

LUKE

THE SAVIOR'S SAGA

FOR THE SON OF MAN
CAME TO SEEK AND TO SAVE
THAT WHICH WAS LOST

THE SAVIOR'S SAGA – PART 11

LUKE 5:1-15

Last time, the first two miracles of Jesus in Luke's gospel: healing demons and disease; now two more miracles!

1. THE MIRACULOUS FISHERMAN v. 1-11

- We must never forget Jesus is the Creator God; and because of that fact, a supernatural Fishing Guide. **Col. 1:15-17**
- Why is this? The fish are His, the water is His, the boat was His, Peter is His, we are His . . . all creation is His.









LESSONS FROM THE LAKESHORE

1. First, we can see Peter's pride.
2. Next, we see Peter's fleshly response.
3. Now we see Jesus teach Peter a lesson about faith and trust; not just about fishing, but life and living in Christ.

Note an interesting progression here:

- *"Thrust out a little from the land."*
- *"Launch out into the deep."*
- *"Let down your nets."*

That is often the way the Lord works things out in our lives.

Jesus had bigger plans for Peter; and He does for each of us, too, if we can let go of our dependence on our own flesh and its power. **Acts 2:41** and **10:23**: The Creator knows what is best.

2. THE MIRACULOUS CLEANER— HE CLEANSSES LEPERS v. 12-15

And you thought Simple Green, Clorox Disinfecting Spray, or a Magic Eraser was good at getting out stains!

How about instantly wiping away the stain of leprosy?

- Nine cases of leprosy are recorded in Scripture: **Exod. 4:6; Num. 12:10; 2 Kings 5:1, 27, 7:3, 15:5; 2 Chron. 26:20; Matt. 8:2, 26:6; Luke 17:12.**

The Lord Jesus healed the sick, but He cleansed the leper.

- The Jews regarded leprosy as “**the stroke of God.**”
- Everything about leprosy was ghastly and repulsive.
- It is a classic picture of sin: what leprosy does to the body, sin does to the soul—*it rots you from the inside!*

THE ROLE OF FAITH IN MIRACLES

The leper calls Jesus “*Lord,*” and says, “*If you will you can make me clean.*”

- This is the voice of faith: *You can make me clean. I trust You, Lord. Jesus responded at once to the cry of faith.*
- He did something incredibly, wonderfully kind: He touched him, intentionally touched the untouchable.
- He touched him! Jesus is always willing to touch anybody who, by faith, wants to be touched and cleansed. “*I will!*” Jesus said. “*Be clean!*”
- Jesus shows them what they are missing and what power love, faith, and grace has over the law and legalism.

GRACE WINS EVERY TIME

What would the rabbi in the synagogue have been thinking that day?
Hey, wait a minute, we have a ritual in the law for this??

- Had anybody ever performed this ritual (in **Leviticus 13** and **14**) since, possibly, the cleansing of Miriam in the days of Moses?
- Almost 120 verses in these two chapters—this was serious stuff!

The whole ritual, of which this dove ceremony was but a part, depicts how sinners find in Christ a perfect Savior—our sinless substitute—**AT THE CROSS!**

- Jesus still commands His Creation.
- Jesus still wants us to be fruitful fishermen.
- Jesus still cleanses the lepers—like me and you—by grace!

