

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Jesus Calls
His First
Disciples

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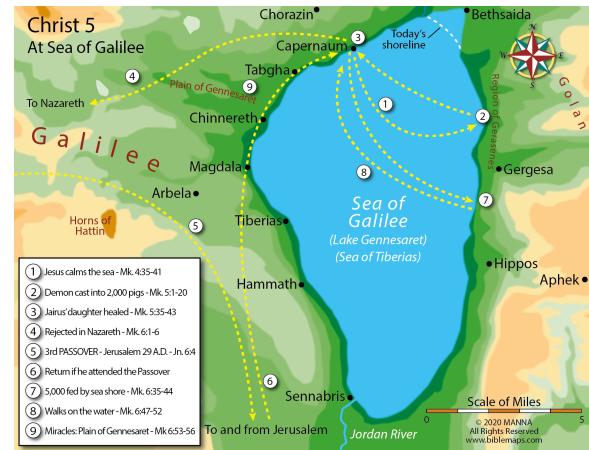
Luke's "orderly account" written to help readers "have certainty" concerning the things Jesus accomplished among us (1:1-4) has established some core truths:

- God keeps his promises (1:54-55, 68-70)
- God has provided the light that our dark world needs (1:78-79; 2:29-32)
- Jesus is God's Son (1:31-35; 2:49; 3:22; 4:41)
- Jesus spoke with authority (4:31-32, 36), sharing good news of the kingdom of God (4:43)

Let's keep that foundation laid by Luke in mind. How does it help us understand what was going on in **Luke 5** as four scenes are described?

- **Jesus calls his first _____** (5:1-11): Simon Peter, James, and John. When Jesus performed an incredible miracle, _____ fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." But listen to Jesus' reply: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching _____."
- **Jesus cleanses a _____** (5:12-16). People with leprosy were expected to stay away from everyone else and the worst thing imaginable would be to actually touch someone "full of leprosy." But when that man fell on his face and begged Jesus, "Lord, if you will, you can make me _____," Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I _____; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him.
- **Jesus heals a _____** (5:17-26). As reports about Jesus spread, great crowds would gather wherever Jesus was to hear him and be healed of their infirmities. On one of those days, a瘫痪 (paralytic) was lowered through a roof so that his friends could get him to Jesus. When he saw their faith, Jesus said, "Man, your _____ are forgiven you" and Jesus healed that man to prove "that the Son of Man has _____ on earth to forgive sins."
- **Jesus calls a tax collector named _____** (5:27-39). During a great feast in Levi's house, Pharisees and scribes grumbled at Jesus' disciples. Once again, Jesus made his mission clear: "I have not come to call the righteous but _____ to _____."

How does **Luke 5** help us grow in certainty about Jesus? Let's talk about it...



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ Luke 5:1-11 tells us about an incredible miracle Jesus performed on “the lake of Gennesaret” (also known as the Sea of Galilee). Why do you think Simon Peter fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord” (5:8)?
- ▶ “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men” (5:10)? What did Jesus mean?
- ▶ Luke 5:12-16 tells us about the healing of a man who was “full of leprosy.” Why was it so incredible that Jesus “stretched out his hand and touched” that man (5:13)? Why do you think Jesus would charge him “to tell no one”?
- ▶ “[Jesus] would withdraw to desolate places and pray” (5:16). Is there anything we can learn from that simple statement as disciples of Jesus today?
- ▶ “Man, your sins are forgiven you” (5:20). Jesus said that to the paralytic who had been lowered through the roof. Why was this an absolutely incredible statement?
- ▶ Think about what we’ve already learned about Jesus from Luke’s “orderly account”—the circumstances of his conception and birth, his temptations, his claim in the Nazareth synagogue, and the miracles. What else does Luke reveal about Jesus in 5:22? Why does this still matter?
- ▶ What was the real lesson to be learned from Jesus’ healing of the paralytic in 5:17-26?
- ▶ Why would the events in 5:27-32 have been so scandalous in the eyes of many? What does Jesus mean in 5:32, and why is this still such good news?
- ▶ What did Jesus want people to understand by what he said in 5:33-39?
- ▶ Remember the goal of Luke’s Gospel—“that you may have certainty” (1:4). How does Luke 5 help us grow in certainty about Jesus?