



The Miraculous Catch of Fish

(Luke 5:1-11; John 21:1-14)

This miracle happened twice. The first time was when the Lord was beginning His ministry on earth and called fishermen to be His disciples (Luke 5:1-11). The second time was after the crucifixion of the Lord and His resurrection (John 21:1-14).

Compare the two miracles. Then reflect on how we can “catch fish” with the Lord’s help.

How are the stories similar?

How are the stories different?

What does the Lord say to the disciples? How do they answer? What do they do?

For Reflection—Night and Day

- In both stories, the disciples were fishing all night but did not catch anything until the Lord was with them and it was daytime.
- Spiritually, “night” is when we don’t see true ideas clearly, and the Lord seems to be far away from us.
- In these stories, the light of day is when the Lord comes to us and helps us see truths more clearly and understand how to apply them to our lives.

What is a time in your life when you experienced “night” and then the welcome light of dawn and feeling the Lord’s presence?

For Reflection—The Lord’s Presence

- The disciples were alone during the night. In the first miracle, the Lord got into the boat with Simon and the others (Luke 5:3). This miracle came just before the Lord called the fishermen to be His disciples. What might this miracle have showed them?
- The second time the disciples had a miraculous catch of fish, the Lord was further away, standing on the shore. William Worcester suggests that the Lord was showing His disciples that He will still be with them as they carry on His work of feeding His lambs and tending His sheep.

Why is it easier to follow the Lord’s leading when we look to Him and feel His presence? Or when we pray to the Lord for help with our problems?

For Reflection—Eating Breakfast with the Lord

What it would be like to see the Lord after His resurrection and have breakfast with Him by the Sea of Galilee (John 21:9-13)?