶν - NT Hapax, 1x in LXX (Isa. 8:23) – this carries forward the theme introduced by the arrival of the magi in Ch.2 – this is not just a Jewish Messiah, for his mission is inclusive, he preaches even in Galilee of the nations. This is no ethnically pure population.

Γαλιλαία – 16x in Matthew –

2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee.

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:15 "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles--

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19:1 When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.
21:11 The crowds were saying, “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”
26:32 But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.”
27:55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.
28:7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.”
28:10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”
28:16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

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4:16
ο λαός ο καθήμενος ἐν σκότει φῶς εἶδεν μέγα, καὶ τοῖς καθήμενοις ἐν χώρα καὶ σκιᾷ
θανάτου φῶς ἀνέτειλεν αὐτοῖς.

the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

Allusion to John 1:9
The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world.
Allusion to Romans 2:19
and if you are sure that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,
Allusion to Luke 1:78-79
through the tender mercy of our God, when the day shall dawn upon us from on high 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”
Allusion to Isaiah 58:10
if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.
Allusion to 2 Peter 1:16
For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

λαός – 14x in Matthew – the largest unit into which the people of the world are divided on the basis of their constituting a socio-political community - the common people, in contrast with those who are rich, leaders, and/or authorities in the society, often with the implication of disdain and low esteem -

1:21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”
2:4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
2:6 “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”
4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”
4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
13:15 For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn— and I would heal them.’
15:8 ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

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21:23 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

26:3 Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas,

26:5 But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

26:47 While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people.

27:1 When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death.

27:25 Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!"

27:64 Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

καθήμενος – 19x in Matthew – present passive deponent participle, 11x *

*4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

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*9: As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

*11:16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

13:2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

15:29 After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

*20:30 There were two blind men sitting by the roadside. When they heard that Jesus was passing by, they shouted, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

22:44 The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet"?

*23:22 and whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by the one who is seated upon it.

*24:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

26:58 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

*26:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

*27:19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

*27:36 then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

*27:61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

28:2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

ἐν σκότει – 4x in NT –

Matt 4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Romans 2:19 and if you are sure that you are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

1Thess 5:4 But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief;

σκότει – 7x in Matthew –

4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

6:23 but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 6:23 but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 8:12 while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." 22:13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 25:30 As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 27:45 From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

ϕῶς – 7x in Matthew –

4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

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5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

6:23 but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 10:27 What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

17:2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

εἶδεν – 59x in Matthew –


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2:10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.
4:16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
5:35 Or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.
7:27 The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell--and great was its fall!"
8:24 A windstorm arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.
8:26 And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm.
11:11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
12:6 I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.
13:32 it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.
15:28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.
18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
18:4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
20:25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.
20:26 It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant.
20:31 'The crowd sternly ordered them to be quiet; but they shouted even more loudly, "Have mercy on us, Lord, Son of David!"
22:36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"
22:38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
22:11 The greatest among you will be your servant.
23:17 You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred?
23:19 How blind you are! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred?
24:21 For at that time there will be great suffering, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.
24:24 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and produce great signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.
24:31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
27:46 And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
27:50 Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last.
27:60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.
28:2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
28:8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

χώρα - 3x in Matthew – dry land, in contrast with the sea - region or regions of the earth, normally in relation to some ethnic group or geographical center, but not necessarily constituting a unit of governmental administration - the inhabitants of a region -
2:12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.
4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
8:28 When he came to the other side, to the country of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs coming out of the tombs met him. They were so fierce that no one could pass that way.

