



# *Ministry to the Multitudes*

Matthew 4:21 – 5:1; Mark 3:7-19; Luke 6:17-19

## Four Voices, One Story

A HARMONY OF THE GOSPELS

# Call to the Word

(Mat 4:23-25)

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.



# Call to the Word

(Mat 4:23-25)

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them.

# Call to the Word

(Mat 4:23-25)

Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and *from* Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.

# Call to the Word

(Mark 3:7-12)

But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they heard how many things He was doing, came to Him.

# Call to the Word

(Mrk 3:7-12)

So, He told His disciples that a small boat should be kept ready for Him because of the multitude, lest they should crush Him. For He healed many, so that as many as had afflictions pressed about Him to touch Him.



# Call to the Word

(Mrk 3:7-12)

And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, "You are the Son of God." But He sternly warned them that they should not make Him known.

# Call to the Word

(Luke 6:17-19)

And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him...



# Call to the Word

(Luke 6:17-19)

...and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all.

# introduction

We are about 1.5 years into Jesus' Public Ministry  
Before the selection of the twelve apostles.

Following a tense confrontation with the Pharisees  
over Sabbath observance... healing & eating...they  
decided He must die.

# Matthew 4:25

## The Rhythm

Teaching, Preaching, Healing

*“Preaching is the uncompromising proclamation of certainties; teaching is the explanation of the meaning and significance of them.” (Barclay)*



# Matthew 4:23-24

## The Multitudes

**Ochlos:** a multitude with a sense of pressure—like grapes being crushed in a winepress.

**Plethos:** massive crowds, but with a sense of unpredictability and chaos



# Matthew 4:24b

## The Desperation

Mark 3:10, Luke 6:17

Matthew 4:24, uses the phrase, *afflicted with various diseases and torments*. It refers to individuals enduring persistent and severe illnesses.



# Matthew 5:1

## The Vision

*“Seeing” – “oido”*

*To see and understand what you’re looking at; to have a deep awareness.*



# Matthew 5:1

## The Vision

*“Ministry is like housework, it never ends. No matter how many people you reach, there will always be another soul in need of hope, healing, or grace. Ministry doesn’t end—it just moves to the next person.”*

# Matthew 5:1

## The Vision

2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ compels me...

*"It is a privilege to sacrifice for the Kingdom of God."*

*(Chambers)*

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain  
that which he cannot lose."*

*(Elliot)*





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