





BECAUSE YOU SAY SO..

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• ¹ One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. ² He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

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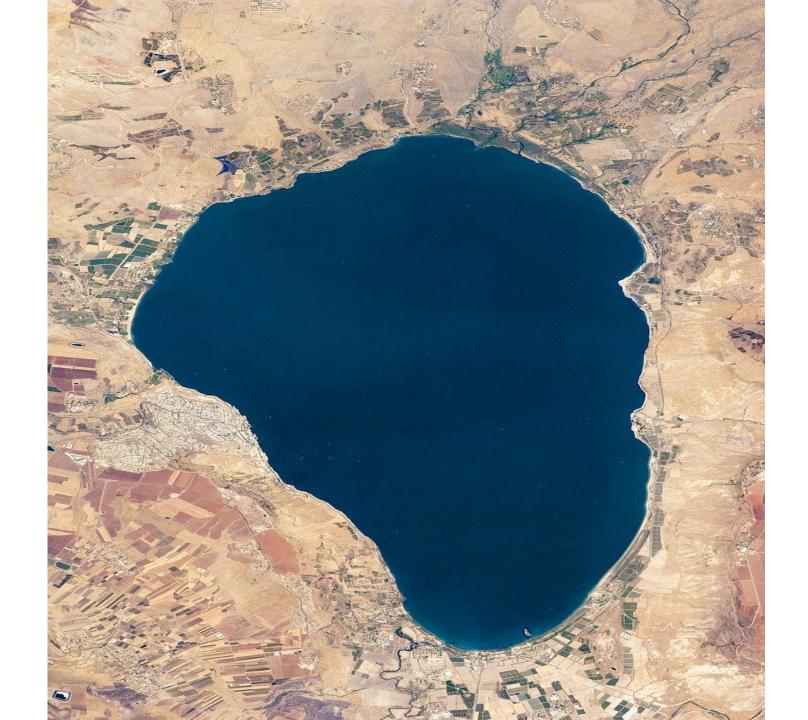
- ⁶ When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
 - ⁸ When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for men." ¹¹ So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

