

EPISODE NO. 224

Luke 5:1-11

Jesus Found More Followers

1 Jesus stood beside Lake Gennesaret. Many people pushed to get all around him. They wanted to hear the Word of God. 2 Jesus saw two small, empty boats at the shore of the lake. The fishermen were washing their nets. 3 Jesus climbed into the boat which belonged to Simon. He asked Simon to push away from the shore a little. Then Jesus sat down and, from the boat, continued to teach the crowd on the shore.

4 Jesus finished speaking. He said to Simon, “Take the boat into the deep water. If all of you will drop your nets into the water, then you will catch some fish.”

5 Simon answered, “Teacher, we worked hard all night long trying to catch fish, but we caught nothing. But you say I should lower the nets into the water, so I will do it.” 6 The fishermen dropped their nets into the water. They caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to rip! 7 They called to some friends in the other boat to come and help them. The friends came and both boats were filled so full of fish that they were almost sinking.

8-9 The fishermen were shocked because of the large number of fish that they caught. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!” 10 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were amazed, too. (James and John were partners with Simon.)

Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid. From now on, you will catch PEOPLE, instead of fish!”

11 The men brought their boats to the shore. They left everything and followed Jesus!