σκιά - 7x in NT – shade, as a shelter from light and the heat associated with light - the shape or shade cast by an object which blocks rays of light - a faint archetype which foreshadows a later reality -
Matt 4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
Mark 4:32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."
Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
Acts 5:15 so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he came by.
Col 2:17 These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.
Heb 8:5 They offer worship in a sanctuary that is a sketch and shadow of the heavenly one; for Moses, when he was about to erect the tent, was warned, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain."
Heb 10:1 Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered year

σκιά θανάτου – 2x in NT, 13x in LXX –
Matt 4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
Luke 1:79 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."
Job 3:5 ἔκλεος δὲ συνή τοῦ θανάτου καὶ σκιὴ θανάτου ἐπέλει συνὴ τοῦ γυμνοῦ Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds settle upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it.
Job 12:22 Διακαλύπτων βάθη ἐκ σκότων εξέδωκεν δὲ εἰς φῶς σκηνὰς θανάτου
He uncovers the deeps out of darkness, and brings deep darkness to light.
Job 24:17 ὁ θαμοθμιασμὸν τὸ πρῶτο αὐτῶν σκία θανάτου ὅτι ἐπηγνώσεται ταραχὰς σκιῶν θανάτου
For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.
Job 24:17 ὁ θαμοθμιασμὸν τὸ πρῶτο αὐτῶν σκία θανάτου ὅτι ἐπηγνώσεται ταραχὰς σκιῶν θανάτου
For deep darkness is morning to all of them; for they are friends with the terrors of deep darkness.
Job 28:3 ταύτα ἦθελον σκότει καὶ πάν πέρας αὐτὸς ἐξακριβεῖται λίθος σκοτία καὶ σκία θανάτου
Miners put an end to darkness, and search out to the farthest bound the ore in gloom and deep darkness.
Ps 22:4 εἰς γὰρ καὶ πορευθεὶς ἐν μέσῳ σκιῶν θανάτου σὺ βοβηθήσομαι κακά ὅτι σὺ μετ᾽ ἐμοῦ εἶ ἡ ραβδὸς σου καὶ ἡ βακτρία σου αὐτά με παρακαλέσασι
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.
Ps 43:20 ὁ εὐτελεῖνς ἡμᾶς ἐν τοῖς κακῶσι καὶ ἑπεκάλυψεν ἡμᾶς σκία θανάτου
yet you have broken us in the haunt of jackals, and covered us with deep darkness.
Ps 87:7 ἕθεν με ἐν τῆς λάκκῳ κατατοίχημα ἐν σκοτεινοῖς καὶ ἐν σκίᾳ θανάτου
You have put me in the depths of the Pit, in the regions dark and deep.
Ps 106:10 καθημένους ἐν σκότει καὶ σκίᾳ θανάτου πεπεθυμένους ἐν πτωχείᾳ καὶ σιδήρῳ
Some sat in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons,
Ps 106:14 καὶ ἐξέδωκεν αὐτῶν ἐκ σκότων καὶ σκίας θανάτου καὶ τῶν δεσμῶν αὐτῶν διέρρευσεν
he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder.
Isa 9:1 ὁ λαὸς ὁ παρευμένος ἐν σκότει ἰδέτε φῶς μέγα ὁ κατακόκκυτος ἐν χώρᾳ καὶ σκίᾳ θανάτου ὅς λάμψῃ εἰς ἱμαῖς
But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.
Jer 13:16 δότε τῷ κυρίῳ διὸ ἵμων δόξαν πρὸ τοῦ συνεκτάσας καὶ πρὸς τὸ προσκόμια πόδις ἵμων εὗρῃ δρῆ σκοτεινα καὶ ἀναμευνεῖτε εἰς φῶς καὶ ἔκει σκία θανάτου καὶ τεθησάνται εἰς σκότος
Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, and before your feet stumble on the mountains at twilight; while you look for light, he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.
Amos 3:9 ποιῶν πάντα καὶ μετασκευάζων καὶ ἐκτρέπων εἰς τὸ πρῶτο σκία θανάτου καὶ ἤμεράν εἰς νῦκτα συσκευάζων ὁ προσκολλομένων τὸ ὕδωρ τῆς θαλάσσης καὶ ἐκεί ἐπεκαίεται σκία θανάτου
The one who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night, who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out on the surface of the earth, the LORD is his name,

θανάτου – 7x in Matthew –
4:16 the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sit in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."
10:21 Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; 15:4 For God said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' 16:28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom." 20:18 "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death; 26:38 Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." 26:66 What is your verdict?" They answered, "He deserves death."

