

Luke 5

Luke 5.1-11

V1 – Gennesaret = Sea of Galilee

-Intense crowds; the people were hanging on every word that Jesus spoke

V2-3 – **How did Christ solve the problem of the closeness of the crowds?** He got into a boat

-The boat made a good pulpit

-**Owner of the boat?** Peter

-**What was the posture of Jesus as he taught?** He was sitting down (as in *Luke 4* at Nazareth)

V4 – Time: Must have been in the morning

-Peter and the others had fished all night, but did not catch anything

-**Command of Jesus?** Go to the deep water and lower your nets

V5 – **How would you characterize Peter's answer?** He obeyed reluctantly, like our children sometimes

-*New International Commentary, Luke*: The best time for net fishing is in the darkness

-Sometimes we are like Peter: "I don't want to do it, but I'll do it if that's what the Bible says"

V6-7 – **Result of the lowering of nets?** A tremendous catch

-He had to have help from his partners

-Notice that Peter was the first one to speak out in v 5

V8 – Peter was also the first to react – he was an impulsive man

-He forgot about the boat that was ready to sink

-Peter was a fisherman – he immediately recognized this as a great miracle

-He had an overwhelming sense of his own weakness and worthlessness (similar to the prophet Isaiah in *Isaiah 6.5*)

-**In v 8, does this mean that Peter was rejecting Christ?** No, he just considered himself too sinful to be near Christ

-This was a turning point in Peter's life; he had known Christ before this (*Luke 4* – the healing of his mother-in-law)

V9 – Amazement on the part of all three

V10 – **Answer of Jesus?** Now we will catch men

V11 – **Did they leave their families to starve?** No, the miracle of the fishes was to feed their families

-**Message?** When we do the Lord's work, our families will be taken care of

Luke 5.12-16

V12 – See *Zondervan Bible Encyclopedia*, II, 139 for photographs of a leper – one of the most horrible diseases that mankind has ever faced

-What was the condition of this man? "Full of leprosy"

-Notice that the leper does not want to command or demand Jesus to do something

V 13 – It was against the rules of the Pharisees to touch a leper, but Jesus as the Son of God touched him, and the man was healed

-According to *Lev. 13.46*, the leper was to shout "Unclean, unclean" as he was walking, but there is no commandment in the Law of Moses saying that it was a sin for a person to touch a leper

-The scribes and Pharisees had just assumed that practice, but Jesus did the unthinkable: he touched a leper!

V 14 – **Instructions of Jesus?** Make an offering for this cleansing

-See *Leviticus 13-14* for the ceremony for the cleansing of a leper

V 15 – **The result of this miracle?** News went out everywhere

V 16 – Jesus had to have some time to be alone and to pray

Luke 5.17-26

V 17 – According to Mark, this took place in Capernaum

-Jesus was teaching – **Who was present?** Pharisees and teachers of the law

V 18 – *Mark 2.1* – Jesus was teaching in a house (maybe Peter's house)

-**Why could the paralyzed man not get in to Jesus?** Because of the crowds of people

-**What is indicated about the faith of the four men (*Mark 2*)?** Great faith

V 19 – **Answer to the problem?** They took the tiles off the roof and let the man down on his pallet in front of Jesus

V 20 – "*...and seeing their faith*"

-Very interesting: **What did Jesus do first?** Forgave the man of his sins

-**What is the greater burden: the weight of sins or some physical sickness?** The sins!

-A shocking statement of Jesus – he could forgive sins

V 21 – **Belief of Pharisees?** Only God can forgive sins

-**Where they correct?** Yes, but they did not realize that Jesus was God in the flesh

V 22-23 – **Answer of Jesus?** One is as easy to say as the other

V 24 – He healed the man of his paralysis

V 25 – A beautiful verse – the man was glorifying God

V 26 – All were impressed – the man's situation was hopeless in human eyes, but not in the eyes of Jesus

Luke 5.27-32

V 27-28 – The call of Matthew

-**Was his name before he became an apostle?** Levi

-**What was his new name?** Matthew (See *Matt. 9.9* for evidence of this)

V 29 – **Evidence that Matthew was a man of some means?** It was a large reception for Jesus

-**Were Pharisees present at the feast?** Maybe, or it could be that they only noticed the large crowd there from a distance

-**Question by the Pharisees?** Why is Jesus associating with such immoral people?

V 31-32 – **Answer of Jesus?** It is the sick people who need a doctor

-**The meaning of that answer?** The Pharisees did not see themselves as being spiritually sick

Luke 5.33-39 – Questions about fasting

V 33 – In comparing parallel accounts (*Matt. 9.14-17* and *Mark 2.18-22*), the question was asked by the Pharisees and also by the disciples of John the Baptist

-**Question?** Why don't the disciples of Jesus fast?

V 34 – **Answer?** You don't fast before the wedding – it is a time of great celebration

V 35 – The day is coming when the bridegroom will be taken away – that will be a time for fasting

V 36-39 – Parable of the New Cloth and the New Wineskin

-It is no use to sew new material on old cloth – it is a waste

-And there is no use to put new wine in an old wineskin

-**Point of the parable?** The Old Covenant cannot be patched up – it will be completely replaced by the New Covenant

-And yet today many denominations go back to the Old Testament for a priesthood, the burning of incense, instrumental music in worship, robes, etc.

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