

How to Read the Bible, Part 4

Luk 5:1-11

(1) On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret,

(2) and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

(3) Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

(4) And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

(5) And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets."

(6) And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking.

(7) They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

(8) But 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 and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken,

(10) and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

(11) And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Questions

1. Are there any other similar accounts in the other gospels? Where?
 - a. .
 - b. .
 - c. .
2. Decide whether the other accounts are the SAME account as this one?
 - a. Read the account, following the detail
 - b. Read the context, and the order of events in the context
 - i. In Luke, when is Peter's mother healed? .
 - ii. Where is Peter's mother's house? .
 - iii. Is Matthew and Mark's account exactly the same?
 - iv. How does Matthew differ to Luke?
 1. .. (18)
 2. "..." (19)
 3. ..
 - v. Is it looking different?
 - vi. Check what Mark can confirm:
 1. Notice the context. When does this other account of Mark and Matthew take place? When is Peter's mother healed?
 - c. Are there insurmountable differences?
 - d. As far as being disciples of Christ, how many times did Peter and the others follow Christ?
 - i.
3. Using your observations from all the accounts, write out a simple timeline of events
4. We are now ready to study the passage in Luke, because we understand the wider context.
5. Put yourself into the context. Imagine being a fly "on the net". Remember that this is not the first time Jesus had met them. Or called them. What was going on in the background? How significant was it that Jesus climbs into Simon's boat?
6. **Observe the flow of the account.** Every proper story has a setting, and conflict/problem, a climax, and a resolution. What are the conflicts? What is the climax? What is the resolution?
 - a. Setting:
 - b. Conflict:
 - c. Crisis:
 - d. Resolution:
7. Who are the key people in this passage?
 - a. The Crowds. Observations?
 - b. Simon Peter and the others. Observations?
 - c. Jesus. Observations?
8. Make observations for each phase – to help you not shoot off on a tangent
 - a. V1-3
 - b. v4-5
 - c. v6-9
 - d. v10-11

