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1517: The Year That Changed the World

Matthew 4:12–17

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Walking in the Vatican today...

- The Renaissance artwork is astounding. And the Renaissance will be important to our story in two ways today, as we shall see.

A sermon in Germany in January, 1517: for the selling of indulgences

Who was Martin Luther?

- He researches indulgences during 1517. What does he find? Things had changed over time...
- The importance of Erasmus, the Renaissance humanist, and Matthew 4:17.

Johann Tetzel, preacher and seller of indulgences.

- "As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs!"

The 95 Theses!

- The first two theses: "1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ``Repent" (Mt 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance. 2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy."
- Theses 5 and 6 start to question the extent of the pope's power.
- Thesis 86 proved powerful: "Again, ``Why does not the pope, whose wealth is today greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers?'"

What Luther didn't know about the pope, the archbishop – and their financial dealings...

- "Art and war are expensive..."

Aftermath of 1517

Importance of the Reformation for us today?