ἀνέτειλεν – 3x in Matthew – to move up, especially of the upward movement of the sun, stars, or clouds - to change from darkness to light in the early morning hours -
4:16 the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." 5:45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. 13:6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away.

4:17 Ἀπὸ τότε ἠρέστο ὁ Ισσοῦς κηρύσσειν καὶ λέγειν, Μετανοείτε· ἡγικεν γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν συμφώνων.
From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Quotation of Matthew 3:2
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Ἀπὸ τότε – 3x in Matthew –
4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
16:21 From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.
26:16 And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

ἡρέστο – 13x in Matthew – aorist middle indicative, 9x *
*4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." *11:7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

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8:11 I tell you, many will come from east and west and will eat with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,
10:7 As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'
11:11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.
13:11 He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.
13:37 Again, before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;
13:31 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour
until all of it was leavened."
14:44 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
13:45 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
13:47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
15:32 And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
18:1 At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"
18:3 and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.
18:4 Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
18:23 "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.
19:12 For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. Let anyone accept this who can,"
19:14 but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."
19:23 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, it will be hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven.
20:1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landlord who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
22:2 "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son.
23:13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you lock people out of the kingdom of heaven. For you do not go in yourselves, and when others are going in, you stop them.
25:1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

βασιλεία – 23x in Matthew where it is not βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν -
4:8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;
4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
6:33 But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
8:12 while the heirs of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
12:25 He knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.
12:26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand?
12:28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come to you.
13:19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.
13:38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 13:41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 13:43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!
16:20 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.
19:21 Again I tell you, if it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God,"
20:21 And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom."
21:31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.
21:43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom.
24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places:
24:14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.
25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
26:29 I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

οὐρανῶν – 82x in Matthew, 50x are not βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν –
Matt 3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.
3:17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."
5:12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
5:18 For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.
5:34 But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

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5:45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.

6:1 "Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

6:9 "Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

6:10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

6:20 but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

6:26 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

7:11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

8:20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."

10:32 but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

11:23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

11:25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.

13:32 It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

14:19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

16:1 The Pharisees and Sadducees came, and to test Jesus they asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 16:2 He answered them, 'When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.'

16:3 And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times.

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16:17 And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven.

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18:14 So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

18:18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

18:19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

20:1 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.

21:25 Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, 'From heaven, he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?"

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22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.

23:22 and whoever swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by the one who is seated upon it.

24:9 "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

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24:31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

28:64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

28:6 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Μετανοεῖτε: ἡγγικεν γὰρ ἡ βασιλεία τῶν σωρῶν -2x in NT –

3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

4:17 From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."
As he walked 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.

**Parallel to Mark 1:16-20**
And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." 1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 1:19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zeb' edee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 1:20 And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zeb' edee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

**Parallel to Luke 5:1-11**
While the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennes'aret. 5:2 And he saw two boats by the lake; but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 5:3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 5:4 And when he had ceased speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5:5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 5:6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great shoal of fish; and as their nets were breaking, 5:7 they beckoned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 5:8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 5:9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; 5:10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zeb' edee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." 5:11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Parallel to John 1:40-41**
One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 1:41 He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

**Allusion to Matthew 10:2**
The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb' edee, and John his brother;

**Allusion to Matthew 16:17-18**
And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. 16:18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it.

**Allusion to Mark 1:29**
And immediately he left the synagogue, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

**Περιπατών – 7x in Matthew – to walk along or around - to live or behave in a customary manner, with possible focus upon continuation of action -**
4:18 As he walked 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.
9:5 For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'?
11:5 the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.
14:25 And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
14:26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.
14:29 He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.
15:31 so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.
Prov 8:20 I walk in the way of righteousness, along the paths of justice,
Isa 59:9 Therefore justice is far from us, and righteousness does not reach us; we wait for light, and lo! there is darkness; and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.

**παρά τὴν θάλασσαν – 3x in Matthew –**
4:18 As he walked 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.
13:1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.
15:29 After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

**θάλασσαν – 16x in Matthew, see 4.15 above –**

**θάλασσαν τῆς Γαλιλαίας – 2x in Matthew –**
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15:29 After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down.

