



The Life of Jesus

A CHRONOLOGICAL STUDY

Lesson 28:

From Master to Lord: More fish than we could ever imagine Matthew 4:13-22; Luke 5:1-11

I. Is the Right Spot?

- Scholars disagree about this harmony placement and about these passages
- Sometimes Scripture can seem incongruent, but It always tells the truth
- These are either two different stories or different perspectives

II. Matthew 4:13-17 - Matthew uses these verses to continue his proof that the life of Jesus was a fulfillment of Scripture

III. vv.18-22

A. Note these things:

- v.18 - Andrew is mentioned
- v.19 - Greek word here for “men” is *anthropi* which means “mankind”
- First take may look like they were on the shore when Jesus said follow Me
- v.21 - Appears Zebedee, James and John were just down the shore

IV. Luke 5:1-3

A. v.1 – First time “word of God” used in Luke

B. Keep in mind the witnesses Luke has already shown us about Jesus: Gabriel, Zechariah/Elizabeth, Mary, Simeon, Anna, John the Baptizer

C. The crowd along the shore is surely different than what He left in Nazareth

V. vv.4-5

A. v.4 – “your nets” is plural – “all y’all’s nets” – Shows there were others there even though Peter is the focus

B. Why would Jesus ask Peter to “go into the deep”?

1. Jesus knew they had not caught anything and was providing for His disciples
2. Get away from the crowd
3. Peter’s continued discipleship
4. All the above (my guess)

C. v.5 - “Master” is Greek word *epistates* – same root as *episkopos* (bishop) - Only used in Luke in all of NT

1. Jesus’ previous times with Peter shows up here as his Master
2. “At your word” - At God’s word creation came into existence and many other things

D. No Excuses from Peter (unlike Nick) (thanks David Guzik)

- “I worked all night and I’m tired.”
- “I know a lot more about fishing than a carpenter does.”
- “The best fishing is at night, not in the daytime.”
- “All these crowds and loud teaching have scared the fish away.”
- “We already washed our nets.”
- “Jesus may know religion, but He doesn’t know fishing.”

VI. vv.6-7

- Will there always be results when Jesus directs our work? Yes
- Will we immediately see the results? Maybe

VII. vv.8-11

A. v.8 - He’s now Simon Peter

- John 1:42: *He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You **shall be** called Cephas” (which means Peter).*

B. What did Peter NOT say? “Wow look at the fish! This is awesome!”

C. Jesus was his Master in v.5 and his Lord in v.8

D. Peter's sanctification:

1. Saw the Lord in His miraculous glory
2. Immediately realizes his sinfulness and unworthiness
3. Receives a divine commissioning

E. Anybody else have this same pattern? [Isaiah 6:1-13](#)

VIII. My Take Aways

- God will use circumstances (could be a miracle could be a tragedy) for us to see Him on His throne
- My choice is to fall at His knees or make excuses
- He wants to be my Lord and not only my Master

Questions? Comments? Thoughts?
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