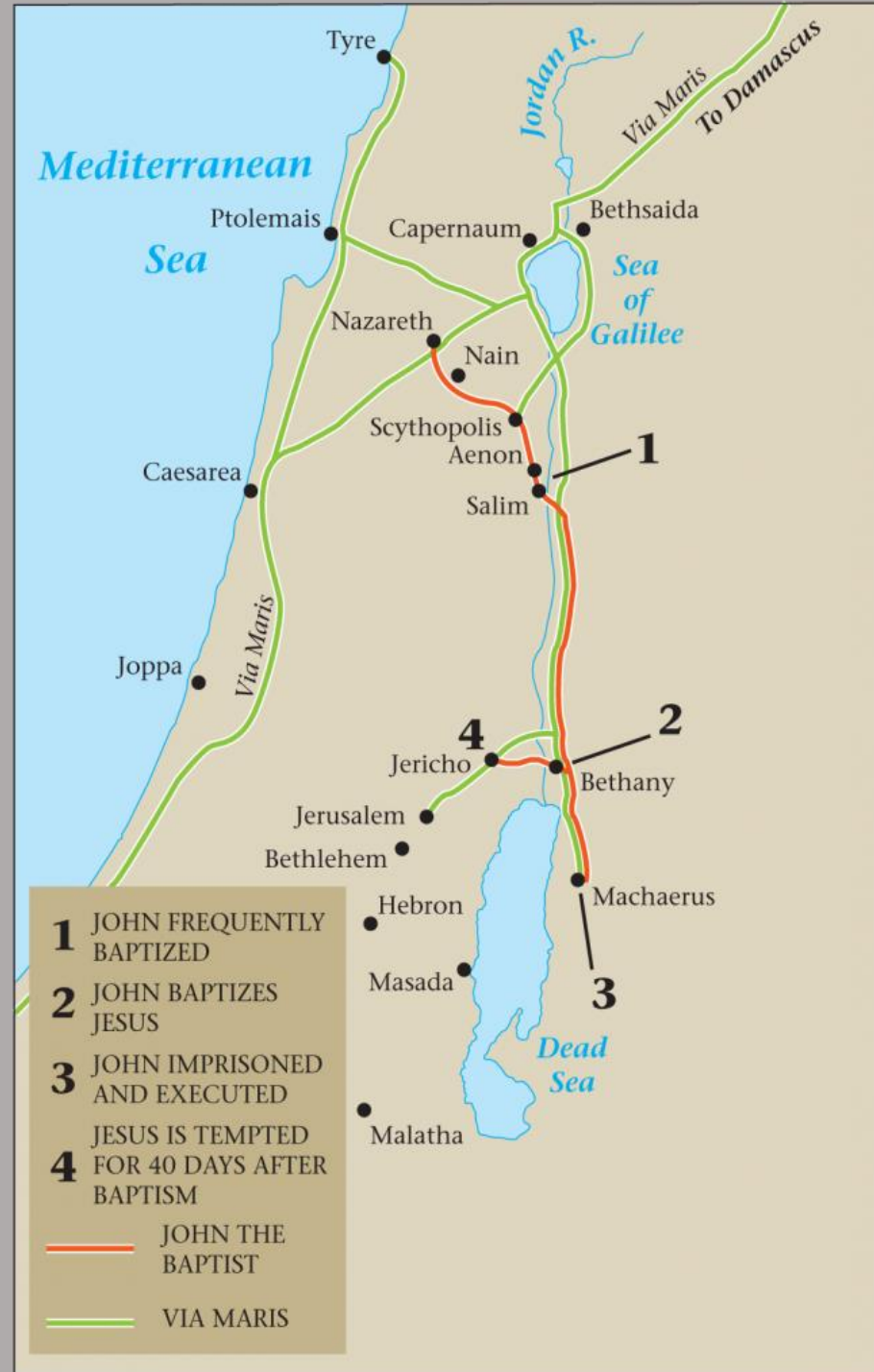




**From Calling to Community  
(Mark: 1:16-28)**



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# Spiritual Calling: Individual Followers

## Mark 1:16-20

- <sup>16</sup> Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”<sup>[f]</sup> <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.
- A random set of individuals or “Money Ball” players?

# *Moneyball* (2011)

**Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) and Peter Brand (Jonah Hill)**



# Peter Brand in *Moneyball*

- “We can find value in players that nobody else can see. People are overlooked for a variety of biased reasons and perceived flaws: age, appearance, personality”
- Jesus provides hope

# Individual gifts work together through Christ

- <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. (I Corinthians 12:4-6)

# Jesus Forms a Community/Family

## Mark 1:22-23

- <sup>21</sup> And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.
- Jesus as the center of the spiritual community
- Jesus presents the Good News of God: reconciliation
- Greeting each other as a building up of community

# The Common Good

- <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (I Corinthians 12:7)
- “Common Weal” → “Commonwealth” (The common good)
- Steps to Maturity: You do for me → I do for myself → I do for others



# Love Unites

## I Corinthians 13:1-7

- **13** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned,<sup>[f]</sup> but have not love, I gain nothing.
- <sup>4</sup> Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

# Spiritual Confrontation

## Mark 1:23-26

- . <sup>23</sup> And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup> “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

# Spiritual Confrontation: Power of Prayer

## Ephesians 6:12, 17-18

- <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
- <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints

# The Good News of Jesus Christ

## Mark 1:27-28

- .<sup>27</sup> And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”<sup>28</sup> And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.
- Reports of Jesus healing the sick, casting out demons, preaching with authority

# Let Us Pray

