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(18) And immediately they left their nets, and followed Him.

(19) And when He had gone a little further from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.^h

(20) And immediately He called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and followed after him.

(21) And they went into Capernaum; and immediately on the sabbath day {Saturday} He entered into the synagogue, and taught.

(22) And they were astonished at His teaching: because He taught them as one Who had authority, and not as the scribes.

(23) And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,ⁱ

(24) Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with You, You Jesus of Nazareth? have You come to destroy us? I know Who You are, the Holy One of God.

(25) And Jesus rebuked him, saying, **Hold your peace, and come out of him.**

(26) And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

(27) And they were all amazed, so much so that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? what new teaching is this? Because with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.

(28) And immediately His fame spread abroad throughout all the region around Galilee.

(29) And it came to pass, when they had come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

(30) But Simon's wife's mother^j lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her.

(31) And He came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered to them.

(32) And at evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were diseased, and those who were possessed with demons.

(33) And all the city was gathered together at the door.

(34) And He healed many who were sick of various diseases, and cast out many demons and would not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

(35) And in the morning, rising up a great while before daybreak, He went out, and departed into a solitary place, and prayed there.

(36) And Simon and those who were with him followed after Him.

(37) And when they had found Him, they said to Him, Everyone is looking for You.

(38) And He said to them, Let us go into the nearby towns, that I may preach there also: because for this reason I have come forth.

1:19h – Mat. 4:21

1:23i – Lk. 4:35

1:30j – Simon Peter's mother-in-law sick – Mat. 8:14-15; Luke 4:38

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(39) And He preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out demons.

(40) And there came a leper to Him, begging Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying to Him, If You are willing, You can make me clean.

(41) And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth *His* hand, and touched him, and said to him, **I will; be clean.**

(42) And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed.

(43) And He strictly charged him, and sent him away;

(44) And said to him, **See that you say nothing to any man: but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer those things which Moses commanded for your cleansing, for a testimony to them.**^k

(45) But he went out, and began to talk very much, and told what happened everywhere, so much so that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but remained outside in desert places: and they came to Him from every quarter.

Chapter 2

(1) And again He entered into Capernaum after *some* days; and it was told that He was in the house.

(2) And soon many were gathered together, so much so that there was no room to receive *them*, no, not so much as even around the door: and He preached the word to them.

(3) And they came to Him, bringing one sick with paralysis, who was carried by four {men}.^a

(4) And when they could not come near to Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof above where He was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let down the bed in which the sick with paralysis lay.

(5) When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the one sick with paralysis, **Son, your sins are forgiven you.**

(6) But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, reasoning in their hearts,

(7) Why does this *Man* speak blasphemies {claims to be God}?^b Who can forgive sins but God alone?

1:44k – Lev. 14:1f; Mat. 8:2-4

2:3a – Mat. 9:2; Lk. 5:18 – see Appendix A: Recorded Miracles in the Bible

2:7b – blasphemies – since Jesus told the man his sins were forgiven they accused Jesus of blasphemy – blasphemy is claiming to be God or claiming God’s authority. If Jesus was not God, He was guilty, but since He is God, they were wrong. – Mat. 9:3 – Lev. 24:11, 16