

1 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

2 And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

3 And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.

4 Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

6 And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

7 And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.

8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

10 And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

11 And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

Being a Christian is more than accepting Jesus. We must leave our past and give Him our future.

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Lesson 12

Chapter 5 - Verses 1-16

Go Fish

Chapter 5, Verses 1-11 - Jesus calls Peter James and John to be fishers of men.

1. Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, and a crowd was pushing on Him, so they can hear His **preaching**.
2. Jesus climbed into the boat and asked Peter to anchor out from the shore, then Jesus sat down and **taught** the crowd from the boat.
3. When Jesus was finished teaching, He told Peter to take the boat out to **deeper** water and to drop down his nets to catch fish.
4. Peter told Jesus that he fished hard all night and didn't **catch** a thing.
5. Peter submitted to the command from Jesus, and as a result, they caught so many fish that their nets began **ripping** apart.
6. Then Peter asked his fishing buddies in the other boat to come and help them. The men came, and together they filled the two boats so full that they both began to **sink**.
7. When Peter realized that all these fish were a miracle performed by Jesus, Peter knelt down in front of Jesus and said, "Lord, don't come near me! I am a **sinner**."
8. Peter and everyone with him were **surprised** at all the fish they had caught.
9. Jesus told Peter, "Don't be afraid! From now on you will catch **people** instead of fish."
10. The men pulled their boats up on the shore, then they left **everything** and went with Jesus.



The Lord used Peter's boat as a **pulpit**. We too should be ready and willing to yield all our property and possessions to the Savior, it is wonderful how He uses them, and rewards us too.



Jesus knows where the fish are. Working for the Lord using your own smarts and strength is like spinning your **wheels**. The secret of success in Christian work is to be **guided** by Jesus.



Though Peter thought their was no possible way to catch fish, Peter still **obeyed** Jesus. Unless we remain humble, obedient and teachable, the Lord cannot **use** us.



It was in deep waters that the nets were filled. So we must quit hugging the shore and launch out into the deep. Faith has its **deep** waters.



Peter, James, and John quit their jobs and followed Jesus. We would never have **heard** of them if they had chosen to stay by their ships.

His Touch

Chapter 5, Verses 12-16 - Jesus heals a man with leprosy.

1. In one of the small villages there was a man completely covered with **leprosy**.
2. When this leprous man saw Jesus, he **fell** down before him in prayer and said, "If you want to, you have **power** to make me clean."
3. Jesus stretched out his hand and **touched** the sick man.
4. Jesus told the sick man, "I will heal you. Be **clean**."
5. Immediately after Jesus spoke and touched the leper, his skin was smooth and the leprosy was completely **gone**.
6. Jesus commanded the healed man to tell **no** one about the cure.
7. Jesus commanded the healed man to go to the **priest** and let him examine him to determine if he had actually been healed.
8. Jesus commanded the healed man to give an **offering** of gratitude for miracle cleansing he just received, just as Moses commanded.
9. In spite of the Lord's instructions not to publicize the miracle, the **news** traveled quickly.
10. When people found out about Jesus' power, huge crowds came to Jesus, to hear Him preach and to be **healed** by Him.
11. But Jesus would often go to some place where he could be **alone** and pray.



Leprosy was a feared disease because there was no **cure** for it, and it was highly contagious. Leprosy had a similar emotional impact and terror associated with it as AIDS does today.



Just like leprosy, **sin** is a disease that only Jesus can **cure**. Just like the leper, we must come to Jesus **humbly** and with a real **desire** to be touched by Him.



When we come to Jesus for help, we must also firmly **believe** Jesus has the power to cleanse us.



When we come to Jesus for help, we will be coming to person who is compassionate, caring, **ready** and willing to help us with our deepest need.



After Jesus cleanses us from our sin disease, we must be **obedient** to His commands.



After Jesus cleanses us from our sin disease, we must be **thankful** and **grateful** for the good things He has done for us.



Jesus tried very hard (with little success) to hide Himself from the fame and popularity that followed Him. The more Jesus tried to **humbly** hide himself, the more people notice Him.



People were flocking to hear Jesus preach and to have their diseases healed, but Jesus made sure he often withdrew to quiet, solitary places to pray. Many things clamor for our attention, and we often run ourselves ragged attending to them. Like Jesus, however, we should take time to withdraw to a quiet and deserted place to pray. **Strength** comes from God, and we can only be strengthened by spending time with him. - LASB

12 And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy: who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

13 And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him.

14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

15 But so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities.

16 And he withdrew himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

The earthly ministry of Jesus was radical and it caught so many people off guard.

The Jewish religious leaders were not expecting their Messiah to be like this! He performed the wrong kinds of healings, He preached the wrong theology, He kept the wrong company, and He had the wrong attitude.

