

**A GREAT LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF  
SPIRITUAL DARKNESS & DEATH!!!  
JESUS BEGINS HIS PREACHING MINISTRY  
Matthew 4:12-17**

- I. **JESUS' BEGINS HIS MINISTRY IN THE MIDST OF GREAT SPIRITUAL DARKNESS: Jesus Sovereignly withdraws to Galilee, Fulfilling Prophecy (12-14)**
  - A. Jesus withdraws from Judea to Galilee, after hearing of John's capture (12)
  
  - B. Jesus settles in Capernaum, having left Nazareth, (13)
  
  - C. In doing so, Jesus Sovereignly fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy (14)
  
- II. **JESUS IS THE GREAT LIGHT IN THE MIDST OF DARKNESS, TRUE LIFE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Prophecy fulfilled in Jesus' withdrawal into Galilee (15-16)**
  - A. The context of Isaiah's prophecy (15-16, Isaiah 9)
  
  - B. **The prophecy applied to the people of Galilee reveals their current spiritual condition:** Sitting in darkness, and in the sphere and shadow of death (16)
  
  - C. **Jesus fulfills prophecy, impacting on the spiritually blind:** They saw a great Light dawning (16)

**How so?**

- III. **THE LIGHT OF JESUS AND HIS WORD PIERCES DARKNESS: Jesus begins preaching repentance from this point (17)**

- IV. **DID CAPERNAUM RESPOND WHEN ENLIGHTENED? A Warning (MATT 11:23-27)**

Next week: Commitment to Jesus will follow true repentance