

A wooden head silhouette is shown on a dark wood background. Inside the head, several gears of different sizes and colors (brass and steel) are visible. A magnifying glass with a brass frame and handle is positioned over the head, focusing on a large brass gear. The text 'Do we really want to be wise?' is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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The kingdom of heaven

Matthew 4.12-25 (NIV11)

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali - to fulfil what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali,
the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles - the people living
in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow
of death a light has dawned.”

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As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” At once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

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teaching in their synagogues,
proclaiming the good news of the
kingdom, and healing every disease
and sickness among the people.

News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralysed; and he healed them.

Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.



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Genesis 1.27-28 (NIV11)

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them,
“Be fruitful and increase in number; fill
the earth and subdue it. Rule over the
fish in the sea and the birds in the sky
and over every living creature that
moves on the ground.”

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

“The Lord reigns for ever and ever.”

Exodus 15.1-2,18 (NIV11)

How beautiful on the mountains are
the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good
tidings, who proclaim salvation, who
say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52.7 (NIV11)

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