L. Ogilvie

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

One word, one touch, from Christ, did the business...

M. Henry

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Lesson 13

Chapter 5 - Verses 17-39

17 And it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them.

18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.

20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to day.

27 And after these things he went forth, and saw a publican, named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto him, Follow me.

Get Up

Chapter 5, Verses 17-26 - Jesus forgives the sin of a crippled man then heals him.

1. On a certain day when Jesus was teaching, Pharisees and religious teachers came to **hear** what Jesus had to say.
2. On this same day when Jesus was teaching, the **healing** power of God was on Him.
3. On this same day when Jesus was teaching, four men brought a **crippled** man on a bed to the place where Jesus was.
4. On this same day when Jesus was teaching, the **crowd** was so large that the four men could not get the crippled man close to Jesus.
5. When they couldn't find a way in because of the crowd, the four men went up on the **roof**, removed some tiles, and **lowered** the crippled man down in the middle of everyone, right in front of Jesus.
6. When Jesus saw the faith of the four men plus the crippled man, He told the paralyzed man that his sins are **forgiven**.
7. When Jesus forgave the sins of the crippled man, the Pharisees and religious teachers became angry and accused Jesus of **blasphemy**.
8. Jesus knew exactly what the Pharisees and religious teachers were thinking and he asked them what they were **whispering** about.
9. Jesus questioned the Pharisees and religious teachers and asked them is it **easier** for Him to tell this crippled man that his sins are forgiven or to tell him to get up and walk.
10. Jesus then told the Pharisees and religious teachers, that He would show them, that He had the **authority** to forgive sins.
11. Then, Jesus told the crippled man to **Get up!** Pick up your bed and walk home."
12. In obedience to Jesus' word, the crippled man **got up**, carried his small bed, and went home, praising God.
13. When the crowd saw what had happened they were literally **amazed**, and they too glorified God, acknowledging that they had seen incredible things that day.



It wasn't the paralyzed man's faith that impressed Jesus but the faith of his friends. Jesus responded to their faith and healed the man. **For better or worse, our faith affects others.** We cannot make another person a Christian, but we can do much through our words, actions, and love to give him or her a chance to respond. Look for opportunities to bring your friends to the living Christ. - LASB

Levi Left

Chapter 5, Verses 27-32 - Jesus calls Levi to be one of His disciples.

1. Jesus saw a man named Levi at his work collecting **taxes**.
2. Jesus told Levi to come follow Him and Levi **walked away** from everything and went with Jesus.
3. Later, Levi hosted a large **dinner** at his home in honor of Jesus.
4. At the dinner, there was tax men and other **dishonest** people.
5. The Pharisees and the religious teachers **criticized** Jesus for associating with sinners.
6. Jesus, told the Pharisees and religious teachers that people who are well don't need a **doctor**, but those who are sick do.
7. Jesus told the Pharisees and religious teachers that He did not come to invite good people to turn to God, but He came to invite sinners, to turn from their sins and turn to **me**.



Levi (who is Matthew) left his tax-collecting business to follow Jesus. Then he held a dinner for his fellow tax collectors and other notorious "sinners" so they could **meet** Jesus, too.



Levi, who left behind a material fortune in order to gain a spiritual fortune, was **proud** to be associated with Jesus.



The Pharisees made themselves appear good by publicly doing good deeds and pointing at the sins of others. Jesus chose to spend time not with these self-righteous religious leaders, but with people who knew that they were not good enough for God. In order to come to God, we must repent; in order to renounce our sin, we must first **acknowledge** it.

28 And he left all, rose up, and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his own house: and there was a great company of publicans and of others that sat down with them.

30 But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?

31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick.

32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

33 And they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink?

34 And he said unto them, Can ye make the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them?

35 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.

36 And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old.

37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.

38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.

Christians will be tempted to think their old way of living is better!

Something New

Chapter 5, Verses 33-39 - Jesus reveals His mission and public ministry.

1. People wanted to know why Jesus and His disciples never **fast**.
2. Jesus told them that when you're celebrating a wedding, you don't skimp on the cake and punch. As long as the bride and groom are with you, there is **joy**, when the bride and groom are gone, then you can **fast**.
3. Jesus also told them that no one cuts up a fine silk scarf to **patch** old work clothes.
4. Jesus also told them that you don't put wine in **old**, cracked bottles, rather you get strong, clean bottles for your fresh vintage wine.
5. Jesus also told them that no one who has ever tasted fine aged wine wants **new wine**.



- The true mission of Jesus was to bring real **joy**.
- The true mission of Jesus was to **die**.
- The true mission of Jesus was to bring a **new life**.
- The true mission of Jesus would be **difficult** to accept.