**ἐξέδευ – aorist active indicative, 19x in Matthew, see 4.16 above –**
As he walked 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.

Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?

But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end. 26:69 Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said, "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."
As he walked 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.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

Mark 1:16 As these passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

Mark 1:28 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Mark 3:18 and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean.

Mark 13:3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, Luke 6:14 Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew,

John 1:40 One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

John 1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

John 6:8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, John 12:22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

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Acts 1:13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

4:6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

4:18 As he walked 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.

5:13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

5:25 Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison.

5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

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5:50 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately,

6:30 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

7:6 "Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

7:19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

8:6 and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress."

8:14 When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever;

9:2 And just then some people were carrying a paralyzed man lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

9:17 Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

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10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

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13:48 when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

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15:26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

17:27 However, so that we do not give offense to them, go to the sea and cast a hook; take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a coin; take that and give it to them for you and me."

18:8 "If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire.

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18:9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell of fire.

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18:30 But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

21:21 Jesus answered them, 'Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done.

25:27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

By pouring this ointment on my body she has prepared me for burial.

Exegetical Notes on Matthew 4:12-23

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But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said, "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots:

**Matthew 4:12-23**

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**Allusion to Matthew 19:27**

...kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea.

People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea.

**Allusion to Ezekiel 47:10**

Therefore he sacrifices to his net and makes offerings to his seine; for by them his portion is lavish, and his food is rich.

**Allusion to Jeremiah 16:16**

...mourn; all who cast hooks in the Nile will lament, and those who spread nets on the water will languish.

**Allusion to Matthew 13:47**

...fish for people.

**Allusion to 2 Kings 6:19**

...fish for people.

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καὶ ἴησεν αὐτοῖς—exact grammatical phrase, 5x in Matthew—

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
9:28 When he entered the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus said to them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" They said to him, "Yes, Lord."
20:6 And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'
21:13 He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."
26:45 Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Δεύτε—7x in Matthew—extension toward a goal at or near the speaker and implying movement-

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
11:28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
18:23 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."
21:38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'
22:4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'
25:34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'
28:6 But he is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

ὁπίσω—6x in Matthew—

3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
24:18 the one in the field must not turn back to get a coat.

ὁπίσω μου—15x in NT—

Matt 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Matt 4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
Matt 10:38 and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
Matt 16:23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
Matt 16:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
Mark 1:7 He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.
Mark 1:17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."
Mark 8:33 But looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
Mark 8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
Luke 9:23 Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.
Luke 14:27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.
John 1:15 (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")
John 1:27 the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal."
John 1:30 This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'
Rev 1:10 I was in the spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

ποιήσω—future active indicative, 6x in Matthew—

4:19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."
17:4 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
18:35 So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."
21:21 Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' it will be done."
21:40 Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"
28:14 If this comes to the governor’s ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble."
And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.

Allusion to Matthew 17:1

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother;

Allusion to Matthew 10:2

And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people."

Mark 1:17

Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:20

οἱ δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὰ δίκτυα ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.

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Allusion to Matthew 10:2

The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zeb'edee, and John his brother;

Allusion to Matthew 17:1

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart.

οἱ δὲ - 178x in Matthew-


οἱ δὲ εὐθέως – 2x in NT –

Matt 4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Matt 4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

εὐθέως – 13x in Matthew –

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

6:3 He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I do choose. Be made clean!" Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.

13:5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

14:22 Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

14:31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

20:34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.

21:2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

24:29 "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

25:15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

26:49 At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi" and kissed him.

26:74 Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know the man!" At that moment the cock crowed.

27:48 At once of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink.

ἀφέντες – 47x in Matthew, aorist active participle 6x –

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

13:36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

22:22 When they heard this, they were amazed: and they left him and went away.

26:44 So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

26:56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.
δίκτυα – 12x in NT – any kind of net, but in the NT referring only to nets used for catching fish

Matt 4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
Matt 4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and they called them.
Mark 1:18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.
Mark 1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.
Luke 5:2: he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.
Luke 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."
Luke 5:5 Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."
Luke 5:6 When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break.
John 21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
John 21:8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
John 21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.
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ηκολούθησαν – aorist active indicative, 15x in Matthew –

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.
4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.
8:1 When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him;
8:23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.
9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.
9:19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.
9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
12:15 When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them,
14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
19:2 Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.
19:27 Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"
20:29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
20:34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.
27:55 Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him.

