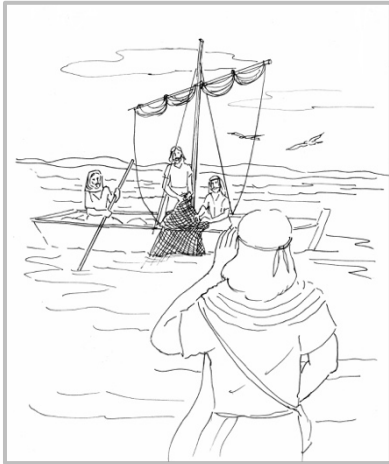


The Lord Calls His Disciples

A Retelling of Portions of Matthew 4, Luke 5, and Mark 3



Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother. They were casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they immediately left *their* nets and followed Him.

And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James and John, in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.

Luke 5:1-11

A crowd [of people] pressed about Jesus to hear the Word of God. He was by the Lake of Gennesaret and saw two boats there. He got into one of the boats and asked Simon to launch the boat a little from the land. Sitting down, He taught the crowd of people from the boat.

When He was finished, He said to Simon, “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.”

Simon answered, “Master, we worked through the night and caught nothing, but at Your word I will let down the net.”

Then they caught a great number of fish and their net was breaking. They called their partners in the other boat to come take some of them. The boats were filled with fish and began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go out from me, for I am a sinful man, Lord!” He and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken.

But Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.” After bringing the boats to the land, they left all, and followed Him.

Mark 3:13-19

Jesus went up on the mountain and called to Him those He wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve. They would be with Him and be sent out to preach. They would have power to heal sicknesses and cast out demons.

The twelve disciples were Simon Peter, James (son of Zebedee), Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (son of Alphaeus), Thaddaeus, Simon, and Judas Iscariot.