

# Mark 1:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets.

## Analysis

John preached There cometh one mightier. Imperfect preached indicates continuous proclamation. Message consistently pointed to Coming One. Mightier acknowledges Jesus superior authority. John recognized preparatory ministry eclipsed by Messiah work. True ministers point to Christ never seeking glory. John embodied He must increase I decrease. Reformed theology emphasizes ministry exists to glorify Christ direct people to Him not exalt messenger.

## Historical Context

John drew massive crowds. Many speculated whether John was Messiah (Luke 3:15). John deflected speculation insisting merely forerunner. There cometh uses present tense emphasizing imminence certainty. First-century messianic expectation was intense. When Jesus appeared John identified Him as Lamb of God some disciples transferred allegiance. John prepared way stepped aside.

## Related Passages

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does John focus on Christ challenge ministry ambition?
2. What does recognizing mightier one teach about humility in God plan?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ προβὰς ἐκεῖθεν ὀλίγον εἶδεν Ἰάκωβον τὰ τὰ  
**And further thence a little he saw James the son the son**  
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Ζεβεδαίου καὶ Ἰωάννην τὰ ἀδελφὸν αὐτοὺς καὶ  
**of Zebedee And John the son brother his And**  
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αὐτοὺς ἐν τὰ πλοίῳ καταρτίζοντας τὰ δίκτυα  
**his were in the son the ship mending the son their nets**  
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