

Inspirational words (Luke chapter 5)

The Man-Savior started from Galilee in His ministry

week of 03.17.24

He began His ministry by

- Attracting the occupied (5:1-11)
- Cleansing the contaminated (5:12-16)
- Healing the paralytic (5:17-26)
- Calling the despised (5:27-39)

Attracting the occupied (vv. 1-11)

- Fishermen were washing the nets (People are occupied with daily chores to make ends meet, all the time). v. 2
- People toiled with no results; but Jesus asked Peter to cast the net at the right location and the goal was attained. vv. 5-6, 9. (We experience the same. Often, we toiled days and nights for ourselves, and the result was nothing).
- The Lord showed them the real meaning of life – to be fishers of men. They followed. vv. 10-11

Cleansing the contaminated (vv. 12-16)

- He was willing to cleanse the man contaminated with leprosy.
- He instructed the healed one to go to the priest for a testimony to them.
- He Himself often withdrew in the wilderness and prayed.

Healing the paralytic (vv. 17-26)

- Pharisees and teachers of the law were present while the Savior was teaching. The power of the Lord was with Him to heal.
- A paralyzed man was laid before Him. (Some people went up on the housetop and let him down with the cot.)
- He said to the man, while seeing their faith, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”
- The scribes and the Pharisees accused Him of speaking blasphemies.
- He showed them, “the Son of Man has authority on the earth to forgive sins.”
- They all glorified God.

Calling the despised (vv. 27-39)

- He met a tax collector named Levi. Jesus said, “Follow Me.” And Levi did.
- The Savior went to Levi’s house.
- The Pharisees and scribes murmured.
- Jesus told them, “Those who are healthy have no need of a physician, but those who are ill.”
- **“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”**

**** We need a new beginning**

“But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins” (v. 38).