

Luke 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.

Analysis

When they had done this they enclosed great multitude of fishes net brake. Done this obeyed Jesus command despite doubts. Enclosed sunekleisan completely surrounded shut in. Great multitude plēthos translates enormous quantity. Net brake diengnymi nets tearing from weight. Miraculous catch defying natural explanation. Jesus supernatural knowledge and provision. Demonstration of His authority over creation. Sign pointing to greater reality Peter would catch men for kingdom. Physical blessing pictures spiritual harvest. Reformed theology sees miracles as signs authenticating message pointing to Christ identity revealing kingdom realities. This miracle specifically targets Peter understanding fisherman transformed to fisher of men requires divine power not human skill.

Historical Context

Normal catch might be few dozen fish. This catch was enormous nets breaking overloading boats. Fishing partners called for help. Fish value represented substantial income windfall profit. Yet Peter response is not joy at profit but conviction of sin awareness of holiness in Jesus presence. The miracle point was not financial blessing but revelation of Jesus identity and call to discipleship. Jesus later miracles similarly reveal His identity evoke faith call for response. Early church saw miracles as authentication of apostolic message. Paul lists signs wonders mighty deeds as marks of apostle. Miracles purpose is revelation not entertainment or enrichment.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

1. What does the miraculous catch reveal about Jesus identity and authority?
2. How does Peter response of conviction rather than celebration model proper response to divine encounter?

Interlinear Text

καὶ	τοῦτο	ποιήσαντες	συνέκλεισαν	ἰχθύων	πλῆθος	πολύ
And	this	done	they inclosed	of fishes	multitude	a great
G2532	G5124	G4160	G4788	G2486	G4128	G4183

διερρήγνυτο	δὲ	τὸ	δίκτυον	αὐτῶν
brake	and	G3588	net	their
G1284	G1161		G1350	G846

Additional Cross-References

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Parallel theme): Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

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