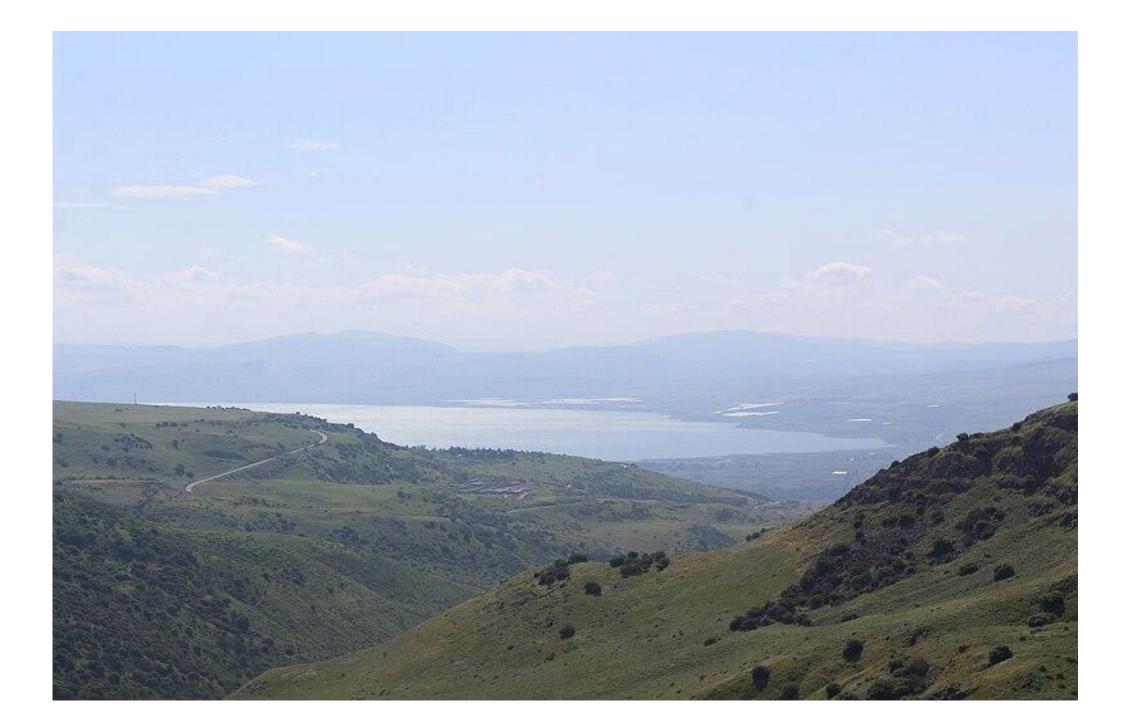
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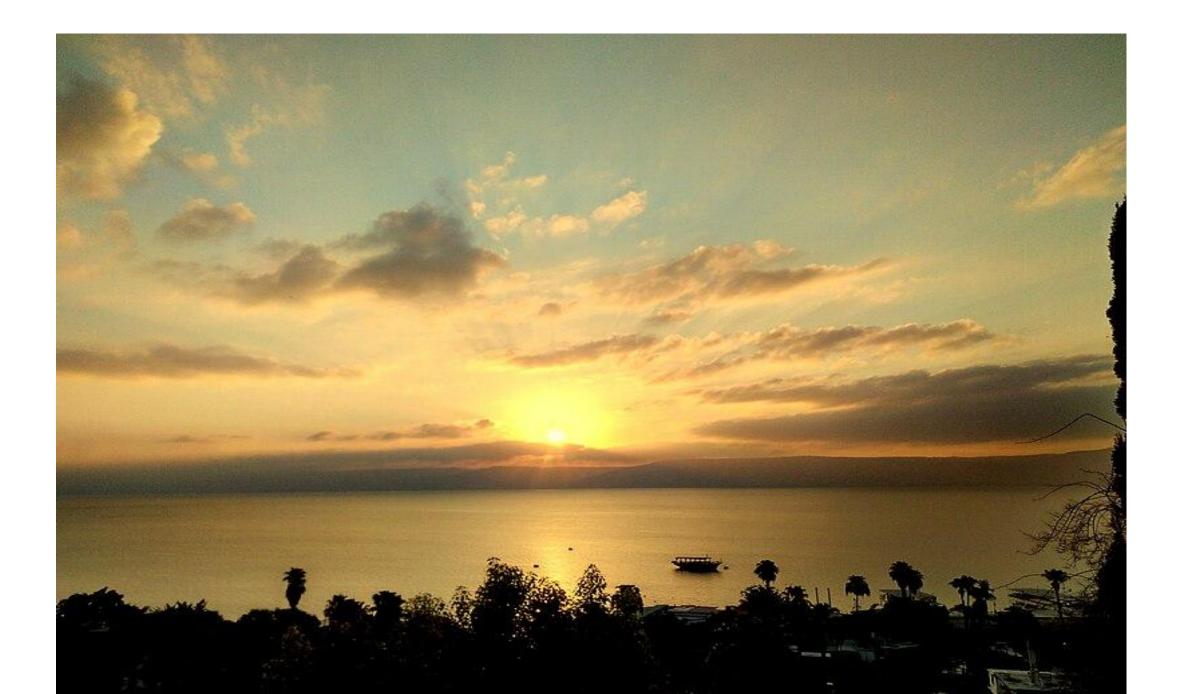




Sea of Galilee 21 X 13km







Ancient Galilean Boat 1st century A.D.



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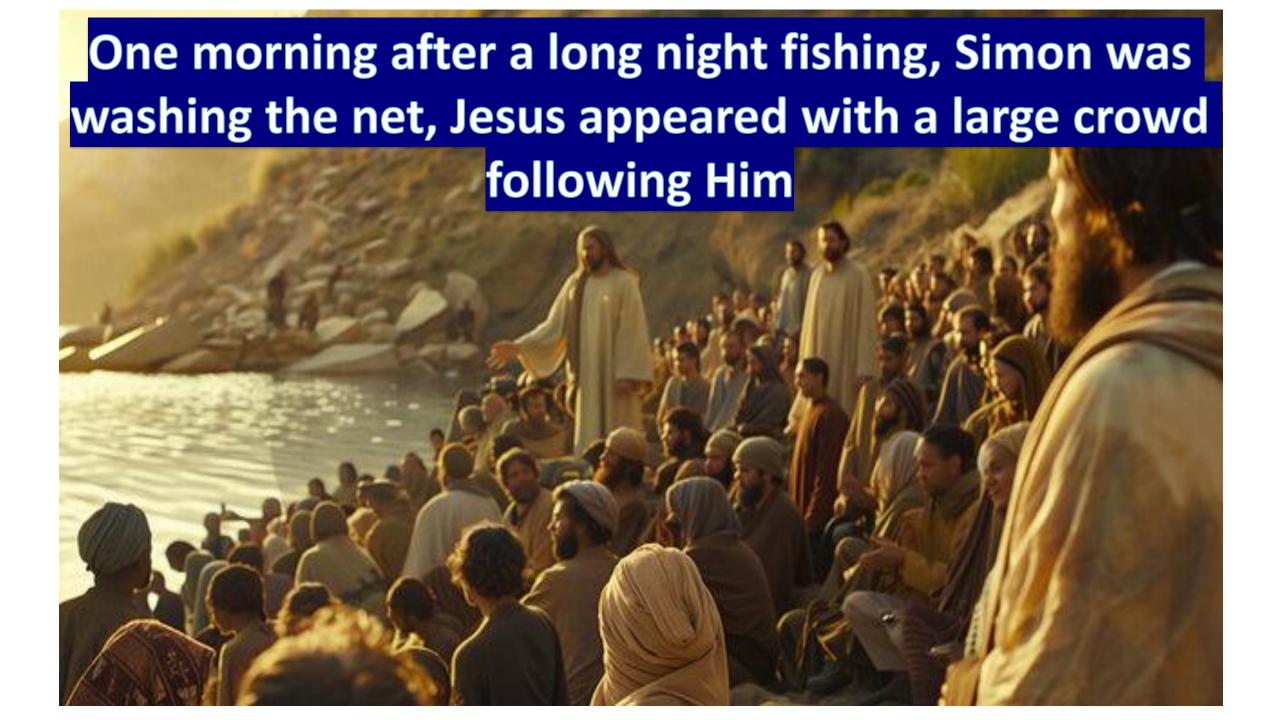


