

The Miracles of Jesus
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Miracle: "A Happening with Which Human Reasoning Has Yet To Catch Up."

-Dr. William Augustus Jones

Miracle #6 – First Miraculous Catch of Fish

- **Luke 5:1-3**

The Lake of Gennesaret is the Sea of Galilee. The fishermen had left their boats and were washing their nets. Fishermen on the Sea of Galilee used nets that were bell-shaped, with lead weights around the edges. A net was thrown flat on the water and the lead weights caused it to sink and cover the fish. The fishermen then would pull on the cord drawing the net around the fish. Nets had to be kept in good condition so they were washed after being used and kept clean until their next outing.

The crowd of people kept pushing Jesus closer and closer to sea until eventually He stepped on Peter's boat and used it as a pulpit to preach and teach the Kingdom of God.

- **Luke 5:4-7**

After Jesus had finished speaking to the crowd, He told Peter to row his boat out farther into deeper waters and he would sure to catch fish. Peter was reluctant. He was ready to go home. After all Peter was an experienced fisherman. He knew the ways of fish and where they could be found. Peter knew there was no way any fish would be in the spot where Jesus told them to let down the net. Out of respect for Jesus, he obeyed. He did not expect a miracle, but he respected Jesus and the authority Jesus had established when He called out the evil spirit of the man in the synagogue and subsequently performed a number of miracles.

Here we have an account of "**reluctant obedience.**" Peter refers to Jesus as "**Master.**" Master comes from the Greek word "**epistata**" which implies the **recognition of authority**. The operative word is "**nevertheless.**"

- **Luke 5:8-11**

Peter asked Jesus to go away using the excuse that he was an inadequate, sinful human being. He was awestruck at this miracle. It was one thing for Jesus to perform miracles for others, but it was another thing entirely for Peter to experience the miracle personally. Peter had felt,

smelled and tasted this miracle personally. In that moment of personal discovery he cried out "O Lord." You are **Supreme**. You are **Sovereign**.

At this point, Peter and his fishermen partners were sinners. Something happened in this miracle that changed their lives forever. This miracle had its desired effect. Peter and his partners looked not at what Jesus had done, but at Jesus Himself. They bowed to the ground; they humbled themselves, confessing Jesus as **Supreme, Sovereign Lord**. They "forsook all and followed Him (Jesus)."

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