

MAKIN FISHERS O MEN

frae 'A Scots Gospel' bi Jamie Stuart
cf. Mk.1.14-22 (Mt.4.12,17-22)

Efter John wis incarceratit, Jesus cam intil Galilee géin out the blythe message o God, sayin, 'The waitin-time is passit-by an the Kingdom o God has come; turn ye an lippen on the joyfu message!'

An gaun on by Loch Galilee, Jesus saa Simon an his brither, Andra, castin about i the loch, for they war fishermen. An Jesus said tae them, 'Come ye efter me an I sall mak ye fishers o men.' An at aince, leavin their nets, they followit efter him.

An gaun on a wee, Jesus saa Jeames, son o Zebedee, an John his brither, in their boat, pittin their nets in guid fettle. An he caa'd them at aince. Leavin their faither i the boat wi the fee'd men, they gaed efter Jesus.

An they cam intil Capernaum. Wi'out delay, on the Sabbath, Jesus cam intil the Synagogue, an wis teachin. An the fowk was aa dumfoonert at his teachin, for he spak as gin he had autoritie, an no like the scribes.



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¹ 'The Caain o the First Apostles' Domenico Ghirlandaio 1481

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cf. Mt.9.9-13/Mk.2.14-17/Lk.5.27-32

Later, whan Jesus gaed furth, he saw a tax-gaitherer cried Matthew, sittin at the custom-hoose.



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Jesus said tae him, 'Follow me!' an forsakin aa, Matthew rase an followit him.

Efterwards, Matthew held a grete feast in his hoose for Jesus; an a guid companie o tax-men an ithers sat doon wi Jesus an his disciples. The pharisees an teachers o the law murmured aganis the disciples, sayin, 'Hoo is it that ye aa eat an drink wi collectors an reprobates?' Jesus answert, sayin, 'The strang an the weel hiv nae need o the leech; it is the anes wha ar ill. I come-na tae win the guid, but the sinners tae repentance.'

¹ 'The Caain o Saunt Matthew' Michaelangelo Caravaggio (1571-1610)
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