

The Ministry of Christ

Narrative and Themes

Christ as Master over Nature

Christ as Master over Illness

Christ as Master over the

 Spiritual Realm

Christ as Master over Death

Christ the Great Teacher

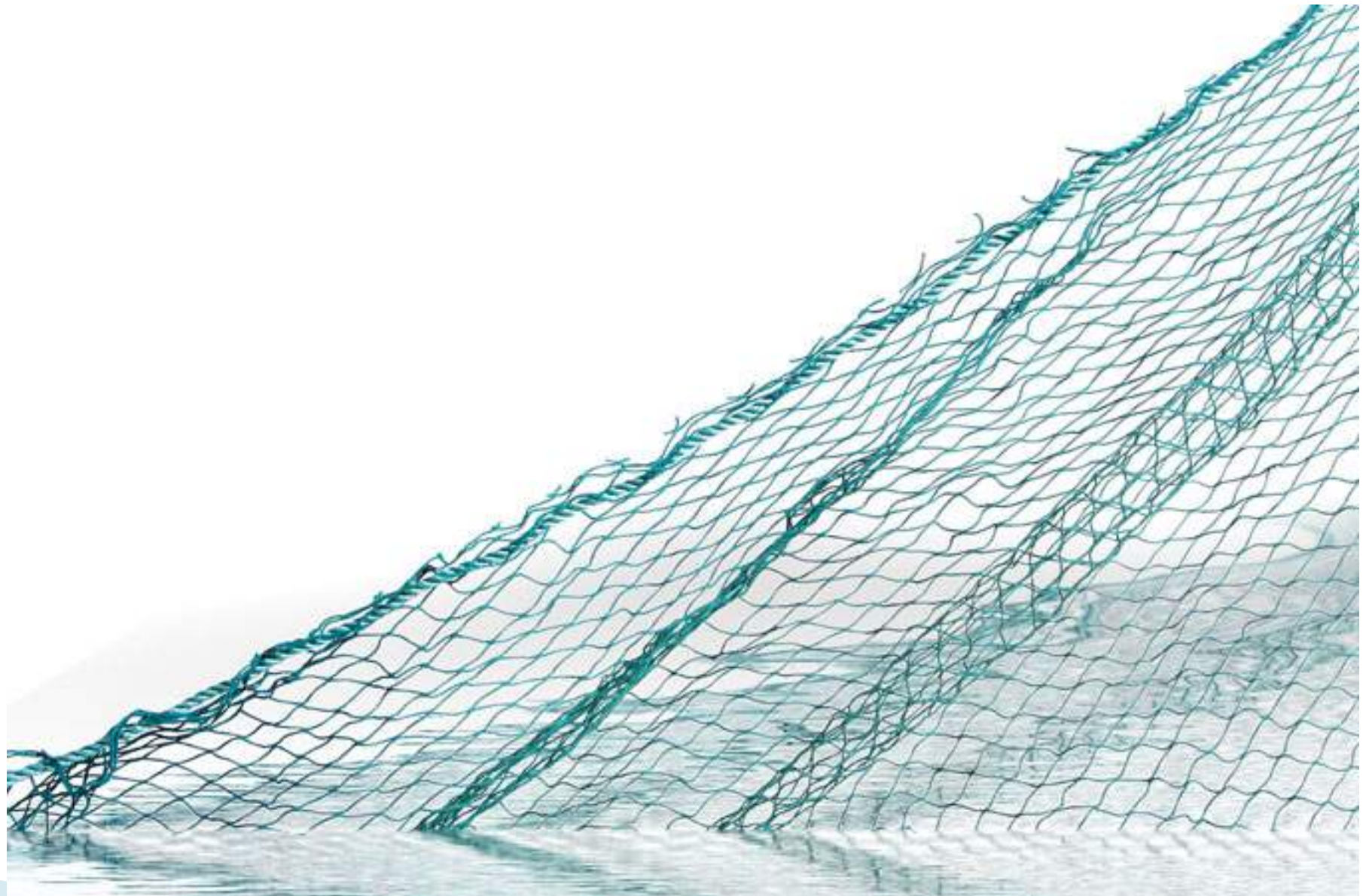




No. 2. The Opening Events of Christ's Life.

