

## 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]

