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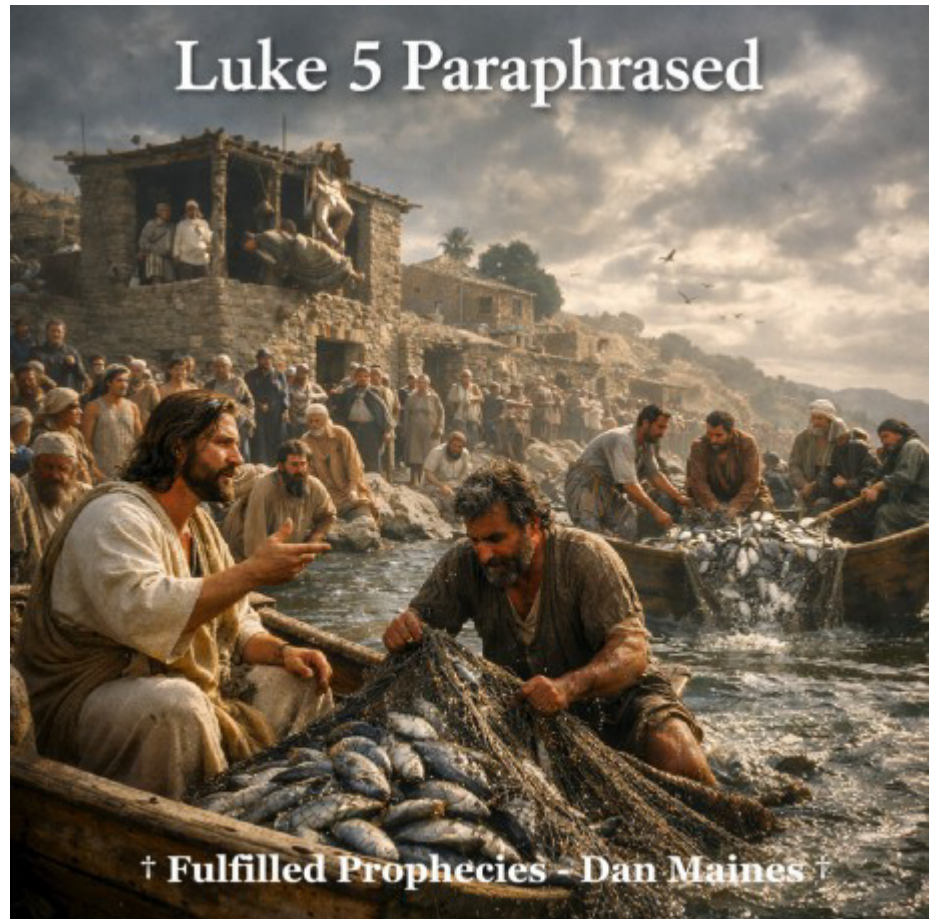
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Luke 5 Paraphrased



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Introduction

† This chapter shows Jesus calling His disciples, revealing His authority over sin, sickness, and the old system that was passing away.

† It reveals the transition from the Law to the fulfillment found in Christ, happening in their generation.

† What we see here isn't future, it's the beginning of what would be fully revealed by AD 70.

Luke 5:1

The crowd pressed in around Him as He stood by the lake, eager to hear the message of God.

† The hunger for truth was already building among the people.

† This shows the shift from temple-centered teaching to Christ-centered teaching (John 4:21-23).

† The word of God was now being revealed through the Son, not the system (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Luke 5:2

He saw two boats by the shore, and the fishermen had stepped out and were washing their nets.

† These were ordinary men about to be called into something greater.

† God uses common people to accomplish His purposes (1 Corinthians 1:26-29).

† The setting shows the beginning of a new work outside the religious system.

Luke 5:3

He got into one of the boats, which belonged to Simon, and asked him to push out a little from shore, then He sat down and taught the crowd.

† Teaching from the boat shows His authority over creation and His role as teacher.

