Four Become Fishers of Men (Matt. 4:18-22; Mk. 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)

1. The Luke account is the fullest, but the Matthew and Mark records supply additional details.
2. The setting for this episode is the “Sea of Galilee” (Matt. 4:18; Mk. 1:16) or the “Lake of Gennesaret” (Lk. 5:1). Elsewhere this body of water is known as the “Sea of Tiberius” (Jn. 6:1; 21:1).
3. Nazareth featured an angry mob attempting to press Christ off of a cliff (Lk. 4:29). Capernaum featured a hungry mob pressing Christ for more teaching (Lk. 5:1).
4. Rather than attending Bible class, Peter, Andrew, James & John were busy working (Lk. 5:2,5; Mt. 4:18,21).
5. Jesus asks Peter to provide logistical assistance for His teaching ministry (Lk. 5:3).
6. After the public Bible class is over, Jesus has a private lesson for His future Apostles (Lk. 5:4-11).
   a. Simon’s partners (μέτοχοι metochoi and κοινονοι koinoioi) are about to become μέτοχοι metochoi and κοινονοι koinoioi of Jesus Christ.
      1) μέτοχος metochos #3355: partaker, partner (Lk. 1:7: Heb. 1:9; 3:1,14; 6:4; 12:8).
         a) μετέχω meteche #3348: to partake (1st Cor. 9:10,12; 10:17,21,30; Heb. 2:4; 5:13; 7:13).
         b) μετοχή metochē #3332: fellowship (2nd Cor. 6:14).
         c) συμμέτοχος summetochos #4830: joint partaker (Eph. 3:6; 5:7).
      2) κοινονός koinoнос #2844: partner, companion (Matt. 23:30; Lk. 5:10; 1st Cor. 10:18,20; 2nd Cor. 1:7; 8:23; Phil. 17; Heb. 10:33; 1st Pet. 5:1; 2nd Pet. 1:4).
         a) κοινονείω koinoneio #2961: to enter into fellowship, be a partner (Rom. 12:13; 15:27; Gal. 6:6; Phil. 4:15; 1st Tim. 5:22; Heb. 2:14; 1st Pet. 4:13; 2nd Jn. 11).
         b) κοινωνία koinonia #2842: fellowship (Acts 2:42; Rom. 15:26; 1st Cor. 1:9; 10:16; 2nd Cor. 6:14; 8:4; 9:13; 13:14; Gal. 2:9; Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 3:1; Phil. 6: Hebrew 13:16; 1st Jn. 1:3; 6:7).
         c) κοινωνικός koinonikos #2843: fellowship-able (1st Tim. 6:18).
         d) συγκοινονέω sunkoinoneio #1790: to become a partaker together with others (Eph. 5:11; Phil. 4:14; Rev. 18:4).
         e) συγκοινωνός sunkoinonos #14791: joint partner (Rom. 11:17; 1st Cor. 9:23; Phil. 1:7; Rev. 1:9).

As distinguished from κοινονος, which suggests the idea of personal fellowship, μέτοχος describes participation in some common blessing or privilege, or the like. The bond of union lies in that which is shared and not in the persons themselves (Wscot. on Heb. 3:1). Alfred Plummer, Commentary on the Gospel According to St. Luke.

c. Although thoroughly unworthy, these temporal fishermen will be transformed into eternal fishermen (Lk. 5:10).
   1) ἀλιεύς ἀνθρώπων halieus anthrōpōn (Matt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17). ἀλιεύς halieus #231: fisherman (Matt. 4:18,19; Mk. 1:16,17; Lk. 5:2).
   2) ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἀνθρώπους ἐκ σῶμα ἐσῃ ἃ ἁλιεύνειν ἀρτοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐσῃ (Lk. 5:10). ἁλιεύς halieus #231: fisherman (Matt. 4:18,19; Mk. 1:16,17; Lk. 5:2).

ζωγρέω zogre #2221: to capture alive (Lk. 5:10; 2nd Tim. 2:26).