

SCENE 1: LUKE INTERVIEWS PETER

Luke: Peter, you and your brother Andrew were the first disciples Jesus called weren't you?
Peter: Yes, Luke we were. We were by Lake Galilee washing our nets. We had been trying to catch fish all night.
Luke: What about the other disciples Jesus called?
Peter: There were twelve of us - a few were fishermen like me. There was my brother Andrew and our friends James and John, sons of Zebedee.
Luke: Didn't they have rather unusual nicknames?
Peter: Sons of thunder!
Luke: One of your group was a tax collector, wasn't he?
Peter: Matthew. Jesus called him while he was at work and he left his job to join us.
Luke: Did it surprise you that Jesus called someone as unpopular as a tax collector - one who worked for the Romans?
Peter: Jesus often surprised us!
Luke: Were there any other surprises in his choice of disciples?
Peter: Simon the Zealot. Zealots hated the Romans and wanted to throw them out of the country. Then there was Judas.
Luke: How did you all get on together?
Peter: With great difficulty at times.
Luke: Did you have any differences of opinion ... even arguments?
Peter: Often.
Luke: What about?
Peter: [AFTER A PAUSE] We argued ... about who was going to be the greatest in the kingdom.
Luke: Who was to be the greatest ... in which kingdom?
Peter: We thought Jesus was going to set up a kingdom on earth - with our help.
Luke: Did Jesus sort you out? Did he explain what he meant by his kingdom?
Peter: He told us often ... he knew what was going to happen to him ... and us ... but we just couldn't understand ... we were very slow learners.
Luke: What happened next? On that day Jesus met you on the beach?

SCENE 2: LAKE GALILEE

Jesus [GETTING INTO PETER'S BOAT] Peter, will you push the boat out a little way? Then I will talk to the people.
[PETER OBEYS AND JESUS SITS DOWN AND TALKS TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE]
Peter: [TO ANDREW] I shall be glad when he has finished ... I could do with a good meal.
Andrew: Me too. But what are we going to eat?
Peter: I don't know. We caught nothing last night. A lot of hanging around for nothing!
Andrew: Fishing is all very well, but if the fish won't go in the nets, what can we do?
[JESUS DISMISSES THE CROWD AND MAKES HIS WAY TO THE DISCIPLES]
Peter: Here comes Jesus. He must have finished talking to the crowd. I expect he's on his way somewhere else now.
Jesus: [TO PETER] Push the boat further out to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch.
Peter: Master, we have worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets.
[THOSE IN THE BOATS FREEZE TO FORM A TABLEAU WHILST THE ONLOOKERS TALK AMONG THEMSELVES]
Onlooker 1: They are pushing the boats out now.
Onlooker 2: I wonder if they will catch any fish.
Onlooker 1: Look, Peter has let down the nets ... he's waiting and watching.
Onlooker 2: What's happening? Peter can't pull in the nets - they are too heavy!
Onlooker 3: Peter is signalling to his partners to come and help.
Onlooker 4: They can do it together ... what a huge catch it must be!
Onlooker 1: Look - the boats are beginning to sink!
Onlooker 2: Both boats are full of fish!
Onlooker 3: I wouldn't like to be out there!
Onlooker 4: I hope they can get back safely!
Onlooker 1: They are coming in slowly ...
Onlooker 2: Here they are at last safely back on the beach!
Onlooker 3: Peter is looking at their catch ... he looks completely dazed!
Onlooker 4: Here comes Jesus towards him. Look! Peter has fallen on his knees.
[THE ONLOOKERS FREEZE TO FORM A TABLEAU WHILST THOSE IN THE BOATS SPEAK]
Peter: [TO JESUS] Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man.
Jesus: Don't be afraid; from now on you will be catching people!
Andrew: Come on! Let's pull the boats up on the beach.
Peter: Yes, but you heard what Jesus said. I'm for leaving all this behind and following him.
Andrew: Me too, I want Jesus as my leader.
James: I'll come as well - he'll be my chief from now on.
John: Yes, he's the one to stand over me for the rest of my life.
[EXIT ALL - INCLUDING THE ONLOOKERS - EXCEPT PETER AND LUKE]

