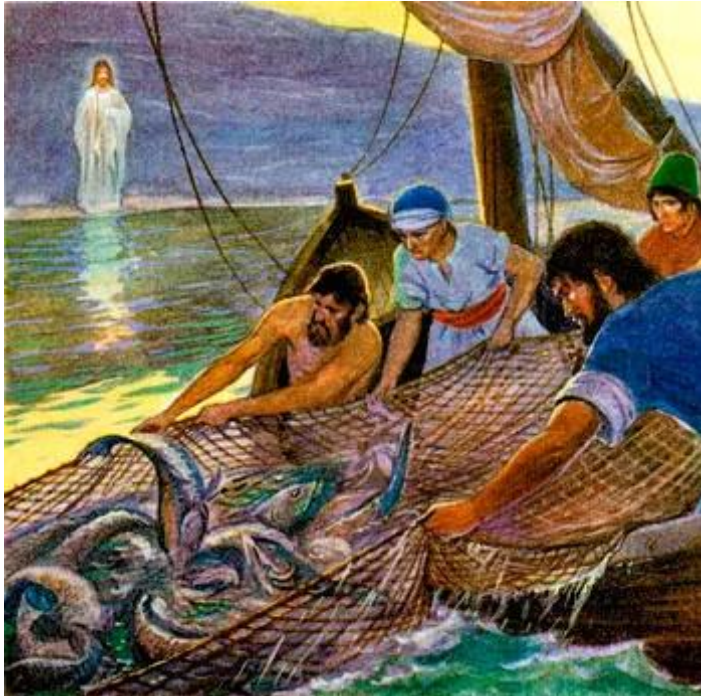


“The Big Catch”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus again revealed himself to his disciples, this time as they were out fishing. After fishing all night and catching nothing, Jesus called out to them from the shore to cast their net over the right side of the boat. *“So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.”* Ultimately, they *“dragged the net ashore full of 153 large fish.”*



In our first reading, in the aftermath of Peter & John healing the crippled man in the name of Christ and then speaking to the amazed crowd that gathered, we read that *“many of those who heard the word came to believe and the number of men grew to about 5,000.”*

These stories remind us of the importance and fruits of listening carefully for the guidance of God as we go about our daily lives. After fishing all night and coming up empty, perhaps one more cast sounded like a rather futile suggestion. Heading to the temple for prayer, Peter & John did not plan to encounter the begging cripple. But, in both cases, they followed the promptings of God in the moment and the results were staggering.

As we go about the daily routines of life, may we strive to have our spiritual eyes & ears open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, who seeks to lead us today every bit as much as He did His disciples so long ago!

Peace,

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