

The Church Of The Big Fish

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There were 12 little fish who lived in a cave in the sea.

Two brothers named Simon Peter and Andrew had nets and they were fishing for minnows. But a bigger fish named Issa saw them and said, “Follow me. I will make you fishers of men.”

Simon and Andrew dropped their nets. They had never seen a man, but they wanted to fish for one.

James and John were exploring a boat when Issa swam by and called them out. “Follow me,” he said, and they did.

Next, Issa met Philip and invited him to follow too.

Philip had a friend named Nathaniel. Philip told his friend about Issa and said he should

come too.

Nathaniel didn't want to believe at first. He didn't think good things could come from a fish from Nazareth, but Issa told Nathaniel he would see better things than that. And Nathaniel believed.

When Issa met Matthew he was collecting taxes from all the other fish. And no one liked Matthew. But Issa did. He asked Matthew to follow him and Matthew did. He stopped taking money from all the other fishes and began giving to the poor.

Thomas was sitting on a park bench in front of the school when Issa swam by and said that Thomas should follow him. Thomas left school and quit sitting on the bench. He followed Issa every day from that moment on.

When Issa met James they both knew right away that they were to be friends. James followed without Issa even asking.

Simon the Zealot stood in the cave and tried to convince all the fish to overthrow the government. Issa swam by and said, "Simon, stop this nonsense. Follow me." Simon quit talking and immediately followed Issa just like all the other fish.

Judas Iscariot came from the south. He was good with money so Issa called him to follow and handed him a purse.

“Be faithful with our money, Simon,” Issa said with a wink.

Thaddeus was building a fish house when Issa swam by. Thaddeus saw all the people following Issa so he dropped his hammer and followed too.

These 12 fish became Issa's fishiples. They followed him everywhere he went. When he preached, they listened. He told them wonderful things about how to live their lives and they all began to change the way they lived, even telling their friends.

One day, Judas Iscariot came and kissed Issa on the gill. Some fish in heavy armor were carrying swords and they tried to take Issa away, but Peter jumped out with his sword and cut off the fin of one of the armored fish. Issa picked up the fin and miraculously attached it to the fish in armor again. But the armored fish didn't stop. They captured Issa and took him away.

The authorities put Issa on trial and found nothing wrong with him. The fish kingdom

governor attempted to let Issa go, but all the little fish in Issa's home town made the governor release a thief instead.

“Crucify him!” they yelled, hoping the governor would put Issa to death.

Governor Pontius didn't see anything wrong with Issa and said, “I wash my hands of this entire mess.” Then he returned to his cabin in the sea while fish soldiers made Issa carry a cross up a hill under the sea. They put him on the cross and left him there to die. But after Issa had died the soldiers came and put Issa in a cave and covered it over with a big rock. Three days later Issa came out of the cave and showed himself to some of his fishiples.

Mary, one of the women fishes who had been following Issa around, went back to the other 12 and said, “I saw him! I saw Issa! He's alive!”

They didn't believe her, but they went back to the cave and looked. Issa was gone. The rock had been rolled away and the cave was empty.

When Issa appeared before some of the fishiples he told them they would have to go and baptize people in his name and preach the good news to all the other fish in the sea.

From that moment on they went all over the sea baptizing people in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. And that's how the Church of the Big Fish began.