



The Miracles of Jesus

Lesson Four Study Questions

-- Miraculous Catches of Fish (Luke 5:1-11 & John 21:1-11)

1. Why did multitudes press about Jesus as He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret? (Luke 5:1)
 - What are some other Biblical names for this lake? (Numbers 34:11; John 21:1; Matthew 4:18)
2. Where did Jesus sit as He taught the multitudes? (Luke 5:3)
3. When Jesus finished teaching, what did He tell Simon Peter to do? (Luke 5:4)
 - How did Peter respond? (Luke 5:5)
 - What can we conclude from Peter's actions about the nature of obedience?
4. Describe the size of the catch of fish that Peter and his partners made when they obeyed. (Luke 5:6-7)
 - What was the reaction of those who saw the catch of fish? (Luke 5:9)
5. What did Peter do and say to Jesus? (Luke 5:8)
6. What did Jesus say to Peter and the sons of Zebedee? (Luke 5:10)
 - What did these men do in Luke 5:11?
 - What did Jesus say about the need to forsake all in Luke 14:33?
 - What is the reward of those who forsake all for Jesus according to Mark 10:28-30?
7. In John 21:1, where are the disciples?
 - What important events have just occurred in John 20?
 - Why had the disciples returned to Galilee? (see Matthew 28:10, 16)
8. Who announces that he is going fishing? (John 21:2-3)
 - Who goes with him?
 - How long do they fish and what do they catch?
9. In the morning, who is standing on the shore? (John 21:4)
 - Do the disciples recognize Him at first?
10. In John 21:5, what does Jesus ask the disciples? (John 21:5)
 - What does He tell them to do? (John 21:6)
11. When Peter realizes that it is the Lord, what does he do? (John 21:7)
12. How many large fish were in the unbroken net that Peter dragged to land? (John 21:11)
13. Compare these two miraculous catches of fish from Luke 5:1-11 and John 21:1-11. In what ways are they similar? How are they different?
14. Consider the effects of these two miracles on Peter:
 - Describe the differences in how Peter reacted immediately after each miracle.
 - After the first miraculous catch, what did Jesus tell Peter he was to do? (Luke 5:10)
 - After the second catch, what did Jesus tell Peter to do? (John 21:15-18)