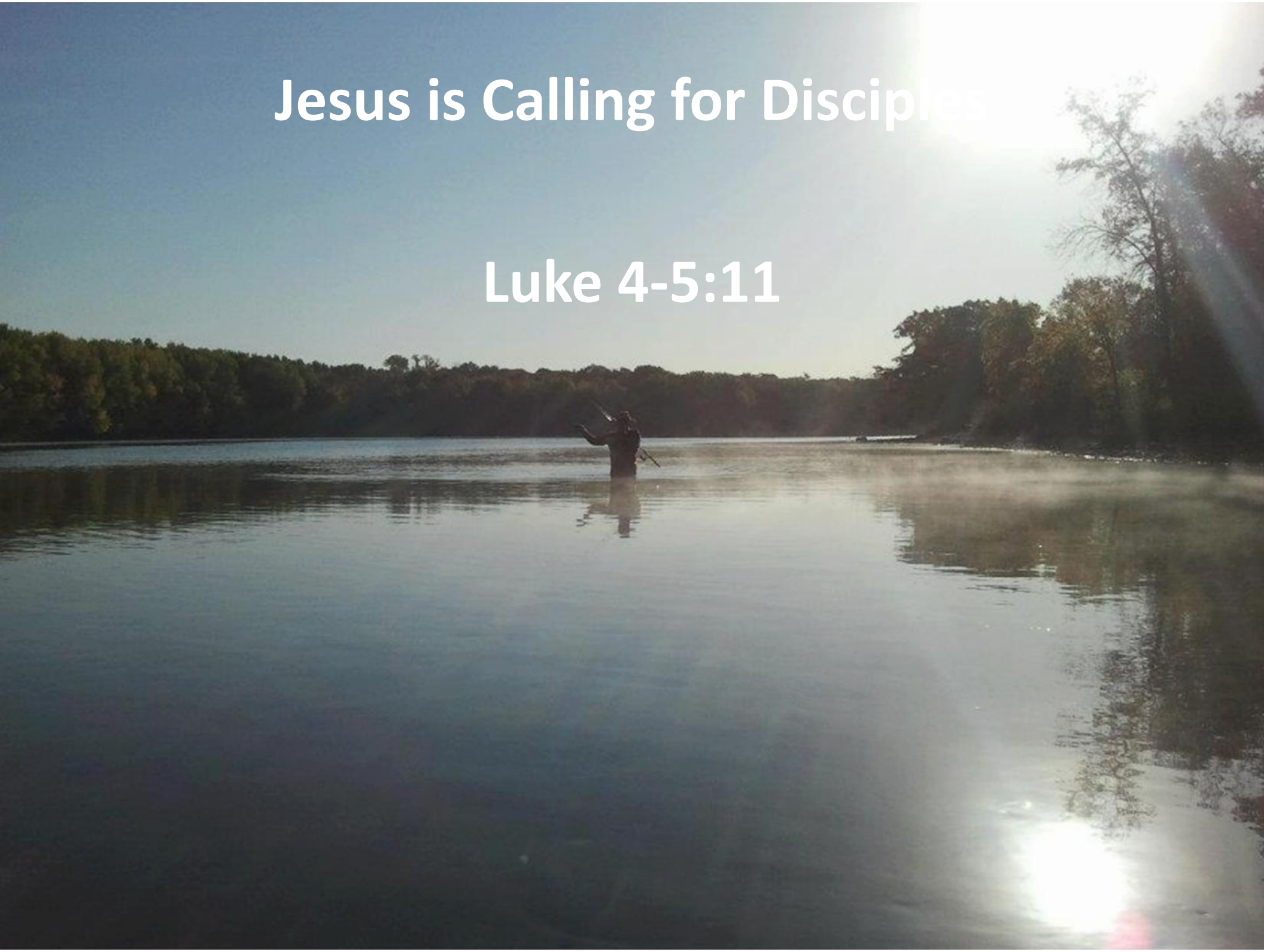

Jesus is Calling for Disciples

Luke 4-5:11

Luke 4:[14] Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit's power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region. [15] He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. [16] When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures. [17] The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

[18] "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,
[19] and that the time of the LORD's favor has come."

[20] He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently. [21] Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

[22] Everyone spoke well of him and was amazed by the gracious words that came from his lips. “How can this be?” they asked. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?”

[23] Then he said, “You will undoubtedly quote me this proverb: ‘Physician, heal yourself’—meaning, ‘Do miracles here in your hometown like those you did in Capernaum.’ [24] But I tell you the truth, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown.

25 “Certainly there were many needy widows in
Israel in Elijah’s time, when the heavens were
closed for three and a half years, and a severe
famine devastated the land. 26 Yet Elijah was not
sent to any of them. He was sent instead to a
foreigner—a widow of Zarephath in the land of
Sidon. 27 And there were many lepers in Israel in
the time of the prophet Elisha, but the only one
healed was Naaman, a Syrian.”

28 When they heard this, the people in the
synagogue were furious. 29 Jumping up, they
mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the
hill on which the town was built. They intended
to push him over the cliff, 30 but he passed right
through the crowd and went on his way.

31 Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and
taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath
day.32 There, too, the people were amazed at his
teaching, for he spoke with authority. 33 Once when he
was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—
an evil spirit—began shouting at Jesus, 34 "Go away!
Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—
the Holy One of God!"

35 Jesus cut him short. "Be quiet! Come out of the
man," he ordered. At that, the demon threw the man
to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of
him without hurting him further.

36 Amazed, the people exclaimed, "What authority and
power this man's words possess! Even evil spirits obey
him, and they flee at his command!" 37 The news about
Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.

38 After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went
to Simon's home, where he found Simon's
mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. "Please
heal her," everyone begged. 39 Standing at her
bedside, he rebuked the fever, and it left her. And
she got up at once and prepared a meal for
them. 40 As the sun went down that evening,
people throughout the village brought sick family
members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases
were, the touch of his hand healed every
one. 41 Many were possessed by demons; and the
demons came out at his command, shouting,
"You are the Son of God!" But because they knew
he was the Messiah, he rebuked them and
refused to let them speak.

Jesus Continues to Preach

42 Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them. 43 But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.” 44 So he continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.

Luke 5 The First Disciples

[1] One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore
of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in
on him to listen to the word of God. [2] He
noticed two empty boats at the water's edge,
for the fishermen had left them and were
washing their nets. [3] Stepping into one of the
boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it
out into the water. So he sat in the boat and
taught the crowds from there. [4] When he had
finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go
out where it is deeper, and let down your nets
to catch some fish."

5 “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all
last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you
say so, I will let the nets down again.” 6 And
this time their nets were so full of fish they
began to tear! 7 A shout for help brought their
partners in the other boat, and soon both
boats were filled with fish and on the verge of
sinking.

8 When Simon Peter realized what had
happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus
and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m too
much of a sinner to be around you.” 9 For he
was awestruck by the number of fish they had
caught, as were the others with him. 10 His
partners, James and John, the sons of
Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From
now on you’ll be fishing for people!” 11 And as
soon as they landed, they left everything and
followed Jesus.