

Insights from Luke

**#11: Nearness to God Brings
about Lowliness before God**

Luke 5:1-11

Luke 5:1-3

“¹ Now it happened that while the crowd was pressing around Him and listening to the word of God, He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; ² and He saw two boats lying at the edge of the lake; but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ And He got into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little way from the land. And He sat down and began teaching the people from the boat.”

Matthew 11:23-24

“²³ And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.
²⁴ Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.”

Luke 5:4-6a

“⁴ When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ ⁵ Simon answered and said, ‘Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but I will do as You say and let down the nets.’ ^{6a} When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish....”

Matthew 17:27

“²⁷ However, so that we do not offend them, go to the sea and throw in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up; and when you open its mouth, you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them for you and Me.”

Luke 5:6b-7

“^{6b} ...and their nets began to break; ⁷ so they signaled to their partners in the other boat for them to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats, so that they began to sink.”

John 6:64

“⁶⁴ ‘But there are some of you who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him.”

John 2:25

“²⁵ ...and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for He Himself knew what was in man.”

John 16:30

“³⁰ Now we know that You know all things, and have no need for anyone to question You; by this we believe that You came from God.”

Luke 5:8-10a

“⁸ But when Simon Peter saw that, he fell down at Jesus’ feet, saying, ‘Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man!’⁹

For amazement had seized him and all his companions because of the catch of fish which they had taken; ^{10a} and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.”

Holiness of God

Matthew 17:1-6

“¹ Six days later Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. ² And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. ⁴ Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁵ While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!’ ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.”

Luke 5:10b-11

“^{10b} And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not fear, from now on you will be catching men.’ ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed Him.”

**We should all be
pressing in to hear the
Word of God.**

**Never forget
Peter's elevation of
respect for Jesus.**

**Coming near to the
holiness of God
often brings about
fear and penitence.**

**The gospel always quiets our fears
as we remember
the forgiveness of sin
and right-standing with God
because of Jesus.**