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¹⁶ Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee,

He saw Simon / you know this is Peter, as in: Simon Peter, the hardworking, married man, who attracted Jesus's attention,

and Andrew his brother casting a net to the sea: for they were fishers.

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them,

Come with Me,

and I will make you fishers of *anthropon* / of all mankind.

¹⁸ And straightway / immediately... they forsook their nets,

and followed him / literally, and *joined Him in the way He was going*.

¹⁹ And when He had gone a little farther from there,

He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother / I've always wondered if they were twins? John Wycliffe called them: cousins of Jesus. Apparently, he knew things in the 1300s that are now lost to church history,

who also were in the ship mending their nets.

²⁰ And straightway / instantly He called them:

and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants,

and went with him / so now, 4 ordinary, hardworking guys, at least one who is married... have joined Jesus.

And it sort of begs the question: why? Notice, they are NOT yet called: *disciples* -- in Greek, *mathetes*, literally: *those doing their math*.



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²¹ And they went to Capernaum;

**and straightway on the sabbath day
He entered the synagogue,**

and taught / so Jesus is a Teacher.

And students of the Lord quickly discover about our great Teacher: wherever they travel through His Word... He has placed *METANOIA* moments... moments to ponder, to wonder about, to think differently... until we think correctly... on every page of His inspired Word. Like I said, Jesus is a good Teacher; and He is kind of smart, too! And these

METANOIA moments... are for His students, His life-long learners... who care to look... in every generation, to discover His ways... as daily, we continue walking... in the direction of our Father in heaven.

All the good teachers I know at any good school... would want their students to practice *METANOIA* ...every day in class as they *rethink*... or *reconsider*... or *relearn*... their lessons and test questions until they get them right... instead of crying in class all day, right? Hey, I bet any boss at work... would want their employees to *METANOIA* ...every day at the job site... as they *rethink*... or *reconsider*... or *relearn*... how to better grow the business -- their business, right? Instead of crying... while waiting for a paycheck! And if I were to guess, every parent who is raising a kid in their home... would probably want their kid to occasionally *rethink*... or *reconsider*... or *relearn* better... how to present the family name to the public; rather than crying... throughout the neighborhood.

He entered the synagogue, and taught.

²² And they were astonished at his doctrine:

for He taught them as one who had authority,

and not as the scribes / Jesus taught not as those who studied at their prestigious seminaries and post-graduate institutions... where the highly educated... meet the highly arrogant... and highly self-righteous... and they all obtain their certifications and credentials... starting with their BS degrees.

for He taught them as one who had authority...

²³ And there was in their synagogue

a man with an unclean spirit / you know, worship centers are not immune to the demonized. The facts are: most of the time in the gospel... when an unclean spirit is mentioned... it is often possessing someone at a worship service or gathering; and in the last 2,000 years things have not changed much.



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One service I recall, there was a lady sitting directly in front of me, and, as I was paying attention to the teacher, I noticed her jowls started convulsing; and then, she stood up and started speaking. Needless to say, the teacher immediately dealt with the disturbance;

and he cried out,

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

²⁵ And Jesus rebuked him, saying, *Silence!* / in other words: Shut up!

and come out of him.

²⁶ And when the unclean spirit convulsed him / shaking him, causing spasms,

and cried with a loud voice / even unclean demons like the drama,

he came out of him.

²⁷ And they were all amazed,

insomuch that they questioned among themselves,

saying, What is this?

What new doctrine is this? / which is exactly the meaning of: *METANOIA*. They are questioning and rethinking, and reconsidering what they are learning and seeing... which was not consistent with the typical teaching common to them.

for with authority He commands even the unclean spirits,

and they obey Him.

²⁸ And immediately His fame spread abroad

throughout all the region surrounding Galilee.



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²⁹ **And immediately, when they left the synagogue** / most bible teachers agree, this event took place in Capernaum,

they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

³⁰ **But Simon's wife's mother** / so now, we are having another *METANOIA* moment... as we learn about an incident that involved... this married fisherman Peter... and his mother-in-law... Peter being the only disciple we clearly know was married -- the bible is so interesting, isn't it? So now, we are learning about Peter's mother-in-law.

Simon's wife's mother...

lay sick with a fever,

and immediately they tell him of her.

³¹ **And He** / Jesus who is meeting Peter's mother-in-law... probably for the first time,

He... came and took her by the hand / Jesus took the hand of the mother... of the wife... of Peter,

and lifted her up;

and immediately the fever left her / and most people... don't even ask: where did the disease go? Yet Matthew in his chapter 8, quoting from Isaiah 53 makes the connection... and reminds us: He himself took our infirmities, and carried away our sicknesses. Said differently, Jesus... like a human vacuum cleaner... somehow picked up our sicknesses and diseases in His body. How? I don't know. He's different than us,

and she ministered / in Greek: *diakoneo*... in this verse we learn, **she**... the mother... of the wife... of Peter... she, as a good deacon... probably, with a smile on her face, and with joy in her heart... she got up cleaning tables, and probably cleaning toilets, too... doing all those good deacon jobs. In other words: she did... what Jesus Christ... the Son of Man... and all who are greatest in His kingdom willingly do.

she ministered to them / in this case, I bet she made lasagna for lunch!.



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32 And at even, when the sun set / remember, it was the Sabbath day and they knew the rule: Nobody was to travel more than 3/4th of a mile. But once the sun set, the new day began... so with the first day of the new week, the crowds came from everywhere... with all their infirmed relatives and friends,



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 / at the place where Peter... and his wife... and his mother-in-law... and probably a couple of kids lived, too. Can you imagine if all Los Angeles... one day gathered at your door? It really begs the question: why would all these people gather at the door?

If JESUS sounded like all those typical dull preachers ranting; or worse, like all those smarmy clerics... or all those dismal motivational charlatans, who are all merely carnival hucksters... with all their uninspired messages... prancing around the world... that we all are forced to endure every day... on all those dull media channels and international networks. If He was like them, we would not know His name today.

34 And He healed many who were sick of diverse diseases / everywhere Jesus went, He was still the clean-up crew of one: picking up... and taking to himself, and carrying away... infirmities and diseases; not a terribly exciting job, is it?

and cast out many demons; and did not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day / in Greek this word indicates the 4th watch of the night -- sometime around 3:00 AM; which we also learn, having previously prepared their sweet, aromatic spices... is the same time several women arrived at the empty tomb... long before the sun arose, *around 3:00AM*



He went out, and departed to a solitary place, and there prayed.

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