

Jesus can fish! The disciples are beginning to experience the incredible gifts and provision that Jesus brings into his relationship with them. At this point Peter, who is something of the spokesman of the 12 disciples, knows enough to understand that Jesus is different than other prophets and rabbis. Peter knows that he is not worthy of being with Jesus! He senses the weight of his sin and his quick response to Jesus is pretty simple – “Go away from me Lord!” He becomes one of the first confessed sinners in the New Testament.

Luke 5:4-8, “⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”
⁵Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.”⁶When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.⁷So 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.
⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!”

Mark 8:27-30, “Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?”²⁸They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”
²⁹“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Messiah.”³⁰Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

Mark 8:31-33, “He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again.³²He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.³³But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

Mark 8:34-38, “Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.³⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.³⁶What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?³⁷Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?³⁸If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”