† Sitting was the posture of authority in teaching.

† Simon is already being drawn into his calling.

Luke 5:4

When He finished speaking, He told Simon to go out deeper and let down the nets for a catch.

† Jesus moves from teaching to demonstration.

† Obedience to His word leads to provision.

† This foreshadows the gathering of people into the kingdom.

Luke 5:5

Simon answered, saying they had worked all night and caught nothing, but he would do it because Jesus said so.

† Faith isn't based on circumstances but on His word.

† This shows the beginning of trust in Christ.

† Obedience comes before understanding.

Luke 5:6

When they did this, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.

† This shows the power of Christ over creation.

† It symbolizes the coming harvest of souls (Jeremiah 16:16).

† The abundance points to the fullness of the new covenant work.

Luke 5:7

They signaled their partners in the other boat to come help, and both boats were filled so full they began to sink.

† The blessing overflowed beyond one group.

† The gospel would extend beyond Israel to the nations.

† The kingdom isn't limited, it's expanding.

Luke 5:8

When Simon saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said he was a sinful man and unworthy.

† True encounters with Christ reveal our condition.

† This mirrors Isaiah's response (Isaiah 6:5).

† Recognition of sin is the beginning of transformation.

Luke 5:9

He and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish.

† Awe is the natural response to divine power.

† This moment confirms Jesus' authority.

† It prepares them for their calling.

Luke 5:10

James and John were also amazed, and Jesus told Simon not

to fear, because from now on he would catch people.

† Fear is replaced with purpose.

† The mission shifts from fish to people.

† This is the beginning of the gospel mission.

Luke 5:11

They brought the boats to land, left everything, and followed Him.

† True discipleship requires leaving the old life.

† This shows total commitment.

† The call of Christ overrides all else.

Luke 5:12

While He was in a city, a man full of leprosy came and begged to be cleansed.

† Leprosy represents uncleanness under the Law.

† This shows the condition of Israel under sin.

† The man recognizes Jesus as the source of cleansing.

Luke 5:13

Jesus touched him and said he was willing, and immediately the leprosy left.

† Jesus touches what the Law declared unclean.

† This shows the superiority of Christ over the Law (Mark 1:41).

† Cleansing comes through Him, not rituals.

Luke 5:14

He told him not to tell anyone, but to show himself to the priest and offer what Moses commanded.

† This confirms the Law was still in effect at that time.

† Jesus fulfills the Law while it was still standing.

† This points to the transition period.

Luke 5:15

The news spread even more, and large crowds gathered to hear Him and be healed.

† The demand for truth and healing was growing.

† The old system couldn't meet their needs.

† Christ became the center.

Luke 5:16

But He would withdraw to deserted places and pray.

† Even in power, He remained in communion with the Father.

† This shows dependence, not independence.

† Prayer remained central.

Luke 5:17

One day He was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the Law were present, and the power of the Lord was there to heal.

† The religious leaders were witnessing but not understanding.

† The power of God was present in Christ.

† This highlights the contrast between religion and truth.

Luke 5:18

Some men brought a paralyzed man on a bed and tried to bring him in.

† Faith acts, it doesn't wait.

† This shows determination to reach Christ.

† The need for healing drives action.

Luke 5:19

Unable to get in, they went up on the roof and lowered him down before Jesus.

† Obstacles don't stop real faith.

† This shows persistence.

† Christ responds to faith.

Luke 5:20

Seeing their faith, He said the man's sins were forgiven.

† The greater problem was sin, not paralysis.

† Forgiveness comes first.

† This reveals His authority.

Luke 5:21

The scribes questioned how He could forgive sins.

† They understood only God forgives sins.

† They missed that God was standing before them.

† Their blindness shows the failure of the system.

Luke 5:22

Jesus knew their thoughts and asked why they questioned.

† He reveals divine knowledge.

† This confirms His identity.

