

MATTHEW

August 1, 2021

Matthew 4:12-17

READ

Matthew 4:12-17 Isaiah 9:1-2

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What do we know about John the Baptizer's arrest (Luke 3:19-20)?

Why would Jesus react to John's arrest in this manner?

2. What do we know about Jesus leaving Nazareth (Luke 4:14-31)?

3. Why is Galilee so significant to the life & ministry of Jesus (vv. 13-16)?

4. What is the condition of "the people" (v. 16)?

How does this differ from the Prophet Isaiah's original description (Isaiah 9:1-2)? What is suggested by this difference?

5. What contributes to such darkness?

- Psalm 82:5; Ephesians 4:18
- Proverbs 2:13
- Ecclesiastes 2:14; Romans 1:21

6. How is Jesus the answer for this darkness (v. 16)? (How does dawn affect the night?)

7. What difference does Jesus make?

- Psalm 27:1
- Luke 2:32
- John 1:4
- John 8:12
- John 12:46
- Colossians 1:13-14

8. Why does Jesus' message mirror John's message (v. 17)?

9. How is the kingdom of heaven at hand?

What does the nearness of the kingdom demand? What does that mean, or look like, in your life?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will absorb the light this week by . . .

I will pursue repentance this week by . . .