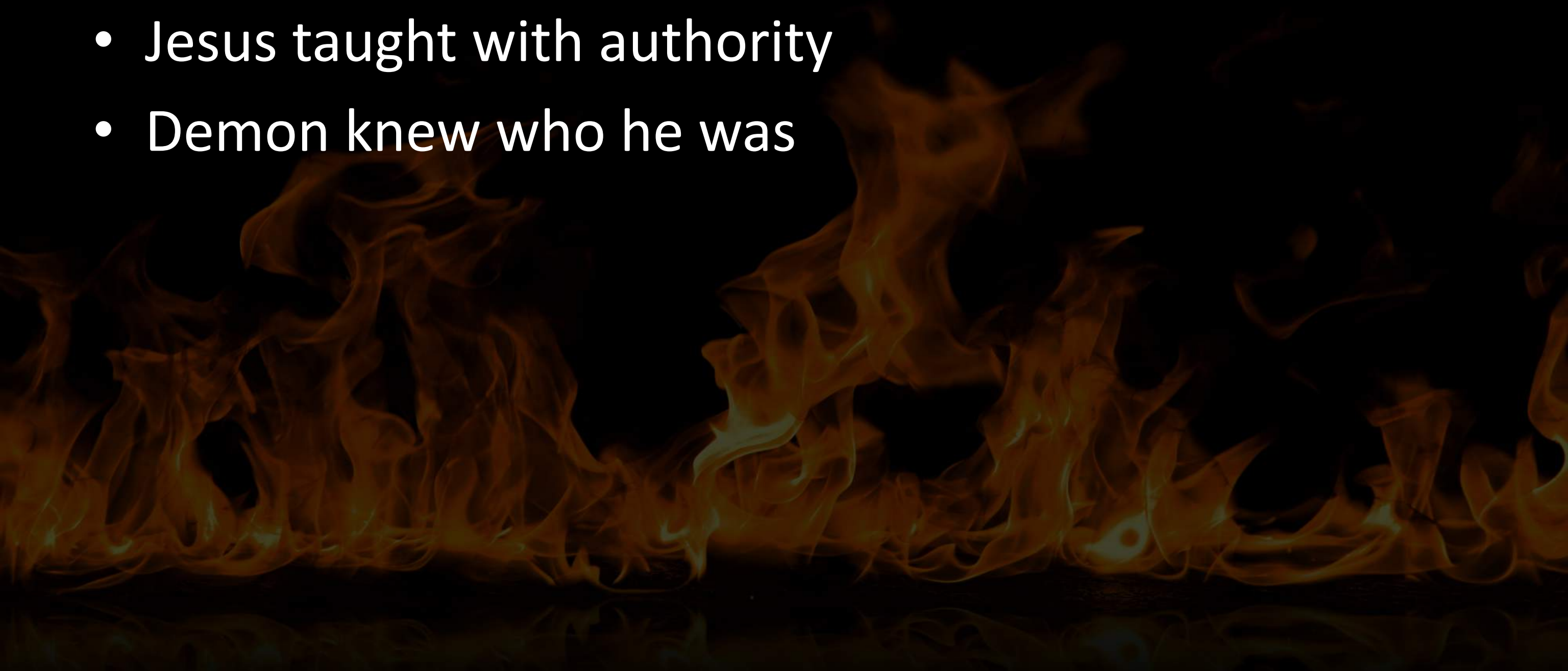
Fishermen Called

- ▶ Matt. 4:13–22
- ▶ Isaiah 9:1, 2
- ▶ Peter and Andrew
- ▶ James and John



Luke 4:31-37

- Jesus taught with authority
- Demon knew who he was



Demons

- Lev 17:7
- 7 "They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."
- (NKJ)

- Deut 32:16-17
- 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger.
- 17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, to gods they did not know, to new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear.
- (NKJ)

Demons

- 2 Chr 11:14-15
- 14 For the Levites left their common-lands and their possessions and came to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests to the LORD.
- 15 Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made.
- (NKJ)
- Ps 106:37
- 37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons,
- (NKJ)

Demons

- 1 Cor 10:20-21
- 20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.
- 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.
- (NKJ)

Demons

- 1 Cor 8:4-6
- 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God but one.
- 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),
- 6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through whom we live.
- Does Paul mean that idols are nonexistent or that it is in effect powerless in comparison to God?
- Challenge – “Re-think” the Bible with the assumption that idols are demons

Demons

- The *gods* of the Old and New Testament are actually demons setting themselves up as *gods*:
 - *gods*=idols=demons
- Demons were allowed to have certain powers (Acts 16:16)
- We should rethink certain events of the Bible with a view to there being demonic forces at work
 - Moses and Aaron vs. the Magicians
 - Balaam
 - Israel's idolatry
 - Witch of En-dor
- This should heighten our appreciation of God's jealousy and the spiritual warfare that has been occurring throughout human history

Demons

- Christ has complete mastery over the spiritual world.
- Demons are no longer allowed to operate.
 - Mark 3:26 And if Satan has risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but has an end. 27 No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.
 - Rev. 20:2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.

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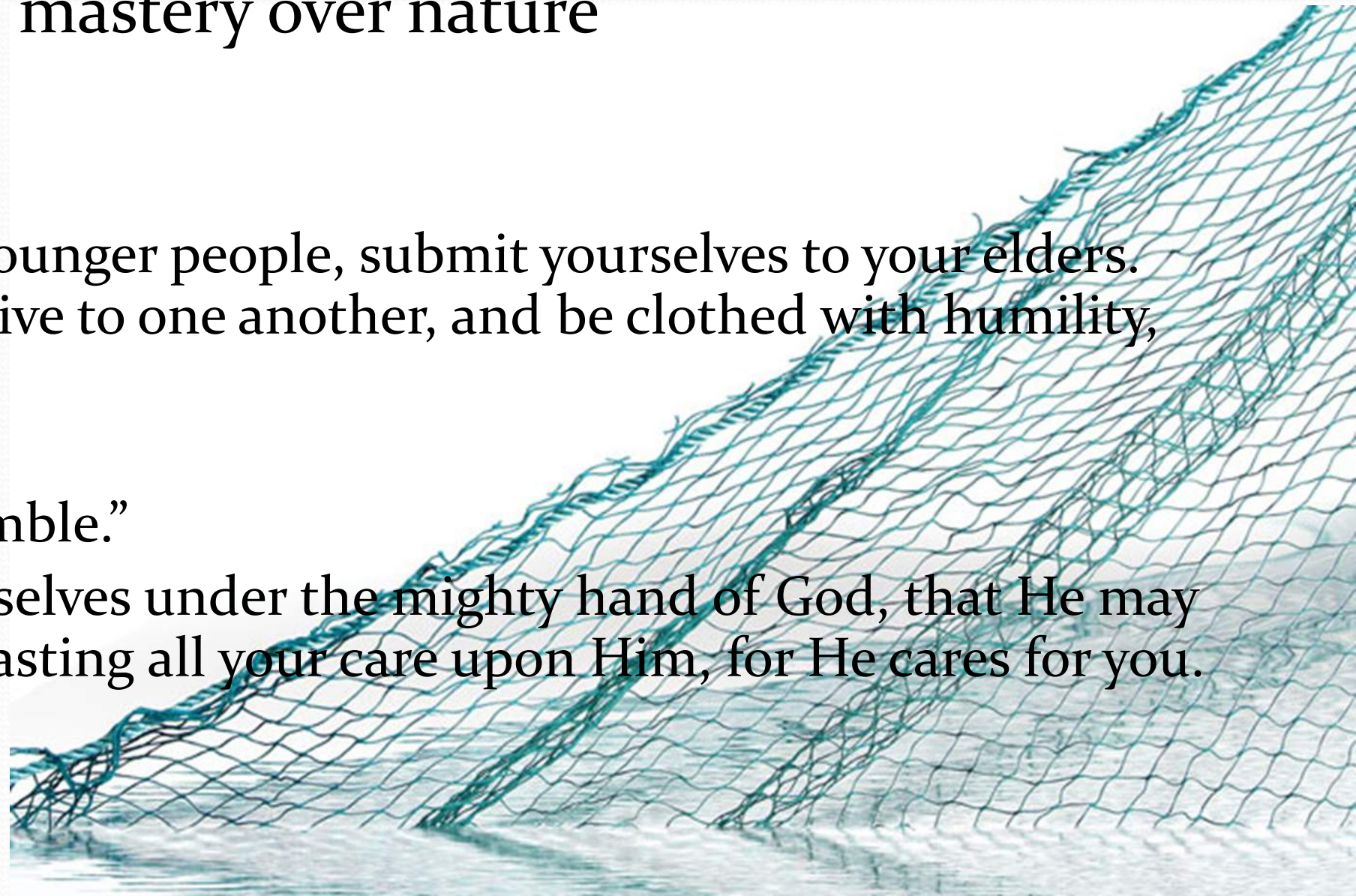
- 1 Peter 5:8
 - Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.
- James 4:7
 - Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
- James 1:13
 - Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

Luke 4:38-44

- Healing of Simon's Mother (Completely well)
- Many are healed
- Demons cast out
- Preaching of the Gospel

Luke 5

- Miraculous catch of fish – mastery over nature
 - Net vs Nets
 - Peter's Humility
 - 1 Peter 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for
 - “God resists the proud,
 - But gives grace to the humble.”
 - 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
- Fishermen leave all



Luke 5

- Leper Cleansed – the radical nature of Jesus
 - To tell no one
 - Leviticus 14
- Vs.16 – Withdrew to pray
- Healing of the Paralytic
 - Forgiveness of sins is more important than physical suffering
 - Romans 8:28 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.