

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

Matthew 4: 12-23

12. Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he considered his options, and hastily departed into Galilee;
13. And leaving his mother and brothers and sisters, and John's mum who had decided to come and stay, to deal with the family carpentry business he departed Nazareth on the third hour camel train to Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:
14. And here he alighted that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,
15. The land of Zabulon which hath great beaches, a nice pier, and little shops that sell sticks of Decapolis rock and kiss-me-quick yarmulkas, and the land of Nephthalim known for its fine seafood, (but no crabs, let the reader understand,) by the way of the great waters, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;
16. The people which sat in darkness saw great light; O yes! And to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up, for come unto them is a camel train bearing many candles. And other things.
17. From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. And his words were not received well for many of the townspeople were engaged in wick-trimming, prickett stands, and divers wax-related industries, and hath not time to spare to listen. Or do anything for that matter.
18. And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon (called Peter, though not yet. That will be explained later.) and Andrew his brother, standing on a jetty and casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. Not very good ones, it turned out.
19. And he saith unto them, Why casteth thou thy net freely into the sea? Surely thou shouldest have kept hold of one side of it, for now is it verily sunk. Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. Women too, if that's what you want.
20. And they cast a knowing glance at each other and then looked they at their sinking net, and it made sense, and straightway left the jetty and followed him.
21. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father (*) mending their nets which had not yet sunk; and he called them saying, Ahoy sailors.
22. And they immediately left the ship and their father and their tasks, and followed him. And Zebedee was sore and displeased. As were Brian and Dylan.
23. And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people, and did not forget to wash his hands afterwards before returning to Bethany.

(*) Some versions add here "and Florence and Ermintrude their sisters,"