

The Miracles of Jesus



Put out into deep water!

Luke 5:1-11

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, ² he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

1. The captivated crowd

▼ The seaside location

¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret,

▼ The spiritual listeners

¹ with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God,

▼ The sermonizing Lord

² he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

2. The crazy catch

▼ The command

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

▲ Go out further

▲ Go out fishing

▼ The complaint

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything.

▲ They were diligent

▲ They were disappointed

▼ The compliance

⁵ But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

▲ Peter deferred

▲ Peter deployed

▼ The crazy catch

⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

▲ Favor made the difference

▲ Fullness marked the day

3. The calling clarified

▼ They responded with astonishment

⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

▼ They received an awesome assignment

¹⁰ Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

▼ They responded with absolute abandon

¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Messages from the Miracle

1. Lingering and listening to Jesus exposes us to adventurous assignments — so come up close!
2. Jesus' authority always exceeds our expertise — so defer to his corrections and redirections!
3. The Lord's longitude/latitude is the location of blessing — so launch out even when it takes you further!
4. The favor of the Lord transforms the mundane into the miraculous — so don't frustrate his favor!
5. People are the pressing priority of Jesus — so don't be afraid to accept his people projects!