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Mark 1:16-20

Intro. A. John the Baptist prepared Israel for the coming of the anointed One.
   1. To this purpose he was born.
   2. He was a voice crying God's message.
   3. He preached repentance.
   4. He immersed those who gave evidence of having changed.

B. Jesus was prepared for ministry.
   1. He was immersed by John.
   2. He was identified by John.
   3. He was tempted by Satan.
   4. He began to preach repentance.

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A. The call of Simon and Andrew.

Vs. 16
   1. Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee.
   2. They were engaged in fishing.
   3. It is true that God uses busy people.

Vs. 17 "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."
   1. Jesus changed their occupation.
   2. What gives Him this right? He is their redeemer, their head, their teacher.

C. What this does not mean.
   1. That they can use "bait" to catch men.
   2. That they can decide where to fish and what fish to catch.
B. The Response of the hearers.
Vs. 22. "And they were astonished at his doctrine..."
1. ἐκπλήσσωμαι = "to be driven out of one's senses by a sudden shock," "to be exceeding struck in mind."
2. doctrine = διάγγελλω = process of teaching; the thing taught; esp. the act.

C. "... for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes."
1. taught = διασκέδασσω = to give instruction, or direction here with ἐπι = to be, was teaching.
2. authority = εὐγοια = power - delegated authority to do anything, permission.

D. How did the teaching of Jesus differ from that of the scribes?
1. His manner was different.
2. His understanding was different.
3. His character was different.