



The Great Catch of Fish and Peter's Call to Catch Men

Luke 5:1-16

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Jesus' Teaching is "The Word Of God"

- **Luke 5:1**
Now it came about that while the multitude were pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret;



The Word of God is the Gospel

- **Acts 8:12, 14**
But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent them Peter and John,



Jesus Teaches From a Boat

■ **Luke 5:2, 3**

and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them, and were washing their nets. And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the multitudes from the boat.



Jesus Asks Peter to do the Absurd

■ **Luke 5:4, 5**

And when He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered and said, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at Your bidding I will let down the nets."



A Miraculous Catch

■ **Luke 5:6, 7**

And when they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish; and their nets began to break; and they signaled to their partners in the other boat, for them to come and help them. And they came, and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.



Peter Sees a Theophany

■ **Luke 5:8, 9**

But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus' feet, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken;



Catching Men Alive

■ **Luke 5:10**

and so also James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men."



Leaving All to Follow Jesus

■ **Luke 5:11**

And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.

■ **Luke 9:23**

And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

 Isaiah/Peter Commission Narratives

■ <u>Luke 5:4-10</u>	■ <u>Isaiah 6:1 – 10</u>
■ Theophany (v 8)	■ Theophany (v 1)
■ Reaction (v 8)	■ Reaction (v 5)
■ Reassurance (v 10)	■ Reassurance (v 7)
■ Commission (v 10)	■ Commission (vv 8-10)

 The Cleansing of a Leper

■ **Luke 5:12**

And it came about that while He was in one of the cities, behold, there was a man full of leprosy; and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."

 The Cleansing of a Leper

■ **Luke 5:13**

And He stretched out His hand, and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." And immediately the leprosy left him.



Jesus Teaches Obedience to Moses

- **Luke 5:14**
And He ordered him to tell no one, “But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, just as Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”



Excitement About Jesus

- **Luke 5:15, 16**
But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and great multitudes were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.



Applications

- It is important to know you are unworthy.
- Christ sends His disciples to catch men.

 Those Who Know They are Unworthy are Blessed

■ **Luke 7:6b, 7**

the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but just say the word, and my servant will be healed."

 To Consider One's Self "Unworthy" Showed "Great Faith"

■ **Luke 7:9**

Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the multitude that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

 Disciples are to Consider Themselves Unworthy

■ **Luke 24:47**

"So you too, when you do all the things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy slaves; we have done only that which we ought to have done.'"

 The Tax-gatherer, Unlike the Pharisee, Considered Himself Unworthy

■ **Luke 18:13**

But the tax-gatherer, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, the sinner!"

 But Those Who Think They are Worthy Without the Gospel are Not

■ **Acts 13:46**

And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; since you repudiate it, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles."

 Sent By the Lord of the Harvest

■ **Luke 10:2, 3**

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your ways; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves."



To Catch Men Alive

■ **Acts 13:47, 48**

“For thus the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have placed You as a light for the Gentiles, That You should bring salvation to the end of the earth.’” And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord; and as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.



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