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“Next, many of my Christian friends have asked me to find Jesus before I go. I’m not a believer, but I have to admit the risk-reward calculation for doing so looks attractive. So, here I go:

I accept Jesus Christ as my lord and savior, and I look forward to spending an eternity with him. The part about me not being a believer should be quickly resolved if I wake up in heaven. I won’t need any more convincing than that. And I hope I am still qualified for entry.”

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As the crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear God's word, he was standing by **Lake Gennesaret**. He saw two boats at the edge of the lake; the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from the land. Then he sat down and was teaching the crowds from the boat.

Luke 5:1-3 CSB

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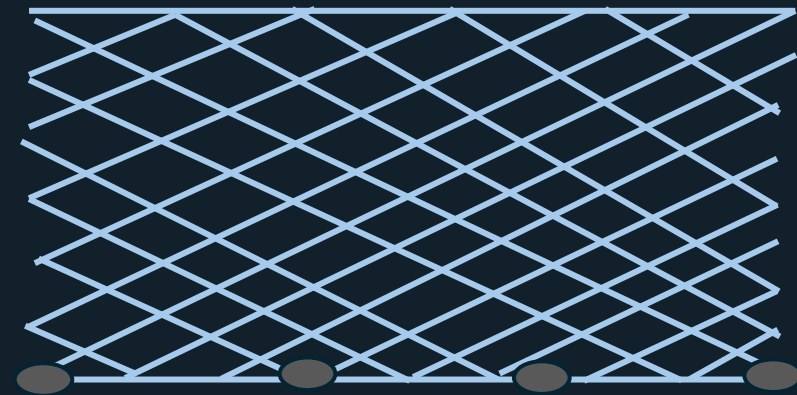
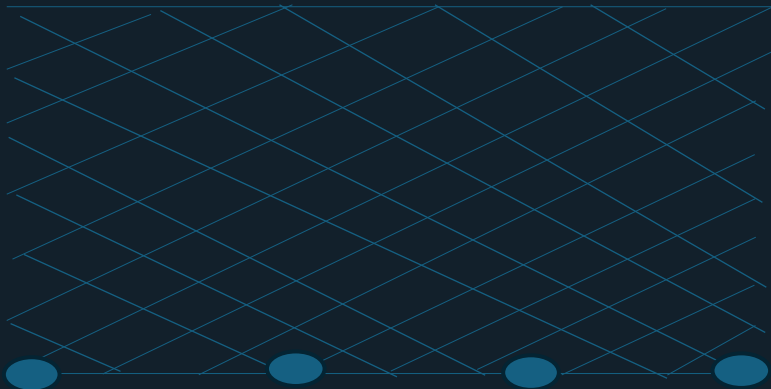
When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch." "**Master,**" Simon replied, "we've worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I'll let down the nets."

Luke 5:4-5 CSB

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[David Bivin] identifies the nets being used as “trammel nets”—made of linen, visible to fish during the day and so used at night, requiring two to four men to deploy, and needing washing each morning—thus matching the details of this realistic account precisely. This identification also underscores the miraculous nature of the catch: Normally during the day, fish would see and avoid the net.

Green, *The Gospel of Luke: NICNT*



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Luke 5:6-10a CSB

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Then I said:

Woe is me for I am ruined because I am a man of unclean lips
and live among a people of unclean lips,
and because my eyes have seen the King,
the LORD of Armies.

Isaiah 6:5 CSB

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Luke 5:6-10a CSB

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“Don’t be afraid,” Jesus told Simon. “**From now on** you will be catching people.” Then they brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed him.

Luke 5:10b-11 CSB

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