

The Gospel of Mark was written by John Mark around AD 50-70. Mark has always been associated with Peter (see acts 12:12, for example) and it is thought that Peter's recollections form much of Mark's material.

1. In verse 14, Jesus proclaims that the kingdom of God is at hand. In what way?
2. In this passage we read of the calling of the first disciples, the fishermen Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John. How might the occupation of fishing suit a person to be a disciple?
3. What was the response of these men to Jesus's command? How might that apply to us?
4. Where is Capernaum?

Parallels in other gospels:

Ministry in Galilee:
Matt 4:17
Luke 4:14-15

Call of the four disciples:
Matt 4:18-22
Luke 5:1-11

Casting out of the unclean spirit:
Luke 4:33-37

