

(4) 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. Their secular work the previous night was fruitless (Lk. 5:4-5 cf. Ps. 127:2).
 - b. Simon’s partners (μέτοχοι metochoi and κοινωνοί koinōnoi) are about to become μέτοχοι metochoi and κοινωνοί koinōnoi of Jesus Christ.
 - 1) μέτοχος metochos ^{#3353}_{6x}: *partaker, partner* (Lk. 1:7; Heb. 1:9; 3:1,14; 6:4; 12:8).
 - a) μετέχω metechō ^{#3348}_{8x}: *to partake* (1st Cor. 9:10,12; 10:17,21,30; Heb. 2:4; 5:13; 7:13).
 - b) μετοχή metochē ^{#3352}_{Hap.}: *fellowship* (2nd Cor. 6:14).
 - c) συμμετοχος summetochos ^{#4830}_{2x}: *joint partaker* (Eph. 3:6; 5:7).
 - 2) κοινωνός koinōnos ^{#2844}_{10x}: *partner, companion* (Matt. 23:30; Lk. 5:10; 1st Cor. 10:18,20; 2nd Cor. 1:7; 8:23; Philem. 17; Heb. 10:33; 1st Pet. 5:1; 2nd Pet. 1:4).
 - a) κοινωνέω koinōneō ^{#2841}_{8x}: *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 koinōnia ^{#2842}_{19x}: *fellowship* (Acts 2:42; Rom. 15:26; 1st Cor. 1:9; 10:16_{x2}; 2nd Cor. 6:14; 8:4; 9:13; 13:14; Gal. 2:9; Phil. 1:5; 2:1; 3:1; Philem. 6; Heb. 13:16; 1st Jn. 1:3_{x2},6,7).
 - c) κοινωνικός koinōnikos ^{#2843}_{Hap.}: *fellowship-able* (1st Tim. 6:18).
 - d) συγκοινωνέω sunkoinōneō ^{#4790}_{3x}: *to become a partaker together with others* (Eph. 5:11; Phil. 4:14; Rev. 18:4).
 - e) συγκοινωνός sunkoinōnos ^{#4791}_{4x}: *joint partner* (Rom. 11:17; 1st Cor. 9:23; Phil. 1:7; Rev. 1:9).
 - c. Although thoroughly unworthy, these temporal fishermen will be transformed into eternal fishermen (Lk. 5:10).
 - 1) ἀλιεῖς ἀνθρώπων halieis anthrōpōn (Matt. 4:19; Mk. 1:17). ἀλιεύς halieus ^{#231}_{5x}: *fisherman* (Matt. 4:18,19; Mk. 1:16,17; Lk. 5:2).
 - 2) ἀπὸ τοῦ νῦν ἀνθρώπους ἔση ζωγρῶν apo tou nun anthrōpous esēi zōgrōn (Lk. 5:10). ζωγρέω zōgreō ^{#2221}_{2x}: *to capture alive* (Lk. 5:10; 2nd Tim. 2:26).

As distinguished from κοινωνός, 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 (Wscott. on Heb. 3:1). Alfred Plummer, Commentary on the Gospel According to St. Luke.