



A Fish Story - January 2022

We all can smell a fish story a mile away. Imagine Jonah's friends as he tells his harrowing tale of being swallowed by a huge fish and camping out in its belly for three days. Or sailors finally home from months at sea, spinning yarns about Leviathans, huge sea monsters who roam oceans deep. Fish stories are unbelievable tales — sure they may have come kernel of truth at their core, but they've become exaggerated beyond belief.

This week's passage smacks of a fish story. "Did you see the haul they brought in?" "There were so many fish the boats almost sank." Those fish were THIS BIG! To our modern ears stories like Jonah and Leviathan (Job 41; Psalm 74), the haul of fish in Luke 5... the resurrection of a man who claimed to be God, seem like fish stories. Unbelievable, fantastic tales. Exaggerated claims. Great to tell at a party, but with little meaning or significance for life today.

But, if these stories are true, if Leviathan roamed the deeps and Jonah pitched his tent in a fish's belly...if Jesus the carpenter showed himself a master fisherman who commanded the waves of the ocean and the fish in the sea... and if He really walked out of a tomb and all the fantastical stories of the Bible are true, then our lives should change as a result of them.

- What's the best "fish story" you've ever heard? Told?
- What is your default picture towards the "fish stories" of the Bible? Do you assume the Bible is true and trustworthy? Why?

- When Jesus asks you to do impossible things how do you respond?

Music to Live by:

Lord from Sorrows Deep I Call - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KYGhnbXtqbU>

For the Sake of the Call - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoCgp8dVarA>

