

Luke 5:1-11 *New King James Version*

Four Fishermen Called as Disciples

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the **Lake of Gennesaret**,

2 and saw **two boats** standing by the **lake**, but the **fishermen had gone from them and were washing *their* nets**.

3 Then, He got into **one of the boats**, which was **Simon's**, and asked him to put out a **little from the land**. And He sat down and **taught the multitudes from the boat**.

4 When He had **stopped speaking**, He said to Simon, "**Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.**"

5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, **we have toiled all night and caught nothing**; nevertheless, **at Your word I will** let down the net."

6 And when they had done this, they **caught a great number of fish**, and **their net was breaking**.

7 So they **signaled to *their* partners in the other boat to come and help them**. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon **Peter saw *it***, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "**Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!**"

9 For he and all who were with him were **astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken**;

10 and so also *were James and John*, the sons of Zebedee, who were **partners with Simon**. And Jesus said to Simon, "**Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.**"

11 So when they had **brought their boats to land**, they forsook all and followed Him.