

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Mark 1: 14-20

14. Now after that John – possibly for some baptismal irregularity - was put in prison, which was still in those days, which had come to pass but were not yet the days that were to come, Jesus did freshen up and have His shift laundered so that it was whiter than was possible with fuller's soap - which is low on suds but high on cleaning and a better kind of clean - and He came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,
15. And saying, Lo, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. And which way to the beach? But many did not receive Him for as yet they knew not what the gospel was, for none had yet been written. Yet one day they would remember His words after He had been with them in Galilee, and say, Oh yeah! Did anybody take notes?
16. Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee refreshing Himself with a cone of fried shrimp and tartar sauce, and wondering if there was any ice cream, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. Obviously. Who else would do that? But they had forgotten to fasten the net to their boat and they watched helplessly as it drifted away from them. And the language was quite salty.
17. And Jesus noticing this said unto them, Oi! Yes, you two. Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men, and your nets will be full and tightly strung. Yes I know it's metaphorical but bear with me. Walk this way. (Let the theologians understand.)
18. And straightway they forsook their drifting net and the others piled in a heap in the boat, and pulling their vessel to the shore they jumped onto the beach and followed Him, walking in that way. And yet they forgot to tie up their boat and it too drifted away.
19. And when He had gone a little farther thence, just along the beach where there was another shrimp stand, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in their ship – clearly a much larger vessel - mending their nets, for they were a bit tight and knew not to cast away anything untied and were busy mending the holes.
20. And straightway He called them saying, Ahoy, salty sailors! Stop thy work and take a rest, for thou art weary with thy shuttles: and puzzled at this odd turn of phrase they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after Him. They also walked in a new way. And Zebedee was a bit miffed at this and went home to bed.