

# Luke 5:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken:

## Analysis

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For he was astonished and all with him at draught of fishes taken. Astonished thambos amazement wonder shock. He and all with him indicates everyone witnesses amazed. Draught of fishes agra literal catch haul. Taken sunelabōn captured together completed action. Natural response to supernatural event. Peter especially affected this was his profession he knew impossibility. Miracle designed to prepare him for calling. Amazement precedes conviction verse 8. God revelation of power produces appropriate human response awe worship conviction. Reformed theology affirms proper response to divine revelation is worship submission obedience. Moses burning bush Isaiah temple vision Paul Damascus road all evoke similar awe. Divine encounter transforms human perspective.

## Historical Context

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Peter as professional fisherman recognized miracle magnitude. This was not lucky catch but supernatural provision. His amazement was professional expert knowledge confirming impossibility. Experienced fishermen not naive observers. Their testimony to miracle credibility enhanced by expertise. Jesus chose this specific miracle to reach this specific man. Carpenter speaking to fisherman using fishing demonstration. God meets people in their world speaks their language. Incarnational ministry requires understanding peoples contexts. Early church adapted ministry methods to various audiences while maintaining gospel content. Paul became all things to all people to win some.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Jesus using fishing miracle to reach fisherman demonstrate incarnational ministry?
2. What does professional amazement at impossibility teach about recognizing genuine divine intervention?

## Interlinear Text

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θάμβος γὰρ περιέσχεν αὐτῷ καὶ πάντας τοὺς  
G2285 G1063 G4023 G846 G2532 G3956 G3588

For he was astonished with him and all G3588

σὺν αὐτῷ ἐπὶ τῇ ἄγρᾳ τῶν ἵχθυων ἣ  
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that were with him at the draught of the fishes which

συνέλαβον  
they had taken  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Luke 4:32** (Parallel theme): And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

**Psalms 8:8** (Parallel theme): The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

**Mark 9:6** (Parallel theme): For he wist not what to say; for they were sore afraid.

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