† Nothing is hidden from Him.

Luke 5:23

He asked whether it was easier to say sins are forgiven or to say get up and walk.

† Both require divine authority.

† He ties forgiveness to visible power.

† This exposes their unbelief.

Luke 5:24

He told the man to get up, take his bed, and go home, showing He had authority to forgive sins.

† The miracle confirms the authority.

† The visible proves the invisible.

† Christ has authority over sin.

Luke 5:25

Immediately the man stood up, took what he had been lying on, and went home glorifying God.

† Restoration was complete.

† Healing leads to praise.

† This shows the power of Christ in action.

Luke 5:26

Everyone was amazed and glorified God, filled with fear.

† The people recognized something divine.

† Fear here means reverence.

† This shows the impact of Christ's work.

Luke 5:27

After that, He saw a tax collector named Levi and told him to follow Him.

† Levi was rejected by society.

† Christ calls the outcast.

† This shows grace over status.

Luke 5:28

Levi left everything and followed Him.

† Immediate obedience.

† No hesitation.

† This is true discipleship.

Luke 5:29

Levi held a large feast for Him, and many tax collectors were there.

† The gospel reaches the rejected.

† Fellowship replaces separation.

† This shows inclusion.

Luke 5:30

The Pharisees complained about eating with sinners.

† Religion separates, Christ restores.

† They focused on status, not truth.

† This reveals their hearts.

Luke 5:31

Jesus said the healthy don't need a doctor, but the sick do.

† He defines His mission.

† He came for the broken.

† This exposes the self-righteous.

Luke 5:32

He said He came to call sinners to repentance.

† The call is to change direction.

† This is the purpose of His ministry.

† It points to transformation.

Luke 5:33

They questioned why His disciples didn't fast like others.

† They compared outward practices.

† They missed the reality before them.

† Religion focuses on form.

Luke 5:34

Jesus said you can't make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them.

† He identifies Himself as the bridegroom.

† This is a time of fulfillment, not mourning.

† The kingdom had arrived.

Luke 5:35

He said the time would come when He would be taken away, and then they would fast.

† This points to His death.

† It shows a coming change.

† The transition was underway.

Luke 5:36

He spoke of not putting new cloth on old garments.

† The new covenant can't be patched onto the old.

† They are incompatible.

† This shows a full replacement.

Luke 5:37

He said new wine isn't put into old wineskins.

† The new work can't fit into old structures.

† The Law system couldn't contain it.

† Something new was happening.

Luke 5:38

New wine must be put into fresh wineskins.

† The new covenant requires a new framework.

† This is fulfilled in Christ.

† The old system was fading.

Luke 5:39

People used to old wine don't want the new because they say the old is better.

† Many resisted the change.

† Tradition blinds people.

† This explains rejection of Christ.

Historical References

† Josephus describes the corruption and failure of the priesthood leading up to AD 70.

† Eusebius records how the early believers followed Christ and separated from the old system.

† Irenaeus speaks of Christ fulfilling the Law and bringing in the new covenant.

† Clement of Alexandria explains the transition from shadow to reality in Christ.

How It Applies To Us Today

† We don't try to mix old covenant thinking with what Christ has already fulfilled.

† We trust His finished work instead of striving under a system that ended.

† We follow Him fully, just like the disciples did.

† We recognize that the kingdom was established, not future.

Q & A Appendix

Q What does the catch of fish represent?

A It represents the gathering of people into the kingdom (Jeremiah 16:16)

Q Why did Jesus forgive sins before healing?

A Because sin was the greater issue, and He has authority over it (Isaiah 53:5)

Q What do the wineskins represent?

A The old covenant system versus the new covenant in Christ (Hebrews 8:13)

Q Why did the Pharisees reject Him?

A Because they clung to tradition and missed fulfillment (Isaiah 29:13)

Q What does leaving everything mean?

A It shows full commitment to Christ over the old life (Philippians 3:8)

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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