

## Thought for the day – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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Bible Reading:

Jesus Announces the Good News

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

- Mark 1:14-20

Things move rapidly in Mark's gospel, and after his baptism, Jesus begins His ministry, answering God's call to Him. He in turn calls His first disciples, who He will spend time with and train to take over this work from him. That call goes out today, to anyone and everyone who will listen and say yes. For the disciples, it meant a sudden change of lifestyle. For most of us, we are called to stay in the context we are in, unless God calls us out of it. It does mean a new way of looking at things, and new things we value. Each call is distinctive, and it makes use of our personality, skills, interests, experience etc. The goal is always to Love God, love our neighbours and love our selves. Through relationships, in our speech and in what we do.

In this lockdown, how might God be calling you today? This week?

Can we say yes, like His first disciples did?

place for you.”

John 14: 1 – 2

And so we welcome Jesus into our homes and into our hearts.

