

- 👉 If you want to find the Historical Jesus, He's not hard to find; you will find His story in the pages of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; four verifiable, historical records of Jesus of Nazareth. You could discover who the real Jesus is on any given page. Our text today is **Luke 5:1-11**, there's enough information there to know exactly who Jesus is.
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## 1. So, who is the Historical Jesus? He's God. Because only God can do what He did.

- ✓ Look at the divine attributes that we can see just in these eleven verses: truth, omniscience, omnipotence, holiness, mercy; enough of these that these guys left everything and followed Him.
  - ✓ "Listening to the Word of God". The construct of this in the Greek literally says that they were "listening to the word that came from God."
  - ✓ Where were these words coming from? Jesus, thus, Jesus must be God. In the same way that it is impossible for me to speak without Bill speaking, it was impossible for Jesus to speak without God speaking.
  - ✓ Something else that I do that Jesus never did: Never find Him in the library, in His study, don't see Him referring to any resource material. **Mark 1:22**, He didn't give His opinion; He gave out the truth; His was not a viewpoint, neither was He a theologian, or a scholar of the Old Testament; He wasn't preaching from prepared notes. He spoke from His divine mind; this was God speaking.
  - ✓ **John 14:6** There has never before or since been anyone like Him. **John 5:24**, His words, if believed, dispensed eternal life.
  - ✓ **1st Peter 1:23**, His words bring about the New Birth. We've only gone one verse into this chapter and already know Jesus is God.
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## 2. As we continue, we keep getting the same message, verses 4-5.

- ✓ Peter has fished this body of water for a living for most of his life. This is not a very large lake, but it is fairly deep 13 miles long, 8 miles wide, 140 feet at the deepest, but the average is 85 feet deep. This made it hard to fish with ancient netting practices. It wasn't happenstance that He got into Simon's boat. He's taking His disciples, and particularly Peter, to a deeper level of understanding.
- ✓ Jesus is about to take Peter to the next level; it's school time for this fishing expert. Peter is doing the math: 64 sq. miles of surface area, average depth of 85 feet. Only God could find those fish. Peter was a fisherman; always fishing around and sometimes hitting pay-dirt. Jesus was not a fisherman; He was a catcher because He knew exactly where they were.
- ✓ **Matthew 10:29-30**, Every time one hops to a new location, God knows it. He knows everything that exists whether material or immaterial.
- ✓ **Hebrews 4:13**, Peter doesn't know this, so he's about to receive an education.

**Psalms 139:1-2, He knows everything about fish, and He knows everything about us.**

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