

East Side Church

Life Notes

The Secret to Real Life

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Matthew 4:23-5:2

New Year Perspective: Jesus has entered the world with power to bring **healing** to our **oppressed** minds, our **diseased** bodies, and our **broken** relationships.

And he (Jesus) went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. --Matthew 4:23 (ESV)

Life Observation: Jesus enters the world with such power that we are tempted to be satisfied with the **experience** of **healing** rather than a **relationship** with the **healer**.

So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. -- Matthew 4:24-25 (ESV)

Biblical Truth: Jesus invites us to a place where we can **focus** on Him and **submit** to His **authority** in our life so that we can learn the **realities** of **life** in the Kingdom of God.

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: -- Matthew 5:1-2 (ESV)

New Year Question: Am I willing to **accept** Jesus' **invitation**?