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# **The Life and Times of Jesus Christ**

# **Part 9**

**The Kingdom of Heaven  
Bursts on to the Scene  
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**Matthew**

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**Matthew 4:13-17**

**Mark 1:21-28**

**Luke 4:31-37**



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# Planned Preparations

- The 400 years of silence that were prophesied of by the prophet Malachi had now come to an end.
- The miraculous birth and childhood of the prophesied Messiah were now reality.



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- The prophesied messenger who would come before the Messiah, in the spirit of Elijah, was now here in the world and had just recently announced that Jesus was the Messiah (Christ).

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- **Jesus was recently anointed for ministry through His baptism by the Holy Spirit, which was confirmed by his Heavenly Father's voice from heaven.**

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- **Jesus had just recently fulfilled His God Breathed Identity as the Son of God in the face of temptation by exercising His authoritative power in victory over Satan.**
- **Jesus had just begun calling His disciples to follow Him.**



# **Planned Preparations**

- **Jesus announced His true identity in the synagogue of Nazareth on the Sabbath day and proclaimed that the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy was already fulfilled in Him.**
- **He had now been teaching regularly in the synagogues.**

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# Principle #6

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# Principle #7

**The breakout of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth thru Jesus reveals God's compassionate care for all the evils that plague the fallen human condition including the spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental.**

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