

The Oddest Miracle

Jesus' Habit:

He saw people who needed assistance, and then went so far as to suspend the natural laws that govern the universe in order to help them.

- Diseased healed
- Blind see
- Deaf hear
- Mute sing
- Paralyzed dance

All because Jesus took action!

40 times according to history.

Perhaps the oddest miracle Jesus performed was . . .

"(v.1) Once when he was standing on the shore of Lake Gennesaret, the crowd was pushing in on him to better hear the Word of God. (v.2) He noticed two boats tied up. The fishermen had just left them and were out scrubbing their nets. (v.3) He climbed into the boat that was Simon's and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Sitting there, using the boat for a pulpit, he taught the crowd.

(v.4) When He finished teaching, he said to Simon, 'Push out into deep water and let your nets out for a catch.'

(v.5) Simon said, 'Master, we've been fishing hard all night and haven't caught even a minnow. But if you say so, I'll let out the nets. (v.6) It was no sooner said than done—a huge haul of fish; straining the nets past capacity. (v.7) They waved to their partners in the other boat to come help them. They filled both boats, nearly swamping them with the catch.

(v.8) Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell to his knees before Jesus. 'Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself.' (v.9) When they pulled in that catch of fish, awe overwhelmed Simon and everyone with him. (v.10) It was the same with James and John, Zebedee's sons, coworkers with Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, 'There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women. (v.11) They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.'

Luke 5:1-11 (Msg)

Some amazing things happened all because Jesus took action!

-not healing

-not hearing

-not sight—but an enormous catch of fish to a couple of frustrated fishermen one day.

- ✓ Jesus needed space.
- ✓ Jesus' request—thrown your nets out over the same sea you fished all night.
- ✓ The results of Peter's obedience was so huge, so overwhelming that he had to call in his buddies to handle the entire catch.
- ✓ Think back for a moment over the results of your latest obedience to Christ?
 - What happened?
 - Who received Christ?
 - Who found much needed help?
 - How did you respond to Christ's miracle work in or through your life?
- ✓ An incredible part of this miracle is the idea of small fish versus big fish. From the moment Jesus arrived on the scene to this very day, He has been asking all sorts of people—fishermen / businessmen and businesswomen / housewives / teachers/ preachers / lawyers / and the rest of us:

Are you going to throw your one and only life into pursuing small fish
or

Will you risk tossing your nets out there in anticipation of catching
the human-sized ones?

You have to admire Jesus!
He challenges us to think His way,
To believe His truth,
and to trust His power.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!"

What is Jesus asking you to do today?

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