

Luke 5

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5 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, (More and more people wanted to hear Him as time went on. HIS ministry was rapidly growing; because Jesus taught the Word of God; not traditions of men. That's all that they had ever heard in the synagogues)

² And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. (They were finished working for the night)

³ And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. (This allowed Jesus to be heard by many people on shore. Being a little ways out made for a natural amphitheater)

⁴ Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. (This Simon is Peter)

⁵ And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. (Peter was a commercial fisherman. He knew his trade. But because he had faith in Jesus, he did as He was asked)

⁶ And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (brake = stretched to the limit – better translation)

⁷ And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. (They were near to sinking – better translation)

NOTE: (God created nature. HE can control it as He pleases)

⁸ When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. (Peter knew that he was speaking with God, because of this miracle. He humbled himself before Jesus)

⁹For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: (It was a supernatural catch; like nothing Peter had ever seen before)

¹⁰And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. (Jesus didn't ask. HE said that they should follow Him. The Elect were chosen in the First Age. Jesus knew who these men were)

(They will become fishers of men) Matthew-4:19, Mark-1:17

¹¹And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him. (They became disciples, and quit being fishermen)

¹²And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. (He had faith. He called Jesus Lord. He said – if thou wilt, not if thou can. He knew Jesus could heal him)

¹³And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him. (Jesus said – I will, not I'll try)

¹⁴And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. (As Moses commanded – was the old law of healing. This practice was symbolic for the future, when Christ would shed His own blood to save all men and free them from sin) see Leviticus-14:4

(Will this priest understand what's happening? Probably not)

¹⁵But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities. (The word spread quickly among the people. This will draw the enemies of God – the Kenites)

¹⁶And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed. (Prayer is both communing with God and meditation for yourself)

¹⁷And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out

of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them. (doctors of the law- scripture lawyers – probably mostly Kenites)

NOTE: (These guys were coming out of their synagogues. They were upset because Jesus was emptying their temples and hurting their tithe collections. Revenues were down because people were flocking to Jesus)

¹⁸ And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him. (Palsy = paralysis)

¹⁹ And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus. (Again, this shows great faith in Jesus)

²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. (Jesus forgave his sins. The synagogue preachers are going to go after this as blasphemy)

²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? (Jesus is God with us. Immanuel = God with us) Isaiah-7:14

²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? (Jesus knew what they were thinking)

²³ Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

²⁴ But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house. (Jesus just proved His case. These false preachers can't do that)

²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. (He was immediately healed and his sins were forgiven. He had good reason to glorify God)

²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day. (Jesus didn't put on shows. HE did this in front of all of these witnesses; so that maybe those Pharisees would learn something and change their ways. They won't)

²⁷ And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me. (Levi is Matthew. He was a tax collector)

(The Elect were chosen in the First Age. Jesus knew this man. HE didn't have to ask him to follow. HE told him to)

²⁸ And he left all, rose up, and followed him. (Levi knew that Jesus was Messiah. He was touched by the Holy Spirit)

²⁹ And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them. (Publicans <tax collectors> were considered sinners by the boys from the synagogue)

³⁰ But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners? (These scribes and Pharisees are Holy Joes; who think that they are better than the publicans)

NOTE: (A true preacher should seek out sinners to teach them. That is the mission of priests – to spread the Word of God to all who want to hear it)

³¹ And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. (God wants preachers to teach the people who need them. HE has no time for "holier than thou" hypocrites)

³² I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (The sinners are the ones who need saving the most)

³³ And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

³⁴ And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? (Why would

they mourn and fast, when Messiah is there with them? This is a time to be happy and to enjoy)

³⁵ But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days. (They will mourn after the crucifixion of Jesus)

³⁶ And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. (A new piece of cloth is not shrunk yet, but the old garment is. When the garment is washed, the new piece will shrink, and pucker the garment)

(A new doctrine upon a closed mind will not be accepted. You need an open mind in order to learn the truth, as Jesus taught it)

³⁷ And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. (bottles = wine skins)

³⁸ But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. (New wine skins will stretch as the wine ferments, but old ones won't. The old wine skin would burst and you will lose your wine)

(Open minded people will receive the truth of God's Word; because they haven't been sealed up by the traditions of men, posing as religion)

³⁹ No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better. (The old wine is mature and tastier – a metaphore for people who are used to hearing the traditions of men. They are not comfortable hearing a new doctrine that is different than what they have been taught; even if the new doctrine is the truth)