

Luke 5 : 1-11. Compare Matt 4 : 18-22; Mark 1 : 16-20—Memory Verses, 4-6.

Golden Text—If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples.—John 8 : 31.



began to sink. 8 When Si'mon Pe'ter saw it, 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 Zeb'edee, which were partners with Si'mon. And Je'sus said unto Si'mon, Fear not ; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.

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

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 Gennes'aret.

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 Si'mon'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 Si'mon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.

5 And Si'mon 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 he fell down at Je'sus' knees, saying, Depart

THE LESSON RETOLD

One morning Jesus was standing on the shore of Lake Galilee, the crowd, in their anxiety to hear the word of God, elbowing and pressing him to the very water's edge. Drawn up on the white sand, were two fishing boats belonging to Simon Peter and his partners, James and John. These had just returned from an unlucky night's fishing, in which they had toiled hard, but had caught nothing. They were now mending and cleaning their nets not far from where Jesus stood.

As soon as Jesus saw Peter, He stepped into his boat, and asked him to push off a little from the shore. Then, using the seat of the boat for His pulpit, Jesus sat and preached to the people on the land, all of whom could easily see and hear Him. At the call of Jesus, Peter had willingly left his net-mending, and when the sermon was

ended, Jesus did not forget to reward his kindness. "Peter," He said graciously, "suppose you push out into deep water, and let down your net." "It's no use, Master," said the fisherman, "night's the best time for fishing, and even then, working as hard as we could, we caught nothing. But if you say so, I shall try."

No sooner had Peter lowered his net, than immediately it was filled with such numbers of fish, that he could not drag it into the boat without breaking it. Seeing James and John with their hired helpers setting out from shore, Peter signalled to them to come and assist him to haul in the net. With their help it was soon hauled in and emptied, and it was found that the catch was enough to fill both boats to overflowing.

At the sight of this miracle the fishermen were filled with the greatest wonder and