

**The Miracles of Jesus**

**Luke 5:1-11**

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Context of Luke 5

In Luke Chapter 4, 3 things happen

1) Jesus is tempted in the wilderness (vs 1-13)

2) He begins his ministry by preaching at synagogue in Nazareth – he announces the messianic fulfilment of Isaiah 61:1-2 (vs 14-30)

3) Jesus heals the sick and delivers those tormented by demons (vs 31-44)

“But he said, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent.”

(Luke 4:43)

The text: Luke 5:1-11

Vs 1 – From general purpose statement in Luke 4:43, to specific example.

“…the crowd was pressing in on Him to hear the word of God.”

Vs 2 – 2 boats by the lake – fisherman washing their nets, i.e. their work was over.

Vs 3 – Jesus ‘recomissions’ Simon’s boat as a pulpit to teach the crowds.

Vs 4 – When we think our work is done, Jesus’ work has only begun.

Vs 5 – **“Jesus said to him “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the**

**nets.””**

Vs 6 – “They enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.” - More fish than they could contain on their own.

Vs 7 – Called for help from other boat – filled and sinking!

There is no miracle of Jesus which is not at once both transforming AND abundant.

Vs 8 – The response of Simon is equally significant – revelation of one’s unworthiness.

He sees Jesus in all his glory, and feels his shame!

Vs 9-10 – The result was general astonishment all round.

**And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”” (Luke 5:10b)**

Vs 11 – Outcome – they left everything and followed him.

APPLY - What does this passage teach us about discipleship?

1. It involves repentance. Peter falls on his knees before Jesus.

**ACTION: Behold God daily, abide and worship in His presence (Isaiah 6:1-7, 2 Corinthians 3:18 cf John 4:23).**

1. It involves obedient faith.

**ACTION: Let His Word Order and Direct you (John 8:31 cf John 2:5).**

1. It involves an all-of-life response to follow Jesus.

**ACTION: Surrender to His Will, walk in His Ways (Matthew 10:25,16:24 ).**

1. It involves reaching others for Christ.

**ACTION: Pray and learn to be a disciple who makes other disciples (Matthew 4:19; 28:19-20).**

**What will you leave behind to follow Christ?**

**Who will you bring with you after him?**

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