

Sunday 7 November 2021

The Second Sunday of the Kingdom



Today's Gospel reading is from Mark's gospel (chapter 1, verses 14-20)

We stand whilst the Gospel is being read. If you are with us in the cathedral or church, try and join the responses when the Gospel is announced and following the reading. If you are watching our service online, you might like to do the same.

Listen to the gospel of Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Jesus tells people that the Kingdom of God is near and that it is good news!

If he is to spread this news, he is going to need some help. He knows that Simon (whom he later named Peter) and his brother Andrew, together with their friends James and John, also brothers, can help. He says that, instead of fishing for fish, they will fish for people. They might have thought that this was a strange thing to say, but we are told that they followed Jesus *immediately!* It is probably the case that they had heard him teaching and knew a little about Jesus and his message, so felt drawn to him and wanted to be involved in his work.

Today, the world really needs to hear the message about Jesus's Kingdom. Many people have lost their way and need to hear how much God loves them. How is that message going to be spread? Jesus still

needs help and he is looking at you and I to do this! Daunting? Yes, but God is always with us when we hear his call and do his will.

Just like fishermen, we need good bait. The best bait is the love of God. When we love others in the way that Jesus loves us, we show people how much Jesus loves them. Nothing draws people to Jesus more than seeing real love in action.

Just like his first disciples, Jesus is counting on us to reach out to others and share the good news of his kingdom. So let's love people and give them a reason to believe in Jesus!

Fishing for People

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



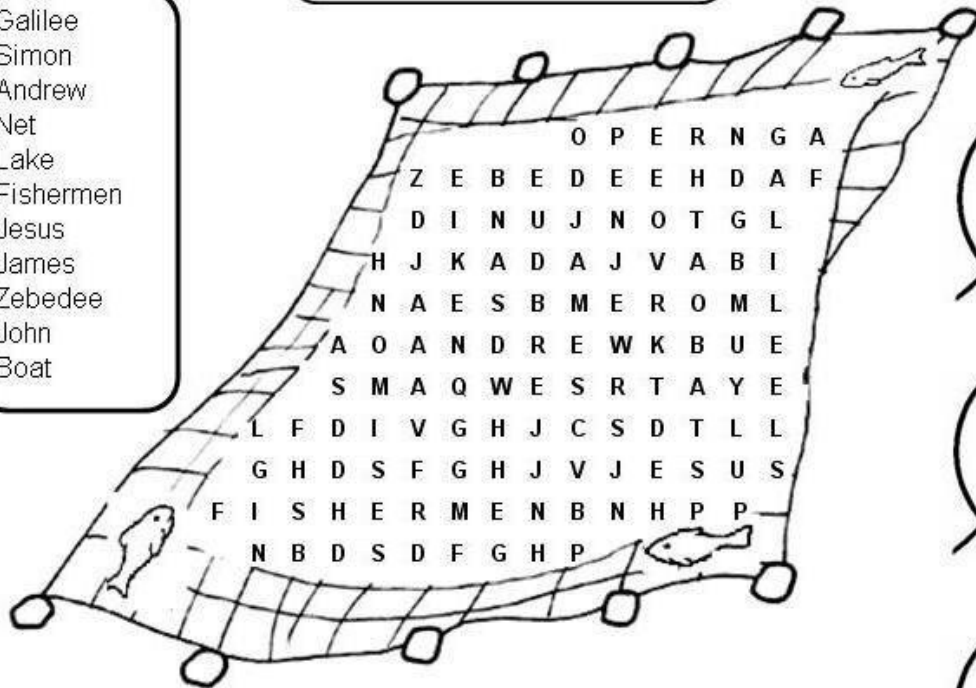
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The calling of the first disciples

(Mark 1, 16:20)

Galilee
Simon
Andrew
Net
Lake
Fishermen
Jesus
James
Zebedee
John
Boat



Come after me
and I will make
you into fishers
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