

As Jesus stood beside Lake Galilee, a crowd of people pushed to get closer to Him and to hear the teachings of God. Jesus saw two boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen were washing their nets. Jesus got into the boat that belonged to Simon and He asked Simon to push off a little from the shore. Then Jesus sat down in the boat and taught the people on the shore.

When Jesus finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Take the boat into the deep water. If all of you will put your nets into the water, you will catch some fish."

Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night trying to catch fish and caught nothing. But You say I should put the nets into the water, so I will." The fishermen put their nets into the water. Their nets were filled with so many fish they began to break. They called to their friends in the other boat to come help them. The friends came, and both boats were filled so full of fish they were almost sinking.

The fishermen were all amazed at the many fish they caught. When Simon Peter saw this, he bowed down before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!" James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were amazed too. (James and John worked together with Simon.)

Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on your work will be to bring in people, not fish!" The men brought their boats to the shore. They left everything then, and followed Jesus.

Luke 5:1-11