ηκολούθησαν + pronoun – 21x in Matthew –

4:20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him.
4:22 Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.
4:25 And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.
8:1 When Jesus had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed him;
8:22 But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."
8:23 And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.
9:9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.
9:19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.
9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, crying loudly, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"
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14:13 Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
18:24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
18:25 Large crowds followed him, and he cured them there.
19:21 Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."
19:27 Then Peter said in reply, "Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?"
19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
20:29 As they were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him.
20:34 Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes. Immediately they regained their sight and followed him.
26:38 But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.
4:21
As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

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19:9 And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another commits adultery.

20:3 When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace;

20:6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

21:8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

21:33 "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country.

21:36 Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way.

21:41 They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

22:4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

25:16 The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

25:17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

25:18 Then the one who had received the one talent went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

25:19 After much time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

25:20 The one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

25:21 And the one who had received the two talents, he also brought forward five other talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made five more talents.'

25:22 And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.

25:27 When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders, "This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

27:42 "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him.

27:56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. matches

δυο ὀδέλφους – see 4.18 above –

Ἰάκωβου – 6x in Matthew –

4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

10:2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

10:3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

13:5 Is not this the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?

17:1 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

27:56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. matches

Ｚεβεδεάιου – 6x in Matthew –

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10:2 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

20:20 Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him.

26:37 He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

27:56 Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Ἰωάννην – 26x in Matthew – [those which are NOT the Baptist *]

3:1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

3:4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

3:13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him.

3:14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

4:12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

9:14 Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"

9:10 These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John;

11:2 When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples

11:3 Then Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

11:7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind?

11:11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

11:13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John came;

11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon;"

14:2 and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him."

14:3 For Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife,

14:4 because John had been telling him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

14:8 Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter."

14:10 he sent and had John beheaded in the prison.

16:14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist.

Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin? And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**πλοίον** - 13x in Matthew – *any kind of boat, from small fishing boats as on Lake Galilee to large seagoing vessels*

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him.

And after getting into a boat he crossed the sea and came to his own town.

Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

And when he got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

After sending away the crowds, he got into the boat and went to the region of Magadan.

**παρτός** – 63x in Matthew –

Making the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And when he got into the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

**καταρτίζοντας** – 13x in NT – *to make someone completely adequate or sufficient for something - to cause to happen by means of some arrangement - to create, with the implication of putting into proper condition*

Matt 4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Matt 21:16 and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, "Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?

Mark 1:19 As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

Romans 9:22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction;

1Cor 1:10 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

2Cor 13:11 Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Gal 6:1 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

1Thess 3:10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Heb 10:5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;"

Heb 11:3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

Heb 13:21 make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

1Peter 5:10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.

**δίκτυον** - 12x in NT – see 4.20 above –

**ἐκάλεσεν αὐτούς + prounoun** – 5x in Matthew –

As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers."

He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son"?

And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father--the one in heaven.

**ἐκάλεσεν** – 26x in Matthew –

1:21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

1:23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

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1:25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.
2:7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
2:15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."
2:23 There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."
4:21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.
5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
5:19 Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
2:23 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.
22:4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'
22:8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.
22:9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'
22:43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
22:45 If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?"
23:7 and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.
23:8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students.
23:9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father--the one in heaven.
23:10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah.
25:14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;
27:8 For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day.

4:22
σὸν δὲ εὐθέως ἀφέντες τὸ πλοῖον καὶ τὸν πατέρα αὐτῶν ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ.
Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Allusion to Matthew 19:29
And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life.

