

What is the meaning of the nets?

This Sunday we hear Saint Matthew's telling of the call of the first disciples; when they leave behind their nets. After all, it was not just any trade these apostles would leave behind. They could have been carpenters like the Lord. They could have been tax collectors, like Matthew. But these four are fishermen and the Gospel tells us that they leave their nets. What does it mean? How should we think of the nets?

Christ enters into the lives of these four first followers and transforms the meaning of the nets. Knotted, jumbled, and troublesome mesh becomes a symbol of the Gospel. Christ chose to take the nets of fishermen from Galilee. There's nothing He can't or won't use to reveal his glory. Surrender your nets. Put them in service to the Kingdom. Be caught in the net of Christ. "Put out to the deep" (Lk. 5:4) and lower your "nets" for a catch.

