

# From the Throne Room to a Fishing Boat

Read Luke 5:1-11

This truth that Jesus is the transcendent, holy God is illustrated by an incident recorded in Luke 5:1-11. As you read, does it remind you of any Old Testament passage?

This story is remarkably similar to Isaiah 6. In both passages:

- God's servant is shown the almighty, transcendent God in an undeniably real way.
- This revelation happens at the beginning of the person's ministry and shapes their life from then on.
- Upon seeing God, the person is gripped by his own sinfulness and unworthiness. He shrinks away in fear and shame.
- Yet holy God does not push him away, but draws him near. He calls, cleanses, and uses him.

But the two incidents are significantly different:

- Isaiah 6 is a vision of the throne room of the universe, and God Himself is not physically described.
- Luke 5 occurs in a humble, earthly setting, in daily life. God's power and holiness are seen in a flesh-and-blood human being.

In Jesus Christ, God fully shares Himself with us.

- For our wrongness, He shares His rightness and His purity.
- For our need, He shares His abundance.
- For our weakness, He shares His limitless power.
- For our small and meaningless lives, He shares His purpose. He brings new importance to our daily round of activities. Some He calls to a different task. Some He calls to do the same task for a higher, nobler reason, and for rich, eternal rewards.