οἶ δὲ εὐθέως – 2x in Matthew, see 4.20 above –
ἀφέντες – aorist active participle, 6x in Matthew, see 4.20 above –
πλοῖον – 13x in Matthew, see 4.21 above –
πατέρα - 63x in Matthew, see 4.21 above –
ἠκολούθησαν αὐτῷ - see 4.20 above –

4:23
Καὶ περιήγησαν ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Γαλιλαίᾳ διδάσκοντες ἐν ταῖς συναγωγαῖς αὐτῶν καὶ
κηρύσσοντες τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας καὶ τὴν πρεσβείαν πάσαν νόσον καὶ πάσαν
μολόσσιαν ἐν τῷ λαῷ.
Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Allusion to Mark 1:39
And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.
Allusion to Luke 4:44
And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

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**Allusion to Matthew 9:35**

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity.

**Allusion to Matthew 10:1**

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity.

**Allusion to Luke 4:15**

And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

**Allusion to Luke 4:43**

but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose."

**Allusion to Luke 8:1**

Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him,

**Allusion to Acts 10:37-39**

the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: 10:38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 10:39 And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

**περιήγησιν – 3x in Matthew**

—to move about from place to place, with significant changes in direction -

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

**ἐν ὅλῃ – 7x in Matthew**

– pertaining to being whole, complete, or entire, with focus on unity -

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

9:31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

22:37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

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22:37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

24:13 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

**ὁλῇ – 23x in Matthew**

– degree of totality or completeness -

1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demonsiacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

5:30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; 6:23 but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 9:26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.

9:31 But they went away and spread the news about him throughout that district.

13:33 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

14:35 After the people of that place recognized him, they sent 16:26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

20:6 And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

22:37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

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22:37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

24:14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

26:56 But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled. "Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. 26:59 Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death,

27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him.
Then he began to teach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Repent, and believe in the good news."

Jesus then began teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

When Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people, word about him spread throughout all Syria. People were brought to him from Jerusalem and Jerusalem and all the towns of Judea and the surrounding area of the sea of Galilee.

As soon as he got into their synagogue, he taught them, saying, "Are there any of you who can prove to me that this is not so?"

He left that place and entered their synagogue, where they were amazed at his teaching, saying, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?"

He taught them many things, but they were astonished at his teaching, saying, "Where did this man get this wisdom and these deeds of power?"

Then Jesus began to teach in their synagogues and to proclaim the good news of the kingdom. As he was going through the towns, he heard a parable of the scribes and the Pharisees saying, "Men who eat offerings with unwashed hands do not have their offering accepted by God, but men who eat them with unwashed hands do.

Jesus then said to the crowds, "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.

Jesus then told them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown them before my Father in heaven."

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24:14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

26:13 Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

εὐαγγέλιον – 4x in Matthew, 1x in LXX – the content of good news (in the NT a reference to the gospel about Jesus) -

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

24:14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

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εὐαγγέλιον τῆς βασιλείας – 3x in NT –

Matt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matt 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

Matt 24:14 And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come.

θεραπεύων – 16x in Matthew – to cause someone to recover health, often with the implication of having taken care of such a person -

4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

8:7 And he said to him, "I will come and cure him."

8:16 That evening they brought to him many who were possessed with demons; and he cast out the spirits with a word, and cured all who were sick.

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

10:8 Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

12:10 a man was there with a withered hand, and they asked him, "Is it lawful to cure on the sabbath?" so that they might accuse him.

12:15 When Jesus became aware of this, he departed. Many crowds followed him, and he cured all of them,

12:22 Then they brought to him a demoniac who was blind and mute; and he cured him, so that the one who had been mute could speak and see.

14:14 When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

15:30 Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them,

17:16 And I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."

17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was cured instantly.

21:14 The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them.

πάσαν νόσον – 3x in NT –

Matt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Matt 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

Matt 10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

νόσον – 5x in Matthew – the state of being diseased -

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4:24 So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them.

8:17 This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.

10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

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πᾶσαιν μαλακίαι – 3x in NT –
Matt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
Matt 9:35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness.
Matt 10:1 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

μαλακίαι – 3x in Matthew – see above - a state of weakness resulting from disease -

ἐν τῷ λαῷ - 5x in NT –
Matt 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.
Matt 26:5 But they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."
Acts 5:12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.
Acts 6:8 Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.
2Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive opinions. They will even deny the Master who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves.