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## The four fishermen

Matthew 4 : 18 – 22

Mark 1 : 16 – 20

Who was called?

Simon Peter & Andrew – Brothers

James & John – Brothers (sons of Zebedee)

Matthew 10 : 2

Apostles

What occupation were they?

Fishermen

‘halieus’ - a sailor (as engaged on the salt water),  
that is, (by implication) a fisher

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Mark 1 : 16 – 20

“Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

What was their reaction?

Simon & Andrew – Left their nets and followed.

James & John – Left their father and followed.

Immediately

What did Jesus offer them?

An opportunity to do something better with their lives.

An opportunity to make a difference.

“...fishers of men.”

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Why follow Jesus?

Luke 5 : 1 – 11

The multitude presses about Jesus. – Why?

“...to hear the word of God...”

Jesus enters the boat of Simon Peter. – Why?

“...put out a little from the land...He...taught...”

Jesus stopped speaking.

What did He teach the four?

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The conversation (Luke 5 : 4 – 5)

“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.”

Jesus is not a fisherman. He is the Son of a carpenter.

What does Jesus know about fishing?

“Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing...”

Peter is a fisherman. Peter knows fishing.

“...nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net.”

What lesson is taught here?

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The lesson (Luke 5 : 4 – 5)

“Master...”

‘epistates’ - an appointee over, that is, commander (teacher)

“...nevertheless...”

Not the less; notwithstanding; that is, in opposition to any thing, or without regarding it

Matthew 26 : 39ff

The term carries with it a respect for authority

Consider Peter’s position:

Peter = Fisherman      Jesus = Carpenter

“...at Your word...”

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The result (Luke 5 : 6 – 7)

“...they caught a great number of fish...”

“...we have toiled...and caught nothing...”

What is the result of faith in Jesus?

Hebrews 11 : 5

“...they...filled both the boats...they began to sink.”

Matthew 6 : 4, 6, 18

“...reward you openly.”

“...do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward.” Hebrews 10 : 35

Ephesians 3 : 20

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Our attitude should be the same as Peter's (Luke 5 : 8 – 9)

“Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!”

James 4 : 10

Humbleness

Matthew 5 : 3 – 5

Blessed are the poor in spirit...

Blessed are those who mourn...

Blessed are the meek...



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The promise (Luke 5 : 10)

“From now on you will catch men.”

Isaiah 55 : 10 – 11

Mark 4 : 20

“...some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred.”

Our commitment (Luke 5 : 11)

“...forsook all and followed Him.”

Luke 14 : 33

Forsake all or you are not worthy of Him.