

## Fishers of Men

Mark 1:16-20

When Jesus walked on the earth, He did many things. He preached to people and taught people. He healed people and even raised some people from the dead. Many people followed Jesus wanting to see a miracle.

Jesus picked out twelve men who went with Him almost everywhere He went. He called these twelve men apostles. Some of these men were fisherman.

Simon, who is also called Peter, and his brother Andrew were fisherman. One day Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee and saw Simon Peter and Andrew fishing. They were casting their net into the sea. Jesus said, "Come and follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

They left their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus walked a little further and saw James and John. They were brothers. They were fisherman too. They were on a ship mending their nets. When Jesus called James and John, they left the ship and followed Jesus.

What do you think it means to be fishers of men? When they were fishermen, they would put their nets into the sea. Fish would gather in the nets, and they would pull them into the ship. Did Jesus mean he wanted Peter and Andrew to gather men in fishing nets? Of course not! But they would be gathering men to Jesus. Peter and Andrew would tell people about Jesus, and His love for us. They would tell them that Jesus is the only way to heaven.

Jesus wants us to be fishers of men too. Not just men, but everybody. Boys and girls too. We should tell our friends about Jesus. Everyone needs to be told how much Jesus loves us. People need to know that Jesus died on the cross for us, so that someday we can have a home in heaven. Let's start being fishers!

Search: Jesus called twelve apostles. He told Peter and Andrew they would be fishers of men. Find 12 fish hidden in the picture with the fisherman.





