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Early on in the book of Luke we see many things that gave testimony to Jesus being the promised Messiah, Son of God, and Son of Man

Chapter 1 – the miraculous birth of John the Baptist, the voice of one crying in the wilderness, the one prophesied to prepare the way of the Lord

Chapter 2 - the miraculous virgin birth of Jesus, the angels announcing the birth to the shepherds, the fulfillment of the prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, and the testimony of Simeon and Anna

Chapter 3 – at Jesus' baptism the heaven was opened, the Holy Ghost descended, and the voice from heaven saying "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased – also the lineage which was important to show that Jesus Christ did indeed come from the lineage of David

Chapter 4 – Jesus going into the synagogue reading from Isaiah (Esias) and giving testimony of himself and saying that "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears". The casting out of devils, healing Simon Peter's Mother-in-law and others that were sick

Chapter 5 – Simon Peter and other experienced fishermen fished all night and catch nothing but at Jesus command to "launch out into the deep and, let down your nets" they catch so much the nets brake This can cause confusion if you don't realize this event happens twice but with a few details that are different.

The first time is recorded here in Luke 5 and the second event is recorded in John 21 after Jesus had risen from the dead

Also the healing of the leper

In Chapter 5 Jesus has started to get a following, they were drawn to Him.

Was it what He said? Was it how he spoke with one of authority? Was it the miracles?

He was an enigma and the people weren't sure what to make of Him. In chapter 4 the people listened to Him in amazement and then soon after wanted to cast Him out. The very next chapter (5) the crowds were pressing Him so much he asked the fishermen to launch out the boat from shore so He could speak from there to the crowd.

Do they even have a clue who He really is? Jesus is trying to tell them not only by His words but also by His deeds.

What would you be thinking if you were there?

Does it make you think of the conversation Jesus had with Peter and the other disciples in Matthew 16 Jesus asked "But whom say ye that I am?" and Peter replied "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." The next statement Jesus makes should make us so thankful, "And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. Wow, we are truly blessed.

So sad that many have ears and hear not, and many have eyes and see not. The evidence is there but it is rejected.

Many are called but few are chosen, and **Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven.**"

We can be so thankful and must remember God is a God of love, mercy, truth, but also of justice. Praise God!

What is God trying to tell us, and are we listening?

May God bless and keep you and loved ones safe. Let's remember to pray for one another.

## Luke 5:1-16

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.

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.