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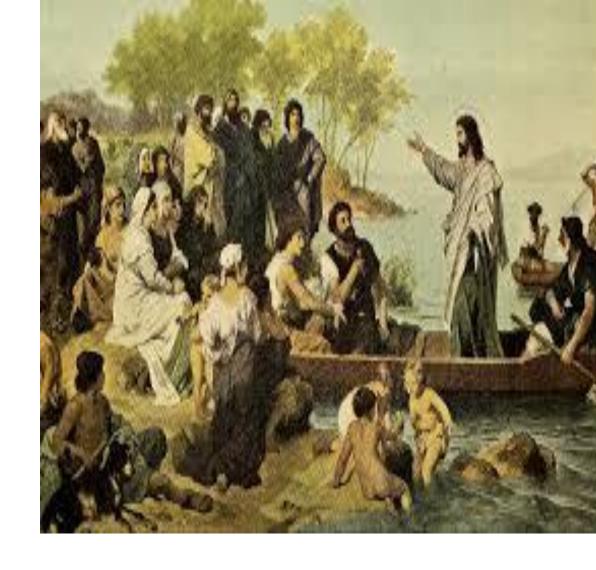
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Returning to shore, the fishermen will wash, dry and mend their nets, ready for next catch.

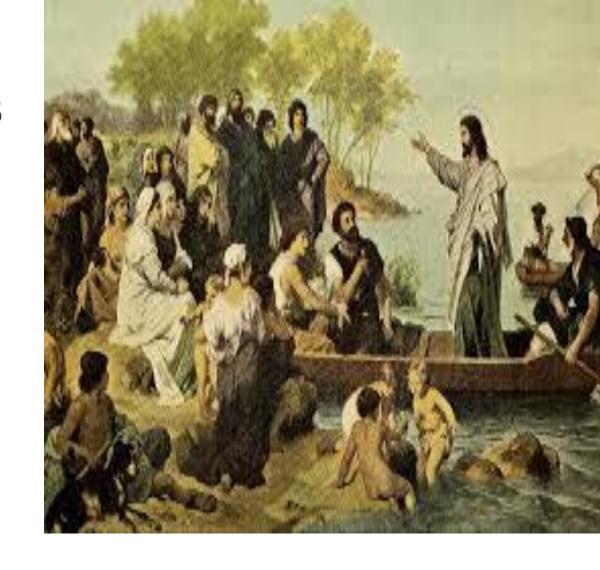


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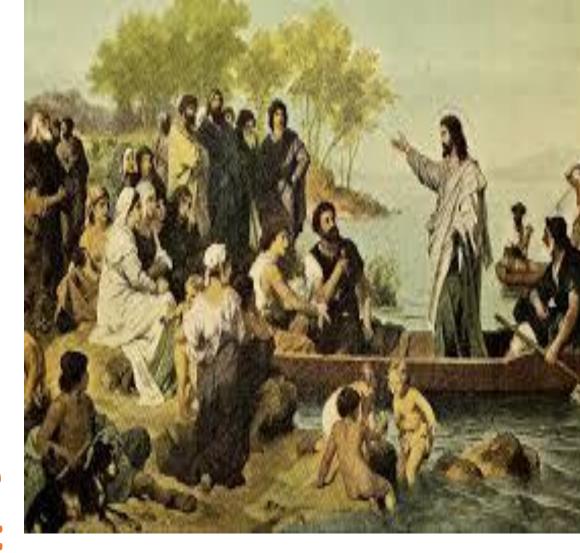
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Simon's response. "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything..."



What may go through Simon Peter's mind?

- I have been a fisherman all my life. (LORD You are a carpenter)
- All night long, we, who are seasoned fishermen have slogged but caught nothing. Its going to be a frustrating, futile and fruitless fishing again LORD!
- Anyway, morning is the wrong time to fish. It's going to be a waste of time and effort. Afterwards have to wash the nets again!
- And I am really, really tired after a long night, sleep is the only thing I want! But...
- Because You say so, I will do it

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Casting the same net
Fishing in the same sea
Same fishermen doing
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BOAT SINKING CATCH

- One Big Miracle!
- One act of Faith
- One act of Obedience
- One Word from the LORD

SO I ASK MYSELF, WHAT IS THE ONE LESSON I CAN LEARN FROM THIS STORY?

- In this day and age, a lot of us still face similar situation like Peter and friends. We may be facing a difficult situation of trying to make a living or trying to make ends meet. There will always be good times and sometimes really bad times.
- We strive, worked hard, use all our experience, resources, skill and knowledge, but unfortunately sometimes we don't achieve the results we hope for or expect.
- Some among us seem to face more challenges in life. Trouble, heartaches and disappointment follow us like our shadows.
- Is daily life a burden? Financial? Health? Relational?
- WE ASK THE QUESTION "WHY?" SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

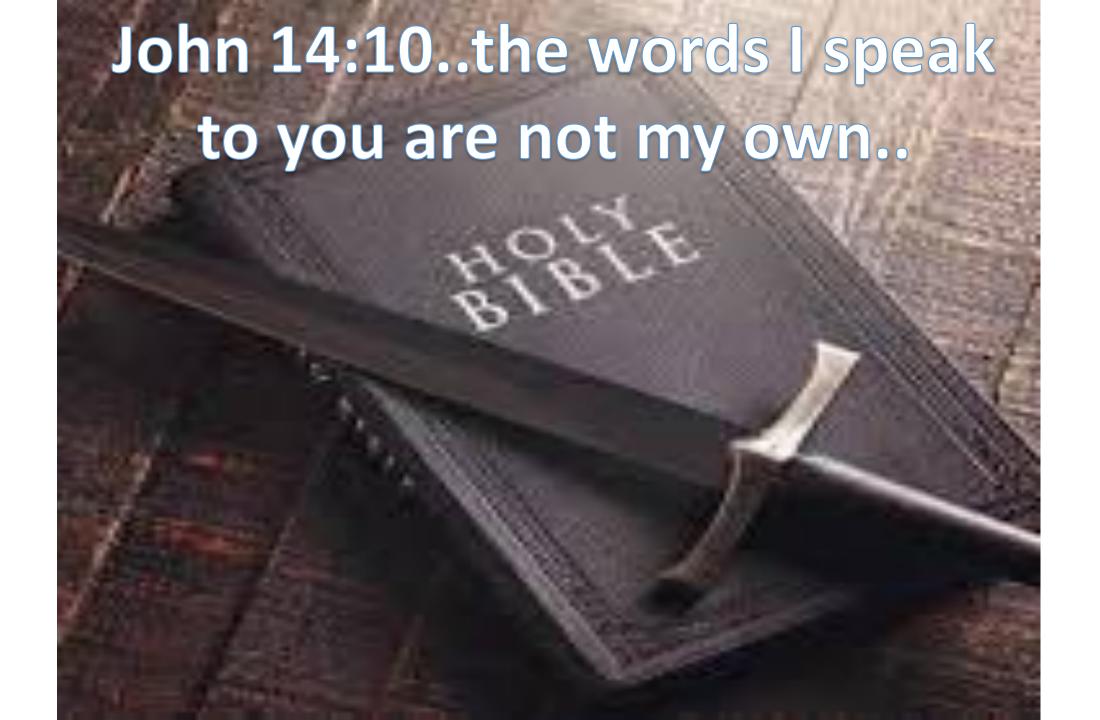
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Eph 6:19 take...the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God

Because You say so...

- •Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
- Matthew 11:28 NIV





8th century B.C. Kingdom of Judah was under threat of invasion from the great Assyrian Army

But instead of trusting the LORD for deliverance, they turned to Egypt for help

• For thus says the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength". But you would not. Isaiah 30:15 NKJV

- Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.
 Psalms 20:7 NIV
- You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trust in You. Trust in the LORD forever, for in *YAH*, the LORD is everlasting strength. Isaiah 26:3-4 NKJV

Because You say so..

- John 14:1 Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God trust also in Me
- John 15:5 I am the vine you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him; he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.
- John 15:7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you.
- John 16:33... so